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2024 Church Text: "Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from beginning to end." Hebrews 12:2

Sunday 15th December 2024



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10.30am

Family Carol Service

Mrs Zania van Schalkwyk



Sunday 22nd December

10.30am

Revd Mike Glover

4.00pm

Candlelight Service



Monday 16th December

Toddler Group	09.30 – 11.30
Jolt	15.30 – 17.00
Monday Prayers	19.00
J4	19.00 – 21.30

Tuesday 17th December

Table Tennis	10.00 – 12.00
Hope and Light	15.45 – 16.45
Joyful Noise	19.00 – 21.00

Wednesday 18th December

J3	15.30 – 17.00
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Thursday 19th December

Coffee Pot	10.00 – 12.00
Communion	11.00 – 11.30
J2	15.30 – 17.00
Ukulele Club	18.30 – 19.30

Friday 20th December

Toddler Group	09.30 – 11.30
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Saturday 21st December

Who Let the Dads Out	09.30 – 11.00
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Christmas Coffee Pot is open on Thursday from 10.00 -12.00 for Hot Drinks, Mince Pies, Cake, Biscuits and Company!

Gospel for the week

Monday (16th December)
Matthew 16 verses 13 – 28

Tuesday (17th December):
Matthew 17 verses 1 – 13

Wednesday (18th December):
Matthew 17 verses 14 – 21

Thursday (19th December):
Matthew 17 verses 22 – 27

Friday (20th December):
Matthew 18 verses 1 – 20

Saturday (21st December):
Matthew 18 verses 21 – 35

“Eat this book”

“What do you think Matthew is saying to you today?”



Andy's Advent Diary

- please pray for him this week as he seeks to share the life and story of Jesus this Christmas time.

Monday 16th December

- ✚ Christmas RE workshop at William Levick (Year 2)
- ✚ Christmas RE workshop at William Levick (Year 1)
- ✚ Ukulele Christmas Gig at Lenthall Infant school

Tuesday 17th December

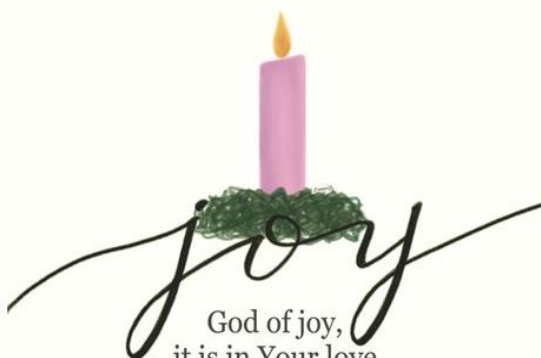
- ✚ Ukulele Christmas Gig at Expressive Tots, Unstone
- ✚ Christmas RE workshop at William Levick (Reception)
- ✚ Christmas RE workshop at William Levick (Year 4)
- ✚ Carol Playing on Moonpenny Way

Wednesday 18th December

- ✚ At the Reception Nativity at William Levick school

Thursday 19th December

- ✚ William Levick school carol service at Church



God of joy,
it is in Your love
that we find lasting joy.
Teach us to find joy
in the gift of Your Son,
who came into this world with nothing,
yet gave us everything.
May His joy fill our hearts
and overflow to all we encounter.
Amen.

Thought for the Week

The Fellowship of the Believers – Worship.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Acts 2:42

As I said before, this verse has been referred to as highlighting the three Ships of the Christian life, Discipleship, Fellowship and Worship. This time I am thinking about the third 'ship' – worship.

The internet tells me that 'Worship means respectful devotion—loving, honouring, and obeying someone who deserves our highest regard. Worshipping God means acknowledging and celebrating His power and perfection in gratitude. Worship includes understanding and awe of God's Holiness.' The verse above emphasises the breaking of bread and prayer. In our society there is a great emphasis on music and singing as part of worship. As Andy said recently the music etc is the expression of a life given to Jesus. It is not simply what happens in the church on a Sunday. We gather together 'in worship' so that our worship can be enriched as we go out into the world where we demonstrate a lifestyle rooted in worship as individuals and as the Body of Christ.

I think we discovered a couple of years back when we did the questionnaire, that everyone's ideal expression of worship in the church service context is different. Some like an organ, some a guitar, some want old hymns, others want new songs. The important thing is that we worship God, as the song says:



**YOUR
CHURCH
NEEDS
YOU!**

Café Church

Do you have one Sunday Afternoon in the year free?

Would you

consider joining the

wonderful team that provides a tea at Cafe Church? It is very rewarding and the speakers are always entertaining.

Please see Gilli as I am organising the new Rota for 2025!



Coffee Pot Help

Coffee Pot are looking for people to come and help out on a Thursday,

it does not have to be every week.

They are also looking for people who could bake as well, again it doesn't have to be every week.

This is due to losing a member of the team in January. So, to keep the group going they are looking for help.



NO MINCE PIES!!
As there were plenty left over from the Christingle Service, we do not need any more mince pies for the Candlelight

Service next Sunday!!

I will worship (I will worship) With all of my heart (with all of my heart) I will praise You (I will praise You) With all of my strength (with all of my strength) I will seek You (I will seek You) All of my days (all of my days) I will follow (I will follow) All of Your ways (all Your ways)

I will bow down (I will bow down) And hail You as King (hail You as King) I will serve You (I will serve You) I'll give You everything (give You everything) I will lift up (I will lift up) My eyes to Your throne (my eyes to Your throne) I will trust You (I will trust You) I'll trust You alone (trust in You alone)

I will give You all my worship I will give You all my praise You alone I long to worship You alone are worthy of my praise

At Christmas the world worships consumerism, the church worships Christ the new born baby king and our risen Lord. Let us not forget the importance of the breaking of bread and the prayer which is our spiritual worship. As Romans 12:1 says

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship.”

Alison Bygrave

The notices for December will be typed
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Please send by Wednesday. Thank you.