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Motto 2017



one **LORD** one **FAITH**
one **BAPTISM** one **GOD**
and **FATHER OF ALL**

Ephesians Chapter 4 verses 2-6



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DECEMBER 2017

Articles for the JANUARY 2018 Contact should be given to Gwyneth Gapp -by Sunday 10TH DECEMBER They can be handwritten, placed in the box in the front vestibule or emailed to gwyneth.gapp@ntlworld.com

January 2018

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From your Pastor Andrew Gale

Be still before the LORD
and wait patiently for him;
do not fret when people succeed in their ways,
when they carry out their wicked schemes.

The countdown has started, advent calendars are ready the waiting has started. I remember as a child it seemed such a long wait from the 1st December until the 25th. Waiting is never easy, “When will the bus come?” Waiting for a just world is hard even in heaven, They called out in a loud voice, ‘How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth?’

Meanwhile it seems that the wicked prosper, the tax dodgers dodge and the nation suffers. The hardworking person sees little reward for their labour, while the fat cats lap up the cream. We fight and work to bring God’s Kingdom on earth as we prayer day by day, ‘Thy Kingdom Come.’

Christmas comes every year and each year it seems to arrive a little quicker, the wait always ends. God’s Kingdom will come in all fullness and our waiting will be over.

Andrew

from the Lantern 1890

Rich Enough

“When I was a lad,” says one, “an old gentleman took some trouble to teach me some little knowledge of the world. With this view I remember once he asked me when a man was rich enough?

I replied, ‘When he has a thousand pounds.’

He said, ‘No!’

‘Two thousand?’

‘No!’

‘Ten thousand?’

‘No!’

‘Twenty thousand?’

‘No!’

‘A hundred thousand?’ which I thought would settle the business; but as He said, ‘No!’ I gave it up, and confessed I could not tell, but begged he would inform me.

He gravely said, ‘When he has a little more than he has, and that is never. If He acquires one thousand, he wishes to have two thousand; then five, then twenty, then fifty; and from that his riches would amount to a hundred thousand, and so on, till he has grasped the whole world; after which he would look about him, like Alexander, for other worlds to possess.’”

THE LEPROSY MISSION

I have given this matter much thought, but have come to the conclusion that the time has come for me to resign as the Church's representative for T.L.M. I have enjoyed doing this over many years, and will empty the boxes for the last time at the end of November. There are 7 members with collection boxes, which I have emptied twice a year and then and then banked at Barclay's.

I receive catalogues from the Trading Company which I distribute amongst the members. I have also decided not to order any Christmas items this year. If there is anyone who would like to this on , I would be happy to explain to them what is required.

Thank you to all of the members for their support over the years.

Jean Corder

CUTTING CORNERS TO HELP OTHERS

Used stamps don't seem very useful, however, BMS World Mission can use your used stamps to make a difference and improve the lives of others. All you need to do when all those letters and cards hit your mat, is cut the corner of the envelope, leaving about 2cms around the stamp, put them in a small bag or old envelope and place them in the bag that hangs in the Church hall. Alternatively hand them to Claire or Tim Newns.

CHURCH DIARY DECEMBER 2017

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Morning 10.45 am

(Services led by Minister unless otherwise stated)

A prayer meeting is held every Sunday before the morning service from 10 am in the Prayer Room

- 3rd 10:45 Family Service led by the children, young people and their leaders
- 10th 10:45 Second Sunday of Advent
- 17th 10:45 Third Sunday of Advent and Communion Service
- 17th 7 pm Carols by Candlelight
- 24th 10:45 Fourth Sunday of Advent led by elders
- 24th 11:30 Christmas Eve Carols by candlelight at midnight
- 31st 10:45 Ebenezer Service
- 31st 11:30pm Watchnight

The Sunday evening group will meet at 6 pm each Sunday evening to discuss, prayer, share and sing together

Flowers for the Sanctuary

- 3rd Mr and Mrs. Souster and family – In loving memory of a dear Mother and Father;
In loving memory of my dear husband Renford,
from Ita Evans and the family.;
- Loving memories of Clive, a very dear husband,
dad and grandad, from Rita and family.
- 10th In loving memory of Elsie and Rose Archer
from Maggy and Phil Archer and family.
- 17th Mr. and Mrs. George Lee and family – In
loving memory of Grace Bodsworth.
- 24th Treasured memories of dear relatives, from
Ingrid Khan and family.
- 25th Christmas Day – In loving memory of Grandma
– from Dawn, Jane and Emma Adams;
From Zac Sereaton – In loving memory of his
wife Hazel.
- 31st Kind donations from various friends given
through the year.

Thank You Page

Thank you to our Church Family and friends for all the support and encouragement we have been given while Eric has been unwell - - in hospital in the the Rehab Unit at Moorland Gardens, and now having treatment in Poplars Ward in Houghton Regis. Flowers, cards and telephone calls have been very much appreciated and of course prayers continue to sustain us.

On 29th December our son Jason is getting married to Hanneka Raap in Burgum, Holland, eleven of the family will be going to share in the celebrations, do remember us in your prayers.

We also take this opportunity to wish you all A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR.

With love

Ann, Eric, The Tadiar and Watson Families.

Ron Lee and family would like to say a very sincere thank you to all Church members and friends for their prayerful support and messages of sympathy received following the call home of Pearl Lee on the 24 October 2017.

We would also like to express our appreciation to both Andrew and Ruth Tiso for their participation in the Crematorium Committal and Church Thanksgiving services on the 17 November 2017 and to all those who assisted in anyway to these services and the following refreshments gatherings.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS AS AT 12TH NOVEMBER 2017

It is with sadness we report the death of PEARL LEE who died peacefully in her sleep on 24th October aged 82. Our love and sympathy to Ron, Janice, Ad and family, Graham, Andrea and family, Heather and Roger.

At the time of writing several people are in hospital:

DEBORAH ANIFOWOSE is now in Harefield awaiting an operation.

CYNTHIA BEST is in WARD 17 and TOM MOWER who had an infection is due to be discharged very soon. BETTY GALE (T.A.F.) was in hospital for a couple of weeks.

Several people have had or await appointments, had tests or treatment including:

BETTY CATO, DENNIS COUSINS, NADIA DEADMAN, MARY QUINN, JANET SUMMERLIN and HAZEL TOMBLIN.

It's good to see JOSEPH ALBERT again who came for his daughter Sonia's wedding in October. We have heard that WILSON BATTULA has got engaged to LEON PRASANNA and is to be married on 15th November.

Wilson was sharing fellowship with us until May this year when he had to return to India to look after his mother who was very ill. MERALITA SILVERE is going back to India on 28th November we wish her all the best. We wish JOAN PLANT all the best in her new home.

Let us remember these friends and others we may not know about, in their joys and sorrows, and pray that the Lord will uphold them and meets their needs at this time.

Ann M Norman

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

As from the 20th November the new address for JOAN PLANT will be:-

JOAN PLANT
7 MILNER COURT
WENLOCK STREET
LUTO
LU2 0NL

Programme of Events

JUMP (Tuesdays)

(10.00 am - 11.30 am Term Time)

5th

12th

Ladies in Fellowship Together(L.I.F.T.)

12th CHRISTMAS MEAL

Thursday Afternoon Fellowship

(At 2.30 pm)

7th	Chris Curtis - Youth Scape
14th	Enid Burton
21st	D.I.Y.
28th	No Meeting

/The following people send Christmas Greetings to everyone at
Central.

Instead of sending cards they will make a donation to a charity of
their choice.

Connie Archer	Mike & Anita Jones & family
Dawn & Stephen Allen & family	Jan, Ad Kenner and family
Michael & Linda Banfield	Ron Lee
Jan & Roy Bonner	Mike, Lotti & Nicola
Olive Brooks	Jam & Helen Malcolm
Pam & Bob Brown	Nella Morley
Betty Cato	Hilary & Roland Ogberigbe
Jean Corder	Audrey & Malcolm O'Dell
David & Sue Cousins	Raymond & Michelle Parkes
Dennis Cousins	Joan Plant
Oral & Sheila Carrington & family	Wyn Prodger
Ron & Pauline Cowle	Mel Quinn
Alan Dudley	June Radford
Eileen Emanuel	Jill Redding
Ita Evans	Pat Ridyard
Gwyneth & Peter Gapp	Joy & Robert Schweizer
Shirley & Louise Garbett	Zac Sereaton
Robert & Michelle Gibbs & family in Novi, Detroit, U.S.A.	Jim Stevens
Andrew & Jo Gale & family	Chun & Grace Tsang
Sharon Gordon	Simeon & Hannah Thomas & family
Pam Greener	Jean Wright
Eunice & Gerald Hale	Keith & Elizabeth Wright
Auriel Haydon	
Peter & Maurita Hornett	
Shirley & David Hobbs	

CHRISTMAS IS COMING THE RACKS ARE COMING BACK

The Christmas card racks will come out for their annual appearance from next Saturday (2nd December).

Please be reminded that they are intended for cards to people who regularly attend our services or weekly meetings.

If you don't think that the person is liable to collect it, please send it another way.

This ensures that they receive your card and know that you are thinking of them.

All cards left by Christmas Day are disposed of. (There are still quite a number every year!)

Please remember to check the racks regularly and collect your own cards.

GET AN EXTRA BIRTHDAY CARD AND GIVE A GIFT TO HELP OTHERS!

BMS World Mission supports medical work in countries across the world; Your Birthday is an ideal opportunity to help that work. By making a donation on your Birthday through the **BMS Birthday Scheme**, you will be helping families and changing the lives of communities. The money you give goes to essential medical work around the world, bringing health and well being to thousands.

If you are interested in receiving an extra Birthday card whilst making a difference to others, just come and speak to me.

Thanks, Claire Newns

Perry Green Services

At 6.00 pm

* On the first Sunday of the Month there will be a Prayer meeting at 5.15 pm.

3rd. Mr. Ian Benjamin (c)

10th. Mr. Roger Barton

17th. All-Age Carol Service 3.00 pm.

Mrs. Gill Short

24th. Christmas Reading & Carols 3.00 pm.

Miss Pam Greener

31st. Miss Pam Greener 3.00 pm.

Tuesday Fellowship at 2.30 pm

5th. Mrs. Gill Short

19th. No Meeting

The Notice Board

BMS Birthday Scheme

6 th	John Evans
10 th	Gwyneth Gapp
15 th	Dawn Adams
16 th	Patrice Evans
20 th	Shirley Garbett
21 st	Angela Knight
22 nd	Ruth Bell
30 th	Ann Stewart

AN ADVENT PRAYER

May this holy advent season bring joy to your heart,
A joy the world cannot give;
A joy to uplift you when your spirit feels low;
A joy to refresh you when your life feels weary;
A joy to sustain you when your days feel empty,
The joy of knowing that the Lord is with you this Christmas
and always.

DECEMBER 2017

**In everything by prayer and petition
let your requests be known to God.**

**A monthly prayer calendar to help
us remember different aspects of
our Church life and beyond.**



TOPICS FOR PRAYER

Friday 1st	Pray for Ourselves as enter this season of Advent
Saturday 2nd	Pray for Messy Perry and over 80's dinner
Sunday 3rd	Pray for Communicate taking the Service today
Monday 4th	Pray for Girls Brigade Christmas Party
Tuesday 5th	Pray for Foodbank
Wednesday 6th	Pray for families who have moved away, that they will have an enjoyable first Christmas in their new home
Thursday 7th	Pray for Open the Book as they tell the Christmas Story
Friday 8th	Pray for BB Anchors' as they go to Pizza Express
Saturday 9th	Pray for Messy Christmas and get in the Picture in Town Centre
Sunday 10th	Pray for those Unable to attend Church today
Monday 11th	Pray for Girls Brigade as they go to the Brache
Tuesday 12th	Pray for Jump Christmas Party and LIFT dinner at the Brache
Wednesday 13th	Pray for NAOH and the Night Shelter
Thursday 14th	Pray for students returning home for Christmas
Friday 15th	Pray for Boys Brigade as they do Christmas Activities

Saturday 16th	Pray for Youth Group Christmas Activities and Get in the Picture in Town Centre
Sunday 17th	Pray for Candlelight Service
Monday 18th	Pray for Airport Chaplaincy and Airport Christmas Activities
Tuesday 19th	Pray for those who Care for looked after children
Wednesday 20th	Pray for Shield
Thursday 21st	Pray for children enjoying first day of holidays
Friday 22nd	Pray for those who are and those who have prepared the Church for Christmas
Saturday 23rd	Pray for those who find Christmas difficult
Sunday 24th	Pray for Christmas Eve Midnight Service
Monday 25th	Christ is Born Today
Tuesday 26th	Pray for those who had to work over Christmas
Wednesday 27th	Pray for those travelling to visit family and friends
Thursday 28th	Pray for chosen charity receiving our Christmas Day offering
Friday 29th	Pray for Azalea and the work they do
Saturday 30th	Pray for our Watchnight Service tomorrow night
Sunday 31st	Pray for those out in the town tonight and street Pastors

Poem of the Month

PAX

*All that matters is to be at one with the living God
to be a creature in the house of the God of Life.
Like a cat asleep on a chair
at peace, in peace
and at one with the master of the house, with the mistress,
at home, at home in the house of the living,
sleeping on the hearth, and yawning before the fire.
Sleeping on the hearth of the living world
yawning at home before the fire of life
feeling the presence of the living God
like a great reassurance
a deep calm in the heart
a presence
as of the master sitting at the board*

Weekly Church Activities

Sunday

10.45 am Morning Service
Communic8 and Crèche
6.00 pm Evening Service

Monday

1.00 - 3.00 pm Watercolour Art Club
6.30 - 9.15 pm Girls Brigade (5-18 years)

Tuesday

10.00 -11.30 am **JUMP** (Join Us Mums & Pre-schoolers). During term time
2.00 - 4.00 pm Short mat bowls
8.00 pm Ladies in Fellowship Together (LIFT)
(2nd & 4th week)
10.00 - 12.00 pm Men's Prayer Meeting

Wednesday

9.30 am (1st Week) Open Prayer Meeting

Thursday

2.30 pm Thursday Afternoon Fellowship

Friday

6.45 -9.30 pm Boys Brigade

Saturday

7.00 - 9.00 pm Youth Group -11 years plus

