

This Week

Wednesday	December 18th	2.30-4.30pm 6pm	Welcome café Carols on The Green
Thursday	December 19 th	8pm	Carol singing in the Histon pubs
Sunday	December 22nd	10.30am	Taizé Communion

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Website: www.histonbaptist.org.uk

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

*"The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son,
and they will call him Immanuel,
which means "God with us.""
Matthew 1:23*

Sunday December 15th, 2024 (3rd Sunday of Advent)

The service is led by **The Rev Chris Farmer**
who also brings us the message.
Theme: Pop-up Nativity

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

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

Roger and Sheila Parr,
David Christison, The Burmans,
Ruth Wilson, John Blackburn,
David Mudd, Hazel Newman,
The Hammond Family

Pop-Up Nativity - This Sunday at 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) who provide the script for our Nativity. The only question that remains is, which Nativity character will you be?!

Carols by Candlelight - tonight (15th) at 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.

Carols on the Green

Join us on the village green this Wednesday 18th from 6pm, as we gather together to reflect on the Christmas story through singing carols, hearing scripture and a short interactive talk. This is an event for all ages within our community, hosted by the Churches Together. We look forward to seeing you there!

Carol Singing in the Histon Pubs

This has been arranged for Thursday 19 December with singing at the Red Lion at 8.00pm and at the King William IV at 9.00pm. This should be a popular festive evening where we will hand out carol sheets to people in the pub to sing along with us. Could you please let **Andy Zarkos Smith** or **George Voyias** know if you would be able to join us?



Pastor Chris Away

Chris and the family will be on holiday after the Christmas Day Service until 3rd January.

Sock Sunday

Thank you very much for so generously donating to this years' Sock Sunday. You have very kindly donated over £900 to BMS's Justice for Children Appeal. **Debs**.

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).



Happy Birthday to Carole Voyias (16th), David Johnson and Bart Gonçalves (18th). Apologies to Oliver White whose birthday was on the 13th and got left off this newsletter last week.