

The Blaby Baptist Messenger



**December / January
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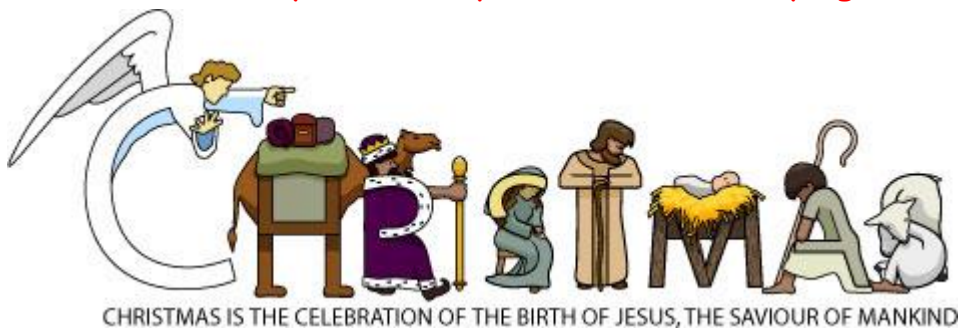
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Greetings from Pastor Pauline

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So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us." And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. - Luke 2:15-16



When they saw the star, they were filled with joy! They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Matthew 2:10-11

*From the
Pastor*

Personal

We have quite a few of our members and friends who are or have been under the weather recently but with it being so changeable it's no wonder. The plants in the garden seem to be all topsy turvey, I have a Camelia out in flower with loads of buds which should flower in spring. I check the forecast every night to see if there will be a frost!

We still need prayers for Tony and Vic, and Pray their eyes continue to improve.

Bette has also been poorly and is needing to have frequent visits to the doctors but we pray that it will all settle and for her to begin improving so she can just focus on (her new baby) Amber the puppy!

Nev has started a new course of treatment hoping it will help him cope with his pain better. Di isn't too good at the moment, she's got a nasty cold which is proving to be difficult to get rid of. Please remember all of these in your prayers, also pray for Eileen, Hilda and Dino.

Marilyn is in hospital at the moment. She's had hip operation but is improving nicely.

If there are any people I haven't mentioned please let me know for the next edition.

May you all have a peaceful Christmas and a happy New Year. God Bless you all.

Wynne



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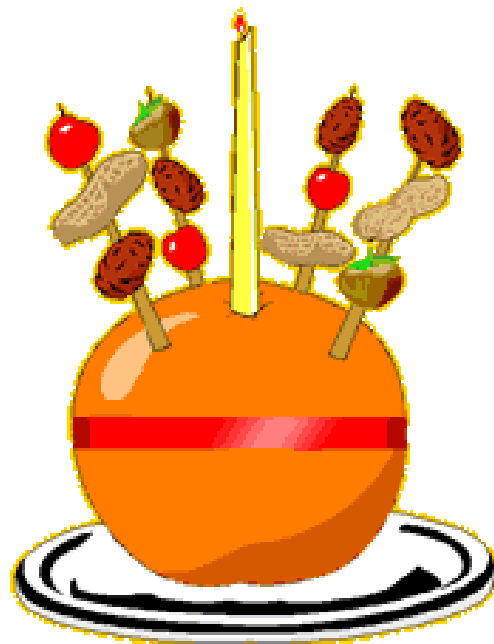
December 3rd 4pm – 5 pm

Come and hear

the Christmas story

make a

Christingle



and enjoy tea together

Come and join us for



It is a time for the whole family to be involved in:

January 7th

Games

Songs

February 7th

Crafts

Stories

Activities

Food

we will be delighted to welcome you on the 1st Sunday of every month at 4pm.



CHRISTMAS Quiz Night

Mon 11th Dec 2017

Starts promptly at 7.00 p.m.

Tickets: £5.00

***Supper & light refreshments included
(Please bring your own drinks)***

Prizes for the winning & losing teams!

*** Tables set for teams of up to x4 people ***

Contact for Tickets: Nev Taylor on 07825 179418



2 Timothy 1:6

*For this reason I remind you to
fan into flame the gift of God,
which is in you through the
laying on of my hands.*

12 Christmas Prayers

1 Faith

Father God, it is by Your grace we have been saved, and through our faith – this is not from ourselves, but a gift from you – not by our works. (Ephesians 2 v8-9)

2 Hope

May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in Hope. (Romans 15 v4)

3 Love

Help us to love because You first loved us. (1 John 4 v19)

4 Forgiveness

Thank you for being faithful and just in forgiving us our sins and thus purifying us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1 v9)

5 Mercy

Let us be merciful, just as our Father is merciful. (Luke 6 v36)

6 Kindness

Let us be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as through Jesus, You forgave us. (Ephesians 4 v32)

7 Generosity

Let us be enriched in every way to be generous in every way and to give the glory and thanks to you Lord! (2 Corinthians 9 v11)

8 Compassion

Let us live in harmony with one another, be sympathetic and compassionate, love as brothers, and be humble. (1 Peter 3 v8)

9 Joy

Let us be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer. (Romans 12 v12)

10 Salvation

Thank you for providing Jesus who is the way, the truth, the life and the only way to You. (John 14 v6)

11 Obedience

Help us not merely listen to Your Word, and so deceive ourselves. Help us to do what it says. (James 1 v22-25)

12 Life

Thank you for coming that we may have life, and have it to the full. (John 10 v10)

We wish you all a Blessed Christmas and Peaceful New Year.

Shirley, Nev, Sheila, Tony, Jon, and Laura

The Joy of Giving!



Dear friends,

Thank you so much for supporting this year's **Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal**. St Paul in 1 Corinthians 12:14 says: *"For the body itself is not made up of only one part, but of many parts."* This year, it truly felt as if Blaby Baptist Church was able to send an amazing **80 shoeboxes**, thanks to the many parts (people) coming together – shopkeepers, drivers, knitters, parents, friends, neighbours, workmates, users of our building and, of course, our congregation, those who filled boxes and those who gave money towards transportation. We thank God for inspiring so many people to become involved and for their generosity.

Here is the breakdown of gender/ages of our 80 boxes

Age	Boys	Girls
2 – 4	7	5
5 – 9	23	31
10 – 14	6	8
Total	36	44



Thank you for sharing God's love and our plenty with those who have so little, especially at Christmas when we remember the coming of Jesus, the greatest gift of all.

Frances

Persecuted Church update



Ahok



Pastor Kholmatov

Ahok, the capital's first Christian and ethnic minority governor since the 1960s, was arrested during his re-election campaign against a Muslim contender – during which Islamist extremists took to the streets to protest against him.

One day after losing the election, Ahok's prosecutors downgraded the blasphemy charges against him, saying he should not have to serve prison time but the judge still issued a harsh two-year sentence against him, which he is now serving.

In April 2017, Protestant church leader **Pastor Bahrom Kholmatov** was summoned for questioning and then arrested by Tajikistan's National Security Committee. Three months later, he was sentenced to three years' imprisonment which he is now serving. His crime was *'singing extremist songs in church and so inciting religious hatred'*.

The window of opportunity to write to a Christian in North Korea was very small and is now closed. However 2,292 letters are being delivered slowly and safely.

Thank you for praying for persecuted Christians, that they may remain strong in their faith and for their persecutors, that they may encounter Christ and be forever changed.

Welcome Back!



To membership

Geeta





I and my family are going to France and Belgium next year, visiting World War 1 Military Memorial Sites.

When visiting these Memorials we feel that it would be a privilege to trace and pay respects on behalf of those whose loved ones did not return home to their families. If you would like us to do this on your behalf, then this is some of the information that we would need.

The parent/relative's surname plus the name, rank, number, regiment and address of the deceased. If the deceased's memorial area is traced then we will photograph the entry in the memorial book, the name on the memorial wall and provided with, we would place a cross or poppy or other memento in the memorial garden.

Please speak to Janet Graham for further information or to pass on the information required by us.

Thank you, Karen O'Connell



SUNDAY EVENING

WORSHIP MEETINGS

**Dates are confirmed for our
evening meetings in 2018,
which will be held at 6pm:-**

28 January

25 February

25 March (Palm Sunday)

29 April

20 May (Pentecost)

24 June

29 July

19 August

30 September

28 October

25 November

No meeting in December

Praise Him!



What is the meaning of life?

Why do bad things happen to good people?

Why is there suffering?

Who is God?

Come along to the Alpha Course and find the answers you are looking for.

If you would like to be part of an exciting journey? Talk to June Hughes for more information.

June Hughes 0780 9502830



**BIRTHDAY
SCHEME**



*Do something wonderful on your birthday.
Share the gift of life.*



December

14th Wynne Hummel

January

3rd Pastor Pauline

23rd Janet Graham



Get involved in this worthy cause. Talk to Ann James for
more information.

Home Group

Discipleship, worship, prayer,

Bible study and social

Usually meet Wednesday
evenings, various venues

7:30pm

Contact Kathryn:

07954784994

Blaby Baptist Church

77th year

Women's Own

December 6th
Carols and Cake
2:30pm

January
No Meeting

February
AGM



Bring a friend - she will be glad you did

Friendship Group

Meets every Wednesday evening

December 6th
Coffee at Jan and Roy's

December 13th
TBA

December 20th
Lunch at Southfields College

January 10th
Organisational Meeting





**Monday Evenings
6:00pm**

Will resume in the New Year

**For more information
Speak to Bette Bolton
277 5391**



Offertory

Offertory figures (note these includes envelopes, open plate and direct bank giving)

September 3rd £988.68

10th £453.60

17th £397.75

24th £351.31

Average £547.84

October 1st £655.30

8th £702.40

15th £325.48

22nd £410.40

29th £417.95

Average £502.31

Kitchen update. The utilities have been put into place (first fix). Hatch and door way have been knocked through and the floor screed laid and the walls and ceiling plastered.

Les



Thoughts from the Reluctant Editor

Here we are in the busiest seasons of the year. A time when we are supposed to be celebrating the birth of Jesus and all that that means for the world. Yet it becomes difficult with all of the distraction out there, all of the things vying for our attention. It can break your heart as you watch people get caught in all the trappings of the season that are not what Christmas should be.

I know that my parents must have gone through all of the things that parents go through today to try and ensure that their children had a Christmas to remember and as I look back I say Thank you because they did the best they could. Now I realise that the most important thing is to share the season with those you love. As a church we sent off shoe boxes to children we have never met but I feel that we are sharing with people we love. We did not send extravagance but whatever we sent will be appreciated and cherished.

We have a hurting world that needs to know Jesus and the power of his love. Our prayers do not have to compete with the noise all around us but they will bring blessing to those who need to see the love of Jesus in us.

Karen





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Blaby Baptist Church Calendar

December 5th	Deacons meeting 7pm
December 6th	Brownies Christingle 6pm
December 9th	Enderby Wind Band concert
December 17th	Carol Service
December 18th	Stokes School Christingle 9:30am
December 20th	Toddlers Christmas celebrations
December 24th	Family Christmas Service 10:45am
December 25th	Christmas Day Service 10am
January 7th	Covenant Service
January 7th	Messy Church 4pm
January 13th	Being secure and significant in Jesus led by Prue Bedwell.
January 14th	Prue Bedwell to preach
January 21st	Church meeting
February 4th	Messy Church 4pm
February 21st	Brownies Thinking Day 6pm
March 4th	Church Anniversary Mark Aldridge to preach
March 11th	Mothering Sunday
March 18th	Church AGM
March 25th	Palm Sunday
March 29th	Maundy Thursday service 6pm
March 30th	Easter Messy Church fun 10am – 12pm
March 30th	Good Friday service 6pm
April 1st	Easter Sunday
May 26st – June 2nd Pauline on holiday in the New Forest	



Church Services

Sunday Service: 10:45 am

Communion: The third Sunday of every month.

Groups

Wednesday:

Playtime: 10am-11:30 an informal drop-in session for babies and toddlers. £1 per session.

Contact Pauline 0116 2477450

Friendship Group: 7:30pm-9pm every Wednesday.

Contact Pauline 0116 2477450

Women's Own: 2:30-4pm every first Wednesday.

Contact Pauline 0116 2477450

Friday:

Rhythm Time: morning classes (babies and toddlers)

Contact Chris 0116 2773239

Rainbows/ Brownies/ Guides/ Rangers

Contact Beryl 07891689841



*For unto us
a child is born,*

..... HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED

Wonderful Counsellor,
THE MIGHTY GOD

THE EVERLASTING FATHER,

The Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

