

## **Sunday Responsibilities**

Please make sure that during the month of December YOU check if you are on the Sunday rota and SWAP if you are unable to fulfil your duty. This will continue to help Sundays run smoothly.

### **DEACONS**

Becky Dear—01954 205230	Tony Mills—01954 203726
John Snead—01954 230677	Austin Day—01954 230050
Philip Blackburn—01954 789973	Yvonne Turner—01954 232103
Dawn Mills—01954 267476	

## **WHAT'S ON**

<u>Sunday</u>	10.45am	Morning Worship
	6pm	Deacons' Meeting (second Sunday of month)
	7pm	Sunday Sanctuary (Third Sunday of Month)
<u>Monday</u>	<b>6pm</b>	<b>Adventurers and Explorers Children's Club</b>
	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Survivors Club from Year 7 plus</b>
	7.30pm	Fitness
<u>Tuesday</u>	9.30am	Ladies Combat Fitness
	9:30am	Sure Start Stay and Play Group
	<b>3:15pm</b>	<b>Compass Homework club</b>
	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Chewit at Dear's home</b>
	<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Over Homegroup meets fortnightly,</b> please see Yvonne for dates and venues.
	<b>8pm</b>	<b>Home group at Blake's home</b>
<u>Wednesday</u>	9.30am	Dancing in line
	<b>1:30pm</b>	<b>Art Group</b> (No Art in December)
	<b>8:00pm</b>	<b>Home Group at Porter's home</b>
<u>Thursday</u>	9.30am	Ladies Combat Fitness
	10.30am	Compass Café
	2:30pm	Home Group at Miles' home
	7.30pm	Worship Group Practice
<u>Friday</u>	<b>9:30pm</b>	<b>Home Group at Dear's home</b>
	12.00pm	Willows Lunch Club
	6:30pm	Home group at Blackburn's (LAST Friday only)
		Let Philip/Jane know if you will be attending as a meal will be served at the beginning of the evening
	<b>6:30-9pm</b>	<b>Youth Compass Cafe</b>

*The groups in bold normally only run in term time.*

*Please see David Mann if you need more information about the groups.*

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***December Notice sheet***

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**Welcome to Bethel Baptist Church.  
This noticesheet contains all you need  
to know about events that will be  
happening in December**

### ***Welcome to Bethel***

If you are visiting us for the first time, we are delighted that you are here and hope you will stay and talk to us over coffee in the Greenwich Hall after the service.

The first Sunday of each month, we have Cafe Church where all the family can enjoy learning about God together. On the other Sundays in the month, all children and Young People are welcome to join in activities in Crèche, Pawprints and Footsteps at the given time during the service.

David, our Minister, is available to talk to, either in his office or at your own home. If you have any questions, concerns or prayer needs, please speak with David or one of the Deacons to arrange a time that is convenient to you. David normally takes **Wednesday** as his day off.

# Christmas Celebrations

## The BIG Advent Calendar

Throughout December come and see the handiwork of the various Swavesey Clubs that have helped make Bethel Baptist Church into one big Advent Calendar this year. Each day throughout December, a new window will be decorated by one of the groups. Viewing will be available most days of the week, and during key events at Bethel, but a special viewing of all the completed windows is arranged for December 24th between 2pm-4:30pm. Enjoy free mulled wine and mince pies too!

## Outdoor Nativity

Sunday 18th December @ 5pm

Come along and be a part of the GREATEST story EVER told ...

## Monday Night Club Christmas Celebration

Monday 19th December @ 4pm

If you are able to help with crafts or washing up after the meal, see Dawn

## Candlelight Christmas Eve Celebration

24th December @ 7pm

## Christmas Day Celebration

25th December @ 10:45am



Invite your friends and families to come and join in these Christmas Celebrations.



## THANK YOU ...

Thank you to everyone who made up a shoebox for the Operation Christmas Child Appeal. We sent off 18 boxes .

Thank you also to EVERYONE who helped at the Christmas Market yesterday. We had about 480 people come this year. A special thanks to Yvonne for being the overall organiser of this event.



## Manse Repair Fund

Everyone will be aware that the repair work to the manse has been completed and those that have seen the finished work have expressed universal approval. In fact there is some remaining dry-lining and insulation work to be done that will be completed in the spring.

The original estimates for the building work and kitchen, including some contingency, totalled £27,500, and gifts and pledges from the fellowship assured us that we could fund this, and indeed this has proved to be the case. Unfortunately the contingency of £1000 was insufficient due to some unexpected additional work and the total bill was almost £30500, leaving us underfunded by some £3000. This has been paid out of general church funds and so we have no liabilities beyond the remaining work mentioned before.

However our funds are not that deep, and this extra has eaten into reserves and will mean us starting next year with a lower expectation of what we can achieve in 2012. Please consider carefully in prayer if you would like to make a gift to help reduce this underfunding. If you decide to do so, then please put your gift in an envelope marked "MANSE" and place it in the offering box. If you give in cash and are registered for Gift Aid, please also write your name on the envelope.

Talk to John Snead if you want any more information about this or any other matter concerning the church finances.

## Compass Cafe



Compass Cafe is open EVERY Thursday morning from 10:30-12noon—even over the WHOLE Christmas period. Come along for a coffee/tea and piece of cake all for £1:50. Each week a different group in the village runs the cafe. Bethel runs it every SECOND Thursday in the month. It would be great to see more people serving drinks and/or making a cake. PLEASE sign up in the Greenwich Hall or see Becky if you would like to help out THIS month!

There is NO Sunday Sanctuary in December

Please email any items for Prayer to Noreen at [prayers@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk](mailto:prayers@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk)  
Please send any items for inclusion in the notice sheet to **Becky Dear** by 28/12/11  
Check out Bethel's Website for up to date information—  
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