

Notices

We would really love every single Passage client to receive a gift from our church family on Christmas Day and we have been inspired to make this happen by organising Bags of Hope! This is just a little token from us to say to them that we love them and Jesus loves them and together we are stronger! If you would like to donate £10 per bag or you can donate gifts from the list below ☺ Our hearts are so moved for these precious people - please join us in showing them we care this Christmas and beyond. Please also pray for God's love and our love for our Passage clients to truly fill their hearts and impact their lives. Help us as a church family to bless and minister to them this Christmas and beyond x love oasis ladies x



List of suitable items:

Male or female hats, gloves, scarves or thick socks

Male or female individual toiletries or toiletry sets

Bags of chocolates or sweets in general

Male or female small gifts or stocking fillers

Wet wipes, hand gel

Adult colouring books

Pens, felt tips or crayons

Welcome to Grantham Baptist Church



- Making Disciples.....Transforming Lives -

December 2017 Newsletter

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Minister's Message

Many members have asked that I provide the bible readings from Sunday the 19th November's service, with the message "Love One Another Across the Generations".

They are as follows:

Genesis 12 v 1-3

Genesis 49 v 1-2, 22-26

Deuteronomy 6 v 4-7

Joshua 1 v 1-5

Psalm 145 v 4

Isaiah 49 v 22

Joel 1 v 1-3

Malachi 4 v 5-6

Matthew 19 v 13-15, 19

1 Timothy 5 v 1-2

2 Timothy 2 v 1-2

Titus 2 v 1-8

1 John 2 v 12-14

May you be blessed as you revisit these Scriptures and have a very happy Christmas.

Midweek Life Groups

Life Groups meet most weeks on a Tuesday and Wednesday. A **Tuesday** life group is held at Spire View in the morning led by Margaret Finch, and the Tuesday evening groups are led by Keith & Joy Moyes, Jason & Rachel Sanders and Malcolm & Jenny Hewitson. The **Wednesday** evening life groups are overseen by Brian & Mavis Deptford and Marcus Pettman. If you are interested in joining a group, please contact the life group co-ordinator Malcolm Hewitson (01476 565205). There is also a young couples and singles life group, for further details contact Ken and Alison Dyer (01476 418490).

If you would like an item to appear in the monthly news sheet please send it to the Church Office Team at g.b.c_ad@outlook.com, drop it in the office post box in the foyer or phone 07774691118. You can also give notices by hand during the Office Opening Hours. The deadline for submissions for the **January Newsletter is 15 December** and **Interim Newsletter is 5 January**.

The Office is open on Mondays and Thursdays 9am-1pm and Fridays 12.30pm-3.30pm in Room 1. The Office team is Louise Lamb, Mike Leeson, Karen Marlor, Annice Whittle and Angela Sanders. Ken Matthews is usually around to see people.

If you need prayer on a Sunday morning, then a member of the Prayer Team will be happy to pray with you. Please find them to the front right of the church under the prayer banner. Should an urgent prayer request arise midweek, then please contact one of our co-coordinators: Margaret & David Bend (01476 410741), Joy & Keith Moyes (01476 570281), Gae & Peter Ellis (01400 283523).

Weekly Activities

Monday	
Tuesday	<p>10am - 12pm: Oasis for Women in the Lower Schoolroom (term-time only).</p> <p>6pm-7pm: The Passage in the Lower Schoolroom</p> <p>8pm-9.30pm: Wellsprings Course, upstairs (5th,12th & 19th)</p>
Wednesday	10am -11.30am: Toddler Time in the Lower Schoolroom (term-time only).
Thursday	<p>2pm: Thursday Friendship Group in the Lower Schoolroom (14 December only)</p> <p>7pm-8pm: The Voice Laundry in the Lower Schoolroom</p>
Friday (All term time only)	<p>4.00pm-5.30pm- Illumin8 (for school years 6-9)</p> <p>6.30pm- 7.45pm - Good News Club (age 7-11) in the Lower Schoolroom</p> <p>8pm –9.30pm– Branches (Youth Alpha)</p>
Saturday	

If you have missed a sermon or would like to hear one again you can listen to sermons via our website, www.granthambaptistchurch.co.uk, alternatively please talk to our sound team who are happy to help.

(10 am) Morning Preaching Timetable

Date/ Deacon	Duty	Leading	Speaking	Topic
3 December	Alison Dyer	David Whitmarsh	Advent 1	
	Chris Dove			
10 December	Rachel Sanders	Ken Matthews	Advent 2	
	Joshua Brooks			
17 December	Ken Matthews	Rebecca Chadwick	Advent 3	
	Moira Palmer			
24 December	JAM performing Pippa Clutton's play with Communion to follow		Ken Matthews	
	Angela Sanders			
25 December	Rosie Dyer	Ken Matthews	All age service	
	Angela Sanders			
31 December	Malcolm Hewitson	Ken Matthews	Own subject	
	Aaron Thompson			

(6.30pm) Evening Timetable

Date/ Deacon	Duty	Leading	Speaking	Topic
3 December	Church Family Christmas Party from 4pm onwards			
10 December	Carol singing in the streets opposite the church, meet at church at 6pm			
17 December	Carol Service at 6.30pm			
24 December	No Service			
31 December	No Service			

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The **Wellsprings Course** starts on the 28th of November and will run on a Tuesday evening for 8 weeks in to the New Year. "Wellsprings is a course of refreshment and pampering looking at issues women face today from a Christian perspective." Please pray for God's hand on the invites as they go out, for the Lord to draw ladies in and for the course to be well attended. Please pray for the team as they prepare, welcome and share the gospel.

Please note that the **Belvoir Wassailers Concert** starts at the amended time of 7.30pm, not 7.00pm on Saturday 2nd December. Free admission, with retiring collection for Macmillan Cancer Support. We are asking for you to contribute cakes and mince pies etc. as we are providing refreshments. These can be brought in on the evening before the performance and given to Cliff or Ann Rawson. Many thanks in advance.

The **Church Christmas Party** is on Sunday 3rd December and will be a bring and share tea. There is a list of food in the foyer, please sign up for what you would like to bring. Many thanks.

Ladies! Let's get social! You are invited to our **Created Beautiful Brunch**. A gathering for Christian women across the town. Let's meet, let's encourage one another, let's see real change in our lives and in this town! Places may be limited so sign up quick!

Please email gbcladiesgroups@gmail.com or sign up on the sheet in back hall. Praise | Brunch | Talk | Prayer

Place : GBC When : Saturday 9th December

Time : 9-12pm Mission : A time for change - together!

#atimeforchangetogether #gbc #ladiesevents

There are no **Prayer Breakfasts** in December as it is such a busy month.

On December 10th everyone is invited to come carolling around the streets opposite church. The singing of carols, and outreach to the families living in the streets opposite, this year will take place on the Sunday evening, meeting at church at 6pm (there is no evening service). All ages are welcome (children accompanied) - you do not have to be able to sing, as we also require a number of people to knock on doors and deliver a Christmas greeting. We would also like one or two musicians to come along with appropriate instruments. We're praying for a good turnout this year, so why not join us - refreshments afterwards if you sing well! See Ian Whittle for more details.

There will be a **Baptismal Service** on Sunday 7th January. If anyone is thinking of being baptised please speak to Ken Matthews.

If anyone is willing to help with the floral decoration of the church for Christmas or would like to donate a £1 (no more please) towards the cost of the flowers, would they please see Sue Morgan or Sheila Warner. Many thanks.

This Christmas would you like to reduce the number of cards you write to folk in the fellowship? There is an alternative—place a card with your greetings on the board in the rear hall and have the choice of supporting Grantham Schools' Ministry and Liz Boland's work by placing a donation in the bag provided. Many thanks, Sheila T.

Church Prayer Chain. Many thanks to all who serve on the Church Prayer Chain. The Lord is good in answering our prayers! The Prayer Chain will be updated and re-issued early January 2018. If any members of the Chain feel unable to continue to serve in this way would they please let Joy or Keith Moyes know as soon as possible. If any other regular Church attenders would wish to consider sharing in this ministry would you also please speak with Joy or Keith.

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