

## Rotas for January 2020

### Cleaning Chapel and Vestry

Julia

**Kitchen** - Joy

**Hall & facilities** - All Users

### Front Steps and Passage

Rob Parkinson

**Toilets** - Carys

**Notices** - Jenni

### Communion Table Setting

Joyce

### Servers

Glyn & Jenni

### Tea and Coffee Rotas

January 5th - Doris & Mary

January 12th - Jill & Pam

January 19th - Glyn & Joyce

January 26th - Dianne

February 2nd - Pat

### Door Steward

Glyn

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 February Newsletter  
to Jenny Harter January 21st please  
[jenny@harter.co.uk](mailto:jenny@harter.co.uk)



## Meeting Christ Meeting Needs - January Newsletter 2020

### Forthcoming information

#### Koffi Pot 10.30am

at the Church  
Friday January 3rd, 10th,  
17th, 24th & 31st

#### Leaders' Meeting January 13th

Monday 7.00pm

#### Taize Singing @ Methodist Church-17th Jan @ 8.00pm

#### CTEH & District

Week of Prayer for Christian  
Unity.

Christian Unity Service 19th  
January 3pm at The Baptist  
Church

Daily Prayers 11.30am to  
12.15pm, 20th - 25th  
The Acres (Pam's)

#### No O Sew Simple in January

#### Messy Church

St Michael's Hall  
2nd Thursday in the month  
3.30pm - Contact Annie for  
further information

#### Rainbow Arts

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

#### Community Singing

January 22nd 2pm

### January Thought for the Month

The Christian year commences with Epiphany, where people from foreign lands recognize and follow God's calling and head off into the unknown in faith that they will find and recognize the newborn King of the Jews so that they can worship Him. They recognize the Divine in a vulnerable baby, the promise of the Light of the World and the hope of God's Word becoming flesh and kneel in reverence, humility and awe before a small child. It is an extraordinary story of faith, being open to discover God in unexpected places, and of reverence.

So as the Christian year starts with an act of worship so too the Lord's prayer starts with worship: "Our Father in Heaven, holy is your name". In worship of our holy, just and loving God we discover greater depths of grace, truth, humility, gratefulness and love which can then inform and transform our reactions and attitudes, particularly in difficult situations.

A quote I recently came across: "The bended knee is the hinge of human history" recognises the transforming effect to society of surrendering human control and allowing God to be God.

This year will be very challenging for our nation both as complex trading arrangements are negotiated, and as we lose all the automatic securities derived from adhering to EU ideals and membership, such as human rights, workers rights, inclusion and combating discrimination and championing environmental protection, to name but a few. The aim of these laws is to rein in the ability of the powerful to exploit the vulnerable. I believe we need to pray and act where we can to ensure we transfer as much protection as possible for the vulnerable into UK law.

As we enter 2020 as individuals and as a nation heading into uncharted territory let us pray that an attitude of worship, reverence and humility and recognizing the divine in vulnerability underpins all that we are and do.

Wishing you every blessing in Him *Julia*

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[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**

Julia Maslin 01981 240346

Jenni Whistance 01981 240889 - (Hall Booking Secretary)

Dianne Foster - 01981 241185

Rob Parkinson - 01981 570459

**Monday Matters January** 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.

### **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 18th - 25th**

#### **CTEH & District**

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### **Services for January 2020**

#### **Sunday January 5th**

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

#### **Sunday January 12th**

10.30am - Morning Worship including Communion  
Renewal of Marriage Vows and Blessing, and  
with **Xplore or Little Explorers**  
TO be followed by a Bring and share Buffet lunch  
Led by - Rev Joy James  
Reader - Mark Chester

#### **Sunday January 19th**

10.30am - Morning Worship  
Led by Misha Pederson  
Reader - Doris

#### **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

**Service 3.00pm @ Ewyas Harold Baptist Church**

#### **Sunday January 26th**

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

#### **Sunday February 2nd**

10.30am - Morning Worship  
Led by Jan Mitchell  
Reader - David