



BBC NEWS

We meet in various ways ...

Sundays Morning service: 11am (*see time for the 12th*)

Sing Praise: 12th @ 6pm (Church Institute)

Tea-time Service: 26th @ **5pm** (this month)

Home Groups: Monday & Tuesday evenings

Connect: 2nd, 16th & 30th November @ 2pm

Well-being Revive: Mondays, from 1pm until 2.30pm

Children & Family activities (term time)

Revive Café: Mondays @ 2.30 (term-time)

Bratton Bugs: Fridays @1.45-3pm

Comets: Friday 17th at 6.30pm (for Key Stage 2 chn.)

Messy Church: Sunday 19th @ 4pm

Fusion: 3rd November (for 11-14s)

“Early Bird” Joint Prayer Meeting: Wednesdays @ 7am

Pickleberry Ladies coffee & catch-up: Thursdays @ 11

Opportunity to worship: Friday 7pm
(see Steve for dates)

Leadership Team: Monday 6th @ 7.30pm

Well-being Revive:

This is now meeting every Monday from 1pm until 2.30pm (merging into Revive Café), in the chapel.

This is an open space opportunity for everyone, to just come along, share a game or activity, meet some lovely people, etc.



There will be a short reflection half way through, for those who wish to participate. All, with the aim of helping to raise everyone’s sense of wellbeing and belonging.

Update from Esther:



Dear church,

As we head towards the Advent season, I'm praying that we may all have a close sense of Jesus moving and working among us as we celebrate his incarnation.

During November I will mostly be carrying on with my normal routine of being in church Mondays, Thursdays and Sundays. I will be staying in Bristol from the 20th to 24th for a study week - please pray I make some good progress on my PhD as I near my deadline!

Also, some very, very early notice to save the date for my ordination and induction service which will be taking place on **Saturday 7th September 2024** at 14:30pm. More details will be provided closer to the time but it would be so lovely if you can be there.

Every Blessing, Esther

Other Notices:

Preachers during November:

5th: Daniel Clark

12th: Graham Warmington—Remembrance Sunday
- **Service starts at 10am (not 11am)**

19th: Gary Woodall

26th: Chris Smith

Great News:

Thanks to those involved in the decision making and sorting the problem out, the church cooker is now fixed, so that the Christmas EE Lunch can take place on the 6th December.

Praying for each other ('23 Annual report):

1] The following members of our congregation:

Congregation members whose surname begins with "H".

2] **FUSION**—please Pray: [a] for the youth that they might capture something of God's kingdom at work in this church, and his love for them; [b] for safety for the youth as they navigate the building; [c] for God's blessing on the team as they sacrifice their Friday evenings.

Even greater news:

Great news...we'll be having a Baptism service in the New Year (date to be confirmed). Esther will be leading some sessions for any who would like to find out more about Baptism. These will take place at the chapel in the upstairs lounge at 7:30pm on the first three Tuesdays of December (5th/12th/19th).

If you want any more details, do please speak to Esther.

Some practical news:

Allison is now our official appointed First Aider. If you are running an activity/event and Allison is present in the building, she will be the first place to seek help. If you're running an activity/event where Allison will not be there, as the organiser, you will be responsible for making sure if first aid is required, that you know where to signpost for this. If you'd like any more information regarding the first aid box/first aid forms, do please speak to Allison. Can you please also report any use of first aid items to Allison and leave any accident report forms on her desk.



Talking about Allison, we are very thrilled to be able to mention that she has achieved her MA in Applied Theology (with merit). A card and flowers

were presented to her last month to mark this, but there were quite a few away who might not have heard the news.



Request for specific donations:



...of any unwanted wii games going spare. This is because the ones that we had were stolen when we had the break-in—

(we've since been given a "wii fit" by somebody in Bratton who read about it).

Please see Bev if you help with this.

This month's cartoon:

originally from the Baptist Times



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If you wish to include something in next month's Newsletter, please let me have it (electronically or on paper) by the 28th of the previous month - (other than February, of course).

*By just telling me of something will probably mean that I will have forgotten it, by the time I get home!*

*Graham*

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## And finally:

**"In prayer I shift my point of view away from my own selfishness. I climb above the timber line and look down at the speck that is myself. I gaze at the stars and recall what role I or any of us play in a universe beyond comprehension. Prayer is the act of seeing reality from God's point of view."**

*(Philip Yancey: "Prayer")*