

# Prayer Points and Information

An Advent prayer: 'Father, in the wilderness of the Jordan you sent a messenger to prepare people's hearts for the coming of your Son. Help me to hear his words and repent of my sins, so that I may clearly see the way to walk, the truth to speak, and the life to live for him, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.'

Pray that God will bless our special advent meetings and Christmas events held during this month. Pray for the opportunities churches (including ourselves) have at this time of year of welcoming people who might not normally attend a service. Pray that the Lord will bless the message of Christmas – of Jesus born as Saviour and Lord – to the hearts of people during the festivities.

Ask God to grant protection, insight and patience to those who work in challenging social situations. Pray for health workers, teachers, immigration officers, probation and social workers, the police, those involved in the courts and the prison service, and those who help ex-offenders. Remember people who live in smaller rural communities in the UK where there are few facilities. Pray for wisdom for those who plan transport, health and other basic services.

The Baptist Missionary Society asks us to pray for Afghanistan this week. Pray for the country and its people as the political transitions continue, that leaders will stand up for peace and justice and against those who would seek to oppress others. Pray for missionaries as they reach out to the people they meet who don't know Christ.

## CONTACTS FOR CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Tuesday Fellowship .....*Joyce Bungay*  
Wednesday Fellowship .....*Margaret Carey*  
Wednesday Evening Fellowship .....*Charmaine Howard*  
Girls Brigade .....*Ruth Rego*  
Focus For Men .....*John Howard*  
Youth Group.....*Charmaine Howard*

## Contacts for Pastoral Issues

*Margaret Carey and Charmaine Howard*

Please avoid contacting Charmaine on a Monday, as it is her day off.

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# Northolt Park Baptist Church

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**11 December 2011**

Our congregation is made up of ordinary people meeting together to worship God. We are united in our faith in, and love for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and hope that you sense the presence and power of the Spirit of God as you worship with us.

Refreshments are served after the service, so please stay for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat.

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*'The star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.'*

Matthew 2:9-11

## 11 December 2011

- 11.00am **Family & Parade Service**  
*Speaker: Olu Falowo*
- 5.00pm **Youth Group**
- 7.30pm **Prayer Meeting**

## Weekly Activities

Tuesday	10.00am	Tuesday Morning Fellowship <i>Meets at the church</i>
Wednesday	1.45pm	Wednesday Fellowship <i>Meets the first Wednesday of each month at the church</i>
	8.00pm	Wednesday Evening Fellowship <i>Meets at the church</i>
Thursday	6.00pm	Girls Brigade <i>Meets at the Church</i>
	8.00pm	Focus For Men <i>Meets the first Thursday of each month at various venues</i>
Friday	7.30pm	Worship Group <i>Meets at the Church</i>

## 18 December 2011

- 11.00am **Communion Service**  
*Speaker: Antony Billington*
- 6.00pm **Carols by Candlelight Service**

## Advance Notices

### Important Notice about Access to the Church Building

Please note that the new burglar alarm is now operational throughout the church building. People will only be able to unlock and open the church building if they have an alarm key; otherwise, the alarm will be set off. Those who hold a set of church keys, but who have not yet been given the alarm code, should see Janet Yau.

Thursdays – 15 and 22 December, 10.30am–12.00 noon  
Advent Course

Sunday 11 December, 3.00pm  
Start your Christmas by joining the Deane Avenue singers for a carol service at Wimborne Court!

Saturday 17 December, 2.00–5.00pm  
Christmas Party for children aged 4 to 10

Sunday 18 December, 6.00pm  
Carols by Candlelight Service

Sunday 25 December, 10.00am  
Christmas Day Family Service

*Please see the notice board in the entrance foyer for any forthcoming local events.*



### Sunday Services in December

18 December  
Communion Service  
*Luke 2:8-20 – Peace on Earth*  
Antony Billington speaking