

## Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2019

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 and speaker: Rob Milliken**

**Subject: Advent Service 1 "The God who comes to bring hope"**

**Bible passages: Luke 1:11-17 & 2 Peter 3**

#### 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 – 16 yrs) held in the lounge



#### Rota Reminder

**Tea & Coffee servers:**

**Today: Sarah B and Fran**

**Next week: Nigel and volunteer**

**Washing Up:**

**Today: Paul H and Cheryl**

**Next week: Des & Hilary**

### What's Happening This Week

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| <b><u>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December</u></b><br><br>  | <b><u>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December</u></b><br>9.30am Sarah's Small Group (meeting at Jane's)<br>10.00am Roy & Rob's Men's Small Group<br>10.00am Gwen's Ladies' Small Group<br><b>2.00pm Victory Primary Carol service</b><br>7.30pm Nigel & Tracy's Small Group<br>7.30pm Mark & Des' Small Group | <b><u>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December</u></b><br><b>2.00pm Victory Primary Carol service</b><br>7.00pm Craft Club<br>7.30pm Paul & Pam's Small Group                |
| <b><u>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December</u></b><br><b><u>POLLING DAY – main Church used as a Polling Station today</u></b><br><b>9.00am – Morning Prayer</b><br>10.00am – 2.00pm Frontline Debt Office<br>12.00pm – 2.00pm Paulsgrove Food Bank and Drop-In will be in the lounge | <b><u>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December</u></b><br><b>3.30pm Christmas Messy Church</b><br>7.30pm Fusion   | <b><u>NEXT SUNDAY: 15<sup>th</sup> December</u></b><br><b>10.30am Advent Service 2 "Hope to the hopeless"</b><br><br>2.30pm TGSIM service<br>7.00pm First Day YP group |

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**VICTORY CAROLS** - Victory Primary School will once again be coming to PBC for some carol services, for pupils, staff and parents. We will be hosting school years 3-6 this **Tuesday** and **Wednesday** at 2pm. If you would like to be involved in ushering, EasyWorship, or serving refreshments, please do come and see Dave.

**FOODBANK & CONNECT** - Please note that this **Thursday** there will be polling at the church, and hence Foodbank will be in the lounge and Connect will not be meeting. Thanks, Paul & Foodbank Team

**PUMPKIN CHUTNEY** - Barbara still has some jars of pumpkin chutney, which she makes in aid of the Christian Blind Mission (CBM). If you would like one, please let her know as soon as possible as she is wanting to send off any donations to CBM shortly.

**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 swap and ensure that someone else covers your duty or stands in for you. Many thanks to all those who serve.

### **CHRISTMAS EVENTS**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – All Age service (10.30am) and Carol Service (7pm) – more details to follow.**  
**Christmas Day - 10.30am morning service**

**LORD'S SUPPER - SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> 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 – 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2020!** - We are going to be holding another prayer and fasting week from 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> 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 2 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> March 2020** - fliers available at the back of church. Bookings are now open. Please speak to Sarah Aarons for more information.

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