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Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

Psalm 95:1-2

Prayer Chain: If you'd like to request a prayer for yourself, or for someone you know, please email kathy.cohen@btinternet.com (or phone 01440 762536) and your message will be forwarded to all those on the prayer email list (about 80 people).

Prayer Ministry: This is available after morning service each Sunday. Please approach someone wearing a lime green lanyard which has the words Prayer Ministry Team printed on it. Please remember our Churches Together online Prayer Wall [here](#).

Hearing Loop: We have a hearing loop, switch your hearing aid to the T position if available.

Mobile Phones: Please make sure your phone is off or set to silent before the service begins.

- Sunday Club:

On Sunday 11th December Sunday Club will meet in the hall *for the whole service* so we can prepare for the Carol Service - please send your children up to the hall at 10.30.

We will be having our Sunday Club Christmas Party on Sunday 18th December, 12-2pm, straight after the Christingle Service. We will have a bring and share party lunch. Please let Claire know if you can make it.

claire@evans-mail.co.uk

- Family Carol Service

Our Family Carol Service takes place at 5pm this Sunday 11th December and will be followed by refreshments. Come along and join in with some of your favourite carols – old & new!

- Advent Study Group – remaining sessions

Thursday 15th December 7.30pm

Living Now – being aware of God's call for us in the present

Thursday 22nd December 7.30pm

Future ...Perfect? – Understanding God's plan for our whole life: yesterday, today and tomorrow

Peter Goodhall and David Frost

- Big Christmas Card

There is now a BIG Christmas card available for you all to sign and wish each other a happy/merry/blessed/peaceful... Christmas. The idea is that you do this instead of sending individual cards to your church friends and that you put the money saved towards the charity the card is supporting – this year that's the DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee, see more here: www.dec.org.uk) The card will remain available until New Year, so plenty of time for you to sign!

- Ladies Night Friday 9th December – 6.30pm for 7.00pm at the Flying Shuttle.

If possible please bring cash. Drinks to be ordered at the bar and paid for. I will bring a breakdown of what each person owes on the night and a copy of what you've ordered (in case you've forgotten!!)
Janet

Christmas service at The Meadows care home

On Friday 16th December at 11am Peter will lead a service of Christmas carols and poems for residents of The Meadows care home. If you would like to come along and support them, please meet at the home at 10.45am. All welcome.

- Wednesday Fellowship

It has been my privilege to have been the president (leader I prefer) of the Wednesday Fellowship for over 25 years.

Sadly all good things come to an end, and so it is with regret and sadness that I feel that time has now come for me to step down from this position.

Unfortunately I haven't anyone else to take on the Wednesday Fellowship, so it is with regret and sadness that we have decided to close the fellowship for good. This decision has not been taken easily.

Age related and mobility problems also are another factor so 7th December, our carols & tea afternoon will be our final meeting.

Peter and committee members agreed with this.

My thanks go to Peter who has served us so well, and all members for their loyalty and fellowship over the years, and will always be remembered.

Sometimes we don't see the fruits of our labour, but anything we do for God's kingdom will tell the story of our legacy.

My baptismal scripture verse given to me was "Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only" (James 1:22 AV) I have sought to do this over the years, and God willing will continue to do so.

With every blessing,

Win Franklin

Advance Diary Dates To Note

Church Carol Service Sunday 11th December 5pm

Christingle Sunday 18th December 10.30am

Christmas Eve Communion 11.30pm

Christmas Day 10am

New Year's Day All Age Worship 10.30am

Covenant Service 8th January 2023 10.30am

Information for publication in Connect, or on the Sunday Morning Scroll may be emailed to: kathy.cohen@btinternet.com or handed directly to Kathy. Please try not to leave it to the last minute to send things.

- Dates for your Diary

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| December | | |
| 9 th | 6.30om | Ladies Night Out @ The Flying Shuttle |
| | 10pm-2am | Town Pastors NOT on patrol – please pray for the town |
| 11 th | 10.30am | Preacher: Vivien Sargeant Flowers: Vacant |
| | 5.00pm | Family Carol Service |
| 12 th | 8-8.45pm | Faithful Workout |
| 13 th | 11am-12 | Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home) |
| 14 th | 10am-12 | Open Mind in the Church Hall |
| | 1-3pm | Young at Heart in the Church Hall – for everyone! Last session before Christmas |
| | 10am-12 | Open Mind in the Church Hall |
| 15 th | 7.30-9pm | Advent Study with Peter & David |
| 16 th | 10pm-2am | Town Pastors NOT on patrol – please pray for the town |
| 18 th | 10.30am | Preacher: Peter – Christingle Service Flowers: Church Christmas Flowers |
| | 6.30pm | Come & Sing |
| 19 th | 8-8.45pm | Faithful Workout |
| 20 th | 11am-12 | Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home) |
| 21 st | 10am-12 | Open Mind in Church Hall – last session before Christmas |
| 22 nd | 7.30-9pm | Advent Study with Peter & David |
| 23 rd | 10pm-2am | Town Pastors NOT on patrol – please pray for the town |
| 24 th | 11.30pm | Christmas Eve Communion |
| 25th | 10am | Christmas Day Family Service Flowers: Church Christmas Flowers |
| 30 th | 10pm-2am | Town Pastors NOT on patrol – please pray for the town |
| January | | |
| 1 st | 10.30am | Preacher: Peter – All Age Worship Flowers: Church Christmas Flowers |
| 4 th | 10am-12 | Open Mind in the Church Hall |
| 6 th | 10pm-2am | Town Pastors NOT on patrol – please pray for the town |
| 8 th | 10.30am | Preacher: Peter – Covenant Service with Holy Communion Flowers: Mrs G Wadeson |
| 10 th | 11am-12 | Tuesday Prayer in Next Door (or in your own home) |
| 11 th | 10am-12 | Open Mind in the Church Hall |
| | 1-3pm | Young at Heart in the Church Hall – for everyone! |
| 15 th | 10.30am | Preacher: Peter Flowers: Mrs W Fanklin |

Please let me know if/when your groups are taking a Christmas break and when they will return, so I can keep this Diary accurate
Thanks to those who have already told me,
Kathy