

Rockwell Green Christian Fellowship – E-news for December 2018

‘For unto us a child is born and unto us a Son is given.....and His name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace; His government and it’s peace will never end.’ (Isaiah 9 v 6/7).

Diary for December :-

Saturday 1st Dec – 10am Prayer and worship morning (worship led by David White)

Thursday 6th Dec – 7.30pm Whole church gathered (please be there if you can)

Friday 7th Dec – 2pm Wellington Church Leaders meet with Rebecca Pow (see below)

Wednesday 12th Dec – 10.30am Wacky Wed at Flip Out (see below)

Thursday 13th Dec - ? Coffee Morning & Service at Oaktree Court (come & support)

Thursday 13th Dec – 7.30pm Whole church gathering

Friday 14th Dec – 7pm Table Tennis evening

Sunday 16th Dec – 10.30am we stage our ‘Noisy Nativity’ (see below)

Monday 17th Dec – 2pm Packing Besom Christmas hampers (to help see Madeleine)

Wednesday 19th Dec – 12.30pm One Team Community Christmas lunch at RGCC

Thursday 20th Dec – 7.30pm Whole church gathering

Tuesday 25th Dec – 10am (NOTE) Short Christmas Day service (invite family/friends)

Friday 28th Dec – 7pm ? Table Tennis evening (to be confirmed – see Ashley)

Regular events still hosted :-

Each Monday at 10.30am is Forever Active (Sue will lead during December !)

Bright Sparks mums & toddlers each Tuesday at 10am (last one on 18th December)

Table Tennis every other Friday at 7pm (see diary above)

Family News :-

You will note from the diary above that the town church leaders are meeting with our MP Rebecca Pow on 7th December – please pray for that time as we share concerns about the welfare of those who live here, and the support needed; as well as hearing her thoughts on Brexit.

Once again we will be gathering each Thursday during December to continue our journey of exploring where God is taking us and our preparation for what He will do in our church and in the town. We will not meet on 27th December (holiday time !)

Please make these Thursdays a priority in your diary as we are experiencing God meeting us in a special way and speaking to us powerfully, as we fellowship together.

Please pray for every member of our fellowship as they spend time over the Christmas period with family and friends celebrating in a meaningful way the 'reason for the season'. Pray for those who are alone & lonely this Christmas time and maybe even find time to visit someone who you know will be on their own this year.

You will see above we are presenting our Christmas special service on 16th December – it has been advertised as a 'Noisy Nativity' and is based around the Bible Society story titled 'The New Noisy Neighbour'. Sue Cligg has once again kindly offered to organise the morning, with help from Marion & others, and it promises to be chaotic noisy fun, with the real Christmas message threaded through ! Sue will be asking for help in putting the morning together so please offer your help where you can. You are especially encouraged to invite family, friends, neighbours, colleagues to come and join in the fun. Thank you Sue for stepping in once again. Publicity will be out during w/c 3rd December.

Once again we will gather on Christmas Day at 10am for a short family time together to celebrate Christ's birth and the most precious gift He is to us all. Invite family & friends to join this special intimate time together.

We report that, in consultation with Bob & Maggie & Bob R, Madeleine has decided to stand down from her role as catering manager, as from 24th December. Since the departure of Di, Madeleine has taken on the responsibility for the hospitality of the church, which has given us a tremendous reputation for providing different kinds of events all served up with love. She has also, through hard work and dedication, maintained a 5 star kitchen facility. Our grateful thanks to Madeleine for all she has sown in to this vital ministry, she will now be serving the church in other ways, which she is currently exploring. Please pray for her and Colin, they are precious gifts to the church.

Monthly Message

Here are Maggie's thoughts:-

As we continue to explore what God has for us individually and as a church we are conscious of the challenge to step up in this new season we are entering. The New Testament in a number of places exhorts us to 'arise', 'awake', 'stand', 'press on', 'enter in'; it is clear that if we are to take hold of all that God has for us through His Holy Spirit, we need to be stepping up in response to His call on our lives. We have been exploring the transformation from caterpillar to butterfly, and allowing

God to transform us to reflect His beauty; also exploring what it means to rest in God and live fruitful lives in the Holy Spirit's life and power. This Christmas season and beyond let us demonstrate the joy and peace that Jesus brings to our lives, to those around us who are desperate for good news.

'Good news of great joy – the Prince of Peace is with us !'