

## Rotas for December 2019

### Cleaning Chapel and Vestry

Jenni

**Kitchen** - Pam

**Hall & facilities** - All Users

### Front Steps and Passage

Rob Parkinson

**Toilets** - Carys

**Notices** -Jenni

### Communion Table Setting

Mary

### Servers

Jenny & Richard

### Tea and Coffee Rotas

December 1st - Pat

December 8th - Jenni

December 15th - Carys & Sharon

December 22nd - Dianne

December 29th - Volunteer/Dianne

January 5th - Doris & Mary

### Door Steward

Mary

For further information visit our website:

[www.ewyasharoldbaptistchurch.org.uk](http://www.ewyasharoldbaptistchurch.org.uk)

## Food Bank Donations

The Food Bank are very grateful for all donations, please remember that the 'Trug' in the Vestry is there for any donations. Thank you.

Information for January Newsletter  
to Jenny Harter by December 21st please

[jenny@harter.co.uk](mailto:jenny@harter.co.uk)

Pastor Rev Joy James. 01981 241318 - mobile No 07582 336797

[revjoyjames@hotmail.com](mailto:revjoyjames@hotmail.com)

Joy's usual days of work are:

Week 1 - Sunday, Monday & Tuesday. (Check if Joy is on duty that Sunday)

Week 2 - Monday, Tuesday & Friday.

**If Joy is not available contact one of the Leaders**



## Meeting Christ Meeting Needs - December Newsletter 2019

### Forthcoming information

#### Koffi Pot 10.30am

at the Church December  
Fridays 6th, 13th, 20th &  
January 3rd

#### CTEH & District

Advent Encounter Dec 1st  
5pm at St Michaels

#### O Sew Simple

Thursday 5th Dec & Dec  
19th Open Morning  
between 10am and 12noon.  
With guest Speaker Mark &  
Suzanne Barrell (BMS  
World Vision) Hear about  
Mark's work as a lawyer and  
Suzanne's Sewing Group.  
Join us for Coffee & Festive  
eats. Hear about the  
amazing work in  
Mozambique also enjoy  
seeing what has been  
achieved so far with the  
Wall Hanging.

#### Messy Church

None in December

#### Leaders' Meeting

Monday Dec 9th 7.15pm

#### Rainbow Arts

Wednesdays 10.30am to  
1pm in the Hall. All  
Welcome

### December Thought for the Month

I recently came across the following poem written by poet, John Betjeman, 1906 – 1984

*And is it true? And is it true?  
The most tremendous tale of all,  
Seen in a stained-glass window's hue,  
A baby in an ox's stall?  
The maker of the stars and sea  
Become a Child on earth for me?  
No love that in a family dwells,  
No carolling in frosty air,  
Nor all the steeple-shaking bells  
Can with this single Truth compare-  
That God was Man in Palestine  
And lives today in Bread and Wine.*

Back in November 2018 I had the amazing privilege to travel to the Holy Land, and since then it has brought the Bible to life for me in a wonderful way. As I read the Christmas story of Jesus being born and the visit of the shepherds I picture Bethlehem, and I recall too there our visit to a children's centre for abandoned babies. Here we met a baby who was just a few days old and in the care and love the babies and children were receiving, the love of Jesus was evident to all.

Love came down at Christmas time. As we celebrate the coming of Jesus, 'Immanuel', God with us this Christmas, let's open our lives and hearts to Him, and be willing to share His love with others. ....**God Bless you all Joy**

**Monday Matters** December 16th 7.30pm at Mary's home: please park on Garage forecourt. This will be an evening of Christmas Celebration Quiz Evening. Bring along a Christmas Puzzle or just enjoy solving others! Further information contact Dianne on 01981 241185

### **House of Prayer**

Wednesdays 10.30am to 3.30pm

11am to 11.20am Led reflection and prayer. Intercessory Prayers 2.00pm to 2.20pm. You are invited to bring any concerns that you may have and want prayer for. You are welcome to come at any time and stay for as long or short or as often or seldom as you would like. These days are for setting aside the demands and stresses of life and receiving from God - his peace, healing, support & love.  
Contact Pam on 01981 240202 for further information

**Thursday Morning Group** meet second and fourth Thursday of the month 10.15am Contact David Baines 01981 240152 for more information. The aim of this group is to encourage one another in our walk with Jesus and our understanding of the Bible.

### **Fair Trade Stall.**

Please Note on Sunday December 1st there will be a Fair Trade Stall in the Baptist Hall after the Service.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 18th - 25th - Further info January Newsletter**



## **Services for December 2019**

### **Sunday December 1st Advent Service**

10.30am Morning Worship with Communion  
Led by - Rev Andrew Harter  
Reader - Jenny

Dulas Court - 4.15pm Led by Rev Andrew Harter

### **Sunday December 8th**

10.30am - Morning Worship with **Explore or Little Explorers**  
Led by - Rev Joy James & Ian Percell  
Reader - Iona

Dulas Court - 4.15pm Led by - Rev Joy James

### **Sunday December 15th**

10.30am - Christmas Celebration & Festive Refreshments  
Led by - Rev Rev Joy James  
Reader - Sue

Dulas Court - 4.15pm Led by - Rev Lynne Davis

### **Sunday December 22nd**

10.30am - Café Style Service  
Led by - Rev Joy James  
Reader - David

Dulas Court 4.15pm - Carol Service Led by Linda Hunt and Coral Bray

### **Christmas Day Baptist/Methodist Joint Service - Baptist Church**

10.30am - Morning Worship  
Led by - Rev Joy James

### **Sunday December 29th Prayerful Service**

10.30am with Pam

### **Sunday January 3rd**

10.30am - Morning Worship  
Led by Rev Andrew Harter  
Reader - Pat

Dulas Court - 4.15pm Led by - Philip Keene