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**Information**

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# Fellowship News

## Welcome to everyone

If this is your first time with us, or you are visiting today, then a very special welcome to you: we hope you have a great time with us. Please do make yourself known to one of the welcoming or leadership team, who will be able to tell you more about life at St Helens and St Barnabas. Refreshments are served after both services; in church at St Barnabas, and in the church hall at St Helens. Please do join us!

For Information about Kids Church please see inside this edition of Fellowship News!

## Keep in Touch

For more information on the life of our church and the various activities to get involved with:



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## 22nd December

9.00am at St Barnabas  
10.30am at St Helens  
6.30pm at St Helen (Carols)

Today in our service of Holy Communion, our reading is Matthew 1: 18—25 (Page 965)

## Christmas Eve

4.00pm at St Helens (Christingle)  
11.30pm at St Helens (Midnight Communion)

## Christmas Day

9.00pm at St Barnabas (HC)  
10.00am at St Helens (All Age Worship)

## 29th December

9.00am at St Barnabas (MP)  
10.30am at St Helen (All Age MP)

## 5th January 2020

9.00am at St Barnabas (MP)  
10.30am at St Helen (All Age MP)

## 12th January

9.00am at St Barnabas (HC)  
10.30am at St Helen (HC)

## Our Mission Statement

Our vision is to be a healing community, loving like Jesus; growing His Kingdom in our families, church life, town, nation and world.

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## Weekly Diary

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### Activities commence again the week beginning Monday 6th January 2020

Monday 6th	12.45pm	St Barnabas	Monday Prayer
Tuesday 7th	10.00am	St Barnabas	Art Group
Wednesday 8th	9.30am	St Helen's Hall	Happy Hands
	9.30am—12.00pm	Church House	Prayer Room
	11.00am	St Barnabas	Holy Communion
	1.45pm	St Barnabas	CAMEO (see below)
Thursday 9th	7.30pm	St Helen	Worship Team
Friday 10th	7.15pm	St Barnabas	Film night ("The Impossible")
	7.30pm	St Helen's Hall	Youth Group
Saturday 11th	7.00pm	St Helen's Hall	Epiphany Party (see below)

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## Notices

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### FELLOWSHIP NEWS ITEMS DEADLINE: 6PM WEDNESDAY 15th JANUARY

**PRAYER MINISTRY** is offered at the end of the service at St Helen's Church each Sunday. To arrange prayer during the week please contact:

**Leader:** Lynn White

**Organiser:** June Potter

**PRAYER IN CHURCH HOUSE** Prayer for the service at St Helens takes place in Church House from 10am each Sunday. All welcome!

**PRAYER ROOM!** The Prayer Room will be closed on Wednesday 25th December and Wednesday 1st January, re-opening on Wednesday 8th January between 9.30am and 12.30pm. Colossians 4:2 'Devote yourselves to prayer...'

**HAPPY HANDS BABY & TODDLER GROUP** is now closed for the Christmas Holidays and will re-open on Wednesday 8th January 2020. Tea/Coffee served from 9.30am. All welcome!

**EPIPHANY PARTY!** We will be holding an Epiphany Party in St Helen's Hall on Saturday 11th January 2020 at 7pm. This will be a shared buffet with a quiz and entertainment. If you would like to take part in the entertainment please speak to Lynne Clayton, Penny Avann or Nick Warren.

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURE:** The church office is now closed until Monday 13th January 2020. If you need to contact someone urgently please contact either Lynne Clayton or Simon Jones.

**CAMEO** correction - is 17 years old, not 27 as reported last week. The FINAL for 2019 last Wednesday was no exception, as its Christmas Celebration demonstrated the skills, dedication and love shown by its leading Team. Warmest thanks to Nick & Pearl, Chris & June, and Vi for their 50 weekly efforts each year. Their New Year BEGINS on **Wednesday 8 January** at 1.45pm, when they look forward to welcoming old and new members for the opening QUIZ and TABLE SALE.

**HASTINGS FOODBANK URGENTLY NEED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:** Tinned Meat, Tinned Fish, Tinned potatoes, Rice Pudding, Tinned vegetables, Custard, pasta, pasta

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sauce, long-life juice, teabags and coffee. They also like to give sweet and savoury snacks when possible and are out of stock of these too!

**STAMPS & BIBLES** Cynthia Care is collecting used stamps for the Bible Society. Any used stamps, British or foreign received at church. Thank you.

**TODAY** (22nd) at 3 pm, there is a **CHRISTINGLE SERVICE** in the Conquest Hospital Chapel (Level 2) to which anyone is invited to attend.

**CHURCH TOGETHER UNITY SERVICE** will be held at The Hastings Centre, The Ridge, Hastings on Sunday 26 January 2020 at 3pm. The main speaker is Marvin Rees, Mayor of Bristol and the worship will be led by Hannah Latty and friends. Parking in the centre will be free of charge but get there early if you want to get a space.

**PRAYER & PRAISE** As the next scheduled Prayer & Praise clashes with the Church Together Unity Service we will cancel January's Prayer & Praise. Please do try and attend the Church Together Unity Service. The next Prayer & Praise will be on 29th March 2020.

**KIDS CHURCH** Today (22nd December) the children will be having their Christmas Party in the Church Hall. Kids Church will then close for the holidays, resuming on Sunday 12th January 2020. There is an activity corner at the back of St Helen's Church for children to use.

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## Collects

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### 22nd December

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Christmas Eve (Midnight Service)

Eternal God, in the stillness of this night you sent your almighty Word to pierce the world's darkness with the light of salvation: give to the earth the peace that we long for and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

### Christmas Day

Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and our eternal God. Amen.

### 29th December

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

### 5th January 2020

Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### 12th January 2020

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.