

Welcome

It's good to have you with us today. If you are here for the first time, we are very pleased to welcome you and hope you enjoy your time here. Please make yourself known to a steward. Coffee/tea will served in between the two morning services and after the evening service – a great way to get to know people.

9.15 am and 10.45 am Morning Services

To include Communion

Preacher – Rev David Lockwood

Worship Leader– Chris Cole

'What does Christmas mean to me? – *Friends and Family*

Luke 1: 39-44

The Communion offering is for the Home Mission Fund and Fellowship (Welfare) Fund.

The bread used for Communion is gluten free.

6.30 pm Evening Service (Buckhurst Room)

Led by Gaye Hellyer and Dave Fuggle

Praise and Prayer

The Prayer Ministry Team are very happy to pray with you. Please look for a member of the team at the back of the church..

The flowers in the vestibule are provided by Margaret Buck in memory of Brian.

Our vision is to build ourselves into an effective Christian Community which engages with the world through daily interaction and is facilitated by premises suitable for that purpose.

Please remember John James as he preaches at New Wine, Islington this morning.

Homeless Unity Group (HUG) are organising 'Severe Weather Provision' at St Barnabas. Volunteers needed – 7.15 – 8.30 pm or 7.30 – 9.30 pm. If you are keen to know more, please come tomorrow (Mon 17th Dec) 6 pm t St Barnabas. More information from Anna Cole or Pat Cockram.

Christmas Day meal at the Pelham from 10.30 am to 2.30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend, especially those who want to have a hot meal in the company of others. All food and drink will be given as a gift so is free. If you would like to book you can come into The Pelham Coffee Lounge and tell a member of the team, or ring 01424 576304. You are also free to turn up on the day.

Christmas events at The Coach House:

Film Night – 'The Nativity' (120 minutes) with mince pies and hot drinks. Friday 21st December, 6.30pm start. Doors open from 6pm.

The Nativity is a BBC production with the Bible Society. 4 episodes of 30 minutes each.

Board Games Fun Day - Friday 28th December, 11 am to 3 pm. Drop in for a relaxed time of friendship and fellowship with board games, bring & share food, Christmas music etc.

Tea and Carols, Praise and Prayer – Friday 28th Dec, 3 – 5 pm. Join us for Tea and cake, Carols/Praise and prayer.

Love in a Box Very many thanks to all who have once again so generously contributed to this worthwhile appeal and have ensured by your boxes of gifts that children, who otherwise would have nothing, will enjoy receiving them for Christmas. Regrettably we feel unable to continue heading up the Beulah annual appeal. Therefore if anyone is interested in taking this on, we shall be pleased to pass on contact details etc. *Val and Ron Edwards*

CHURCH DIARY

Mon	10.00 am	Home Group (Buckhurst Room)
	1.30 pm	Pastoral Oversight Group (Blue Room)
	4.00 pm	Amberley Nursery Christmas Service
	7.30 pm	Christmas Choir (Sanctuary)
Thurs	9.30 am	Clifford Day Centre (Clifford Hall)
	4.00 pm	4 pm Christmas Service rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	7.00 pm	Square Dance (Clifford Hall)
	7.30 pm	Worship Group rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Pastor David's days off this week will be Friday.
In the case of a pastoral emergency, please contact one of the Elders

We currently have **one vacancy for an Elder and one for a Deacon**. Our next church members meeting will be held on Tuesday January 15th. At the last church members meeting we were informed that there would be one nomination for the role of Elder. The closing date for any other nominations for Elder or Deacon will be by Sunday December 30th. Nomination forms are available from the church office.

NEXT SUNDAY

10.30 am Morning Service

Preacher – Rev David Lockwood

'What does Christmas mean to me?' – Presents

Matthew 2: 1-12

4.00 pm Carols by Candlelight Service for families

6.30 pm Traditional Carols by Candlelight Service

Refreshments to follow each service

NOTICES

If you can donate **mince pies or other Christmas goodies** for refreshments following each Carols by Candlelight service next Sunday, please sign up on the sheet to be found on the table in the foyer. They can be left at reception any time next week when the office is open.

Our Christmas Greetings cards, which contain information about our Christmas services, can be found at the back of the church with a list of streets in Bexhill which we usually deliver cards to. Please take some for your road or roads nearby. Sign up on the sheet that you have done to avoid folk receiving more than one card! Many thanks.

A Christmas newsletter from Graham and Christine can be found in the vestibule and on the Beulah website and Facebook page,

Calling all singers – Come along and sing carols with the Clifford Day Centre members at their carol service on Thursday 20th December from 11 am to 11.30 am. All welcome.

CHRISTMAS VISITS TO REST HOMES 2018

Friday 21st December: 2.30 pm Ash Lodge, Cantelupe Road;
3.30 pm Whitebriars, Bedford Avenue. All welcome!

Carol singing at the Irvine Unit on Christmas Eve - Neville and Ian Barnett would like to invite you to spend half an hour on Christmas Eve [from 7 PM](#) in carols around the wards of the Irvine unit. It's a really good way to share the Christmas news with those who are in hospital at this time. If you can, please contact Ian or Neville.

There will be **no mid-week prayer meeting** this coming Wednesday (19th December). The next meeting will be on Wednesday 9th January, 7.30 pm in the Buckhurst Room.

The latest **Stewards' rota** can be found in pigeon holes in the vestibule.

Please note a correction to information in last Sunday's second service. "This year over 900 million Christmas Cards will be posted" not one million as mentioned.