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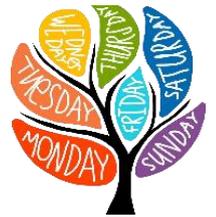
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**2025 Church Text: I pray that you, being rooted and firmly established in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the length and width, height and depth of God's Love. Ephesians 3 v17 & 18**

## Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025



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**10.30am**

**Mrs Zania van Schalkwyk**

**Family Carol Service**



### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December

**10.30am**

**Revd Simon Russell**

**Family Worship**

**4.00pm**

*Candlelight  
Service*



### Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Toddler Group	09.30 – 11.30
Jolt	15.30 – 17.00
Monday Prayers	19.00 – 19.45
Rooted	19.00 – 21.00

### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

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

### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

J3	15.30 – 17.00
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### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Coffee Pot	10.30 – 12.00
Thursday Communion	11.00
William Levick Carol	14.00
Service	

J2	15.30 – 17.00
Ukulele Group	18.30 – 19.30

### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Toddler Group	09.30 – 11.30
Beginner's Ukulele	14.15 – 15.00

### Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Who Let the Dads Out	09.30 – 11.00
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## Letter of the week

### "Eat this book"

Monday (15<sup>th</sup> December)

1 Thessalonians 5 verses 1 – 11

Tuesday (16<sup>th</sup> December):

1 Thessalonians 5 verses 12 – 28

Wednesday (17<sup>th</sup> December):

2 Thessalonians 1 verses 1 – 12

Thursday (18<sup>th</sup> December):

2 Thessalonians 2 verses 1 – 17

Friday (19<sup>th</sup> December):

2 Thessalonians 3 verses 1 – 18

Saturday (20<sup>th</sup> December):

Jude verses 1 – 25

*"What do you think Jesus is saying today to you through Paul and Jude?"*



### **Andy's Advent Diary**

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

### **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

- 1.00pm William Levick Primary School (Foundation Stage)
- 2.00pm William Levick (Year 5)

### **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

- 2.00pm William Levick School Carol Service at DBC



## Carol Service at the Callywhite Care Home



**On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 11:00am** the Gorechestra brass quartet will be playing carols at the Callywhite Care Home.



We would really love for some of you to come and join in the singing as well as for some who will be willing to read some of the well-known Bible passages and to lead in prayer.

Please see Andy if you are able to come.



Barbara, Rachel, Helen & John thank you all for your kind prayers, flowers and cards at this sad time.

## **We welcome you to join us in the Funeral and Celebration of Tony Simpkins**

15<sup>th</sup> December 3.30pm at Hutcliffe Wood Crematorium. And afterwards back at church.



### **Coffee Pot**

Coffee Pot will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day but we look forward to giving all our friends and visitors, old and new, a warm welcome back on Thursday 8th January 2026.

See you then! The Coffee Pot Crew

## Thought for the Week

### Sin.

Another old-fashioned word which we don't like to think about. It is a huge topic so I am simply going to put down a few things to think about.

In the Bible, sin is defined as any action, thought, or attitude that violates God's law or standards. It can be understood as missing the mark, failing to love God and others, or a transgression of God's commands. Essentially, sin is a failure to live according to God's will.

Hebrews 12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, <sup>2</sup>fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

We can easily put the wrong emphasis on the word Sin. We can see it as something Jesus dealt with so we don't need to think about it at all or as simply wrong actions, which we should have the power to correct, whereas we will go on failing to change if we don't grasp that we are failing to live according to God's will and fixing our eyes on Him.

One of the weight-watching organisations uses 'sins' to refer to foods that are higher in calories and less filling, like chocolate, crisps, and alcohol. To be fair, I didn't realise until writing this that they have changed the spelling to syns, from 'synergy' to reflect a balanced approach to weight loss, where members can enjoy small amounts of treats

without feeling deprived. But it still sounds the same so the connotation of wrong doing lingers. It makes it easy to devalue the whole biblical concept of Sin.

In many ways we do look at sin as resistable, controllable, manageable, not really that bad. We believe we can deal with it and we deny it to ourselves, let alone to others. And the idea of challenging someone else's sin in the way the early Protestants did, by calling it out in the church service and dealing out punishments; well, that is just not politically correct. We somehow need to get to grips with the fact that Sin separates us from God and that we should not live in it now that Jesus has bridged that gap and made us clean. Jesus has died, once for all, and has dealt with Sin, but our sins can muddy the waters and cause our relationship with God to stutter.

God said to Cain in Genesis 4, "sin is crouching at the door; its desire is for you, but you must master it." (RSV) Modern translations put crouching but I prefer the old word which has the sense of an animal in an 'attitude of waking rest with its head up or between outstretched forepaws, in its lair, lying ready to spring, lying in ambush.' It isn't just crouching down; it is in a position to attack. So, we need to be alert to the danger of being ambushed by sins and losing sight of the One who said 'Go and sin no more.'

Alison Bygrave

## Church Christmas Card

Charlie has drawn for us a fabulous Christmas card at the back of church which we would love you to sign.

Please write on the card itself, wherever you like, as a way of wishing all within church a very happy Christmas. This year, our donations in lieu of cards will be shared between Spurgeon's Childcare and Ashgate Hospice.

Spurgeon's Childcare works with families who need help, support and encouragement in demanding times. And, as we know, our local Ashgate Hospice are in real need of financial support at the moment.



The notices for December will be typed by Heather Machin

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Please send by Wednesday. Thank you.