



Pointing People to Jesus

## Sunday 22<sup>nd</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 services

#### This Morning – All Age & Nativity (at 10.30am)

**Service leader: & Speaker: Dave Aarons**

**Subject: "Hope in the gifts"**

**Passage: Matthew 2:1-11**

The children and young people will be taking part in our All Age service today. Refreshments will be served during and after the service.



#### This Evening - Carol Service (at 7pm)

**Service Leader & Speaker: Rob Milliken**

**Subject: "Light brings hope in the darkness"**

**Passage: Matthew 4:14-22**

Refreshments will be served following the service.

#### **This morning Rota Reminder**

Tea & Coffee servers: Today: Mo & Becky Next week: Lord's Supper Celebration & meal – volunteers  
 Washing Up: Today: Steve & Margaret please to help with teas & coffees & washing up

### What's Happening This Week

<u>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December</u>	<u>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December</u>	<u>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Happy Christmas!</u> 10.30am Christmas Day service
<u>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December</u> No Frontline Debt today until 9 <sup>th</sup> January No Foodbank today until 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	<u>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December</u>	<b>NEXT SUNDAY: 29<sup>th</sup> December</b> 12.00pm Lord's Supper & celebration "Hope through the cross & resurrection" Luke 24:13-35 2.30pm TGSIM service

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## **CHRISTMAS EVENTS**

**This morning at 10.30am we have our All Age service and Nativity with refreshments being served.**

**We also have our Carol Service this evening at 7pm followed by refreshments afterwards. Please bring neighbours, friends, family and work colleagues to this service as it is directly an outreach.**

**On Christmas Day at 10.30am, we meet to celebrate our Saviour's birth!**

**Above all pray for these services over Christmas, that God's light will dawn on people.**

## **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 31<sup>st</sup> December please ensure that you submit an expense claim form for any payments that you have incurred on behalf of the Church by **next Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December**. Brian

## **CHRISTMAS NEWS SHEET & BOOKINGS**

I'll be taking a break over the Christmas holidays from this Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December and returning on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January. The next News sheet will be Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January and if you would like an item in the News sheet during this time, please let me know by **midnight on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January**.

Any bookings or changes to bookings over this period by **tomorrow** please. Thank you! Margaret

## **LORD'S SUPPER - SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 12-2PM**

On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 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!**

For the week of Monday 6<sup>th</sup> to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January, our church will be spending time praying and fasting for the year ahead and clearing most of our regular activities in order to spend time seeking the Lord. We will be converting the lounge into a prayer room, and it will be open each day that week from 9am-12pm, 3.30-5.00pm, and 7.30-9.00pm. The room will have many aids to prayer, and will therefore be very interactive, to suit all styles and ages of pray-ers! If you would like some help in understanding the biblical principle of fasting, there are some copies of Rob's notes on fasting from last year, plus his talks are still available in our Sermon Centre, if you search in the archive section for the series: "Give, Pray, Fast - Slaying the Dragons."

## **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 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.

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