Welcome to Paulsgrove Baptist Church for today’s service. We pray that you will know God’s presence among us as we worship Him as our Almighty Creator God. If this is your first time with us and you wish to know more about our activities, please speak to one of the stewards. Large print versions of song words and the sermon notes are available for those who need them. We invite you to stay after the service for tea, coffee and conversation.

**Today’s service**

**Service leader: James Smith; Speaker: Rob Milliken**

**Subject: Advent Service 2 “Hope to the hopeless”**

**Bible passages: Isaiah 61:1-3; Luke 4:18-19**

**Children’s Activities**

*Little Monkeys:* (0-3 yrs): in the crèche room

*Kangaroos:* (3 – 6yrs) held in the Meeting room (the first door along the corridor)

*Ignition:* (6-11yrs) held in the upstairs room and sports hall

*YPF:* (11 – 16yrs) held in the lounge

**Rota Reminder**

**Tea & Coffee servers: Today: Nigel and volunteer**

**Washing Up: Today: Des & Hilary**

**Next week: Mo & Becky**

**Next week: Steve & Margaret**

**What’s Happening This Week**

**Monday 16th December**

**Tuesday 17th December**

9.30am Sarah’s Small Group (meeting at Jane’s)

10.00am Roy & Rob’s Men’s Small Group

10.00am Gwen’s Ladies’ Small Group

7.30pm Nigel & Tracy’s Small Group

7.30pm Mark & Des’ Small Group

**Wednesday 18th December**

9.00am “Little Fishes” Christmas Party

7.00pm Craft Club

7.30pm Paul & Pam’s Small Group

**NEXT SUNDAY: 22nd December**

10.30am All Age service

All Age Service and Nativity

“Hope in the gifts” – Matthew 2:1-12

2.30pm TGSIM service

7.00pm Carol service “Light brings hope in the darkness”

Matthew 4:16-22

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NEXT QUARTER’S ROTA - Next quarter’s rota is now on the Church Noticeboard. Please check when you are next due to serve and if you need to please swop and ensure that someone else covers your duty or stands in for you. Many thanks to all those who serve.

EXPENSE CLAIMS - As the Church year end is 31st December please ensure that you submit an expense claim form for any payments that you have incurred on behalf of the Church by Sunday 29th December. Brian

CHRISTMAS NEWS SHEET & BOOKINGS - I’ll be taking a break over the Christmas holidays from Tuesday 24th December and returning on Friday 3rd January. There will be a News sheet on Sunday 22nd December and then the next one won’t be until Sunday 6th January. If you would like an item in the News sheet during this time, please let me know by midnight on Thursday 19th December.

Any bookings or changes to bookings over this period by Monday 23rd December please. Thank you! Margaret

CHRISTMAS EVENTS
Next Sunday we have our All Age service and Nativity at 10.30am.
We also have our Carol Service in the evening at 7pm followed by refreshments afterwards. Please bring neighbours, friends, family and work colleagues to this service as it is directly an outreach.
Christmas Day - 10.30am morning service
Above all pray for these services over Christmas, that God’s light will dawn on people.

LORD’S SUPPER - SUNDAY 29TH DECEMBER 12-2PM - On Sunday 29th December, we will once again be having lunch together for our final Lord’s Supper of the year. This will give us the opportunity to have conversations and reflect on God’s faithfulness to us over the past year and thank Jesus once again for the cross. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church to let us know if you will be coming, for catering purposes, as well as a sheet for how you might contribute, such as bringing a dish or helping to set up or wash up. Thanks, Dave.

PRAYER AND FASTING WEEK – 6th – 10th JANUARY 2020! - We are going to be holding another prayer and fasting week from 6th – 10th January 2020, after a successful week in January this year. We will again convert the lounge into a prayer room and are looking for people who are interested in sharing ideas and preparing the room. Please come and see Dave to register your interest. If you want to refresh yourselves in the whole area of fasting, do grab Rob’s sheets from his talks from last year, as well as look back on our website for the talks as part of the 'Slaying the Dragons' series.

THE COURSE OF YOUR LIFE - MIDWEEK DISCIPLESHIP FROM JANUARY - From January, for two terms, our midweek discipleship will concentrate on a course run at the church called 'The Course of Your Life' - an interactive course to help us think more about God’s agenda for the world and how as disciples we can also be disciple-makers. We will run this on Tuesday mornings at 10am and evenings at 7.30pm, from 14th January. Each Tuesday will alternate between the teaching course, and triplets for people to read the Bible and pray together. Small groups will then be re-established after the course has finished. If you would like to be part of this exciting development, please do sign up by the end of December - sheets are on the noticeboard.
Do ask Dave if you have any questions.

SAVE THE DATE! - SOLENT WOMEN’S CONFERENCE 2020 - BRIDGES AND BARRIERS - making Jesus known
On Saturday 14th March 2020 - flyers available at the back of church. Bookings are now open. Please speak to Sarah Aarons for more information.

This News Sheet is available online at www.paulsgrove.org.uk or by scanning the QR code.
Items for next week’s news sheet to Margaret by midnight Thursday 19th December please.
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