

Rector: Will Pearson-Gee



Please join with me in **giving thanks** for a truly wonderful Christmas with huge numbers attending our many services. As a team everyone at BPC pulled out all the stops so we were able to offer a warm welcome, incredible music and a tangible sense of God's presence. I am grateful beyond words.

Prayers please for

- the appointment process of a new worship leader;
- the visit of Adrian Galvin to help us go deeper on 'Deliver us from Evil' on 18th Jan;
- seeds that have been planted over Christmas might germinate in the New Year (and some visitors return for more!);
- the various teams to return refreshed and ready for the new term;
- the SOMA National Leadership Team meeting on 13th Jan
- my annual chaplaincy in Switzerland (30th Jan - 13th Feb).

On a personal note **please pray** that I would be rid of the cough I've had since the start of December.

Jo Wigley: Associate Minister for Pastoral Care



Praise God for:

- The many people who get alongside those bereaved during this Christmas period.
- The lovely way the Community Lunch has brought people together, relieved loneliness and for the wonderful team who run it. Praise God for the amazing Christmas lunch.
- The way people support each other and bring a real sense of family to our church community.

Please pray for:

- Those who are grieving, especially at this time of year, when missing loved ones becomes even more painful.
- Those going through treatment for cancer and other illnesses who are having to make many hospital trips.
- Those waiting for test results or who have had a difficult diagnosis.
- Those suffering with poor mental health.

Connect Groups under Jo Wigley

Praise God that so many of the members of the church are in a connect group and for the way they act as the front line for pastoral care.

Praise God for the wonderful leaders who put so much time and effort into running the groups.

Pray that we would be blessed with more people to take on the role of running the connect groups.

Pray that I would be guided to put people in the groups best suited to grow their faith and pray that the groups would be growing in their knowledge and be safe and supportive places for all of their members.

Youth Team Leader: Sam Graham



Please join me in **thanking God** for the new young people who joined us on Sundays every month!

Please pray for wisdom as our ministry on a Sunday evening is growing beyond the capacity of the North room.

Pray for God's leading as we develop our strategy to minister to more and more young people.

BPC Children & Families' Team Leader: Lucia Pearson-Gee



Give thanks for all the amazing services throughout Christmas. Thanks to the children and parents who got involved in the nativity service that went extremely, with wonderful feedback from all who came and watched online. **Thanks** also for the many helpers who stepped in to help at the last minute Altogether service on the 22nd December which was a fun experience!

Please pray for:

- The start of this new year. For the Lighthouse on 8th January followed by the Ark on the 9th with its first baby weigh in planned with Sally Squibb being the health visitor in charge!
- For inspiration in how to reach the wider community in families and kid's activities this year and new creative ways to share the Gospel.
- For an enthusiastic team of volunteers to step up and be excited to serve with the Kids and Families ministry this year. Enough volunteers to run the 4 groups on a Sunday 11am family service.

Worship:

The recruitment process is getting underway for Phil's replacement, so **please pray** for Sam and all those involved during this transitional phase in the life of Worship and Production.

Prayer Ministry Team: Chris and Cherryl Murray



Praise God that we are having more invitations from the front to come and be prayed for, especially at the 6 pm service.

Please pray: There is quite an urgent need for more prayer ministers. Following the recent series of sermons about The Holy Spirit, **pray that** more people discover their spiritual gifts, including healing

Mission and Outreach: Keith Croxton



The complete Mission and Outreach report is now in the MOG report leaflet.



Prayer and Praise

Prayer points

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NOTE. Please take this leaflet away with you and use it as springboard for your daily prayers during the month.