

## This Week

Tuesday	December 10 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Life Groups
Wednesday	December 11 <sup>h</sup>	2.30-4.30pm	Welcome café
Thursday	December 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	The Ark toddler group
		7-9pm	Ten Sing
Friday	December 13 <sup>th</sup>	7-8.30pm	Youth Club for school years 7-11
Sunday	December 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Pop-up Nativity
		6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight

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It would be appreciated if phone calls could be left until after 10am.

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Please I have copy for each newsletter by 4pm on the preceding Thursday.  
Thanks, Sheila

HBC has its own Facebook page



Connecting people to Jesus Christ and to each other

*“But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for out of you will come a ruler  
who will shepherd my people Israel.”  
(Matt 2:6)*

**Sunday December 8th 2024 (2nd Sunday of Advent)**

The service is led by **Zara Hutchinson-Gonçalves**

**The Rev Chris Farmer** brings us the message.

Theme: The Promised One.

**Services in Church** You can connect to the service via your **telephone landline** on **0330 088 5830**. There may be an automatic answer asking for the meeting ID, but it may just wait, in which case just put in the number: **238 183 824 #** Ignore the next question (about your ID or password) and press **#** again. You will be able to hear and speak to everyone.

**The Zoom Meeting** ID: 238 183 824

You can join Zoom for the live service, Recordings of the Sunday sermons are available on the Church Website.

Please see the HBC website at [www.histonbaptist.org.uk](http://www.histonbaptist.org.uk)

**Prayer Corner** If you would like someone to pray with you, the Prayer Corner is open after each morning service. All matters are treated as confidential unless there is need to report a safeguarding concern.

**Please Pray For**  
David Christison, The Burmans,  
Ruth Wilson, John Blackburn,  
David Mudd, Hazel Newman,  
Keith Mason (following a serious hand injury)

### Pop-Up Nativity - Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am.

You are warmly invited to our family Nativity service where everyone gets a chance to partake in this fun and interactive service! We will have a wardrobe of Nativity costumes and props for people of all ages to choose from in the hall from 10am, Christmas carols to sing and festive refreshments afterwards. As part of this service the monetary offering (cash or card) will be going towards The Bible Society ([www.biblesociety.org.uk](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk)) who provide the script for our Nativity. The only question that remains is, which Nativity character will you be?!



### Carols by Candlelight - Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm

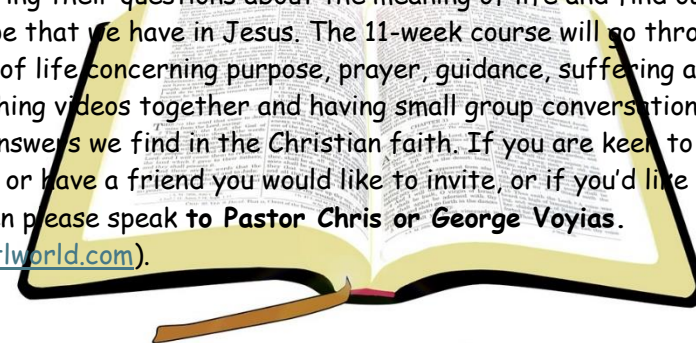
Join us for our traditional Carols by Candlelight service. We have Prof. David Rowland from Christ's College, Cambridge, playing the organ for us as we sing our favourite Christmas carols together by candlelight. The service will alternate between traditional carols and bible readings that speak of the coming of Jesus. There will be a short talk during the service and hot mulled wine and mince pies to enjoy afterwards.



### Alpha

In the New Year we are hoping to run an Alpha course, which is designed to help people bring their questions about the meaning of life and find out more about the hope that we have in Jesus. The 11-week course will go through the big questions of life concerning purpose, prayer, guidance, suffering and faith through watching videos together and having small group conversations as we explore the answers we find in the Christian faith. If you are keen to partake in this course or have a friend you would like to invite, or if you'd like to be on the team, then please speak to Pastor Chris or George Voyias.

([g.voyias@ntlworld.com](mailto:g.voyias@ntlworld.com)).



### Song Sheets

A small number of song sheets with the words of the songs being used in the Sunday morning service are now being produced each week by Janet Johnson. These can be found in a red file by the duty deacon's table and are for those who remain seated during the songs and cannot see the words on the screen. Please return the sheets to the deacon at the end of the service.

### Flowers

Thanks to all the flower ladies for their Christmas decoration in the church. These will take the place of pedestals for the rest of this year.

### Birthdays.

There are no birthdays on my list this week. If you, or one of the family has a birthday not mentioned this year **please tell me** so that I can update the list. Thank you. **Sheila**

