

The good news of Jesus Christ—the Message!—begins here, following to the letter the scroll of the prophet Isaiah.



Watch closely: I'm sending my preacher ahead of you;
He'll make the road smooth for you.
Thunder in the desert!
Prepare for God's arrival!
Make the road smooth and straight!

John the Baptizer appeared in the wild, preaching a baptism of life-change that leads to forgiveness of sins. People thronged to him from Judea and Jerusalem and, as they confessed their sins, were baptized by him in the Jordan River into a changed life. John wore a camel-hair habit, tied at the waist with a leather belt. He ate locusts and wild field honey.

As he preached he said, "The real action comes next: The star in this drama, to whom I'm a mere stagehand, will change your life. I'm baptizing you here in the river, turning your old life in for a kingdom life. His baptism—a holy baptism by the Holy Spirit—will change you from the inside out."

Mark 1:1-8 (MSG)



Sunday 4th December

Felpham Methodist Church
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Knowing Jesus, Sharing God's Love

We extend a very warm welcome to everyone joining us to worship God today, especially if you are a visitor.

Greeting you at the doors for the 9am service this morning are Maggie Hill and Joy Winch. For the 10:30am service it is Marilyn Jones and Audrey Kemm.

Below are the details of today's meetings:

9:00am Holy Communion: Led by Rev'd Andy Lowe.

10:00am Prayer Group: Meet in the Prayer Room.

10:30am Toy Service: Led by Rev'd Andy Lowe.

7:30pm JAFFA: Youth Alpha.

After this morning's service we will meet for coffee and fellowship in the small hall, please join us.

Meetings for next Sunday, 11th December:

10:00am Prayer Group: Meet in the Prayer Room.

10:30am Holy Communion: Led by Rev'd Andy Lowe.

6:30pm JAFFA: Youth Alpha.

8:00pm Prayer and Praise: Led by Rev'd Andy Lowe.

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What's on this week.....**Monday:**

1:30pm Toddler Party

Tuesday:

10:30am Coffee Stop

7:30pm House Group

Wednesday:

9:30am Holy Communion

7:30pm Guild (See Note)

Thursday:

6:00pm Rocky Road

Friday:

1:30pm Toddlers

7:30pm U-Turn

Christmas Choir

Rehearsing pieces for the Carol Service on Sunday 18th December 2011 at 4pm.

Meet at church on:

Sunday 11th Dec 3-4.30pm,

Tuesday 13th Dec 7.30-9pm.

For more details contact Joyce Stroud

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QUOTE:

The church is a lifeboat not a pleasure boat. Entertainers are neither needed nor wanted. From the captain to the cook all hands are needed on deck for soul-saving. The church that does not seek the lost is "lost" itself.

REINHARD BONNKE

GUILD Wednesday 7th December

PARTY TIME! A light - hearted evening of games, (unexacting!) and carols. Light refreshments. Come and join us. You will be very welcome.

Christmas Carol Service Tea

We will be serving tea after the carol service on Sunday 18th December (service starts at 4pm) to which everyone is invited (and we hope you will all come). If anyone would be willing to make sandwiches/sausage rolls/quiches/cakes etc. I would be very grateful. There is a list outside of the kitchen door so, if you can help, please sign saying what you could bring. If possible could the food be delivered to the church on the morning of the 19th but if not, by 3:45pm on the afternoon of the service. I am also prepared to collect any food if you are unable to deliver. Many thanks, Gill Wilkinson (01243 582696)

S and S Lunches

The Christmas Buffet Lunch is on Tuesday 13th December at 12noon. All are welcome but if you do not regularly attend could you please contact Joyce on tel. 542156 by Saturday 10th for catering purposes. There will be no charge but donations will be appreciated for our chosen charity, which this year is St. Wilfrid's Hospice.

Thank you

Joy Briant would like to thank everyone who sent cards and messages of sympathy to her and her family on the loss of her sister Irene, who died on 'Remembrance Sunday'. Your kind thoughts were greatly appreciated.

Robert Kinkaid-

Moved to Dorset on Sunday. He is staying with his wife, Jean, until he moves in to his new home, hopefully before Christmas. His address is currently: 27 Coles Lane, Milborne St Andrew, Dorset, DT11 0LG, then it will be: 20 Buttercup Lane, Blandford Forum, Dorset, DT117LG. We send him our good wishes and wish him and his family God's blessing.

Action for Children

The communal Christmas card will be in the Welcome Room along with a box for donations to send greetings to members of the congregation if you wish to instead of or as well as individual cards. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Flowers

The beautiful flowers which decorate our Church today have been kindly donated by Audrey Kemm.

**Prayers**

Please enter prayer requests in the Prayer Book in the Welcome Room. These will be included in our Worship this week.

**Notices/Children and Family Worker:**

Ben Lander- Tel: 07707 391872. Email: benlander81@o2.co.uk
Notices for next week by 17:00 on Tuesday at the latest please.



Activities for children and families this December

Wednesday 14th December

Teddy Bear's Christmas Party!!

Under 5's and parents- Join us at 12:30pm with a packed lunch or at 1:30pm for a story and play time

Sunday 18th December

Christmas Family Celebration

For all the family- Join us at 10:30am for an hour of worship, craft, drama and games. 'Aimed at children, designed for the whole family!'

Monday 19th December

Children's Activity Morning

School children from year R to year 5

10am to 12pm- Games, stories, craft and singing.....

Saturday 24th December

Family Carol Service

For all the family

Join us at 4pm for an hour of fun...

And maybe a couple of carols too!

Sunday 25th December

All Age Worship

For all the family

Join us at 9:30am for a short service to celebrate Christmas morning



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