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Keeping you in touch with forthcoming events at Petersfield URC

Advent Sunday 3 December 2017



11 am : Liss Band

We wish everyone a very warm welcome to our service and we trust you will experience God's blessing as we worship Him together. If you are a visitor, please make yourself known to those at the door and please sign our visitors' book in the entrance foyer.

Tea and coffee will be served in the church hall following the morning service. Everyone is most welcome to stay and enjoy this time together.

PRAYER - If there are any particular people or situations in need of prayer that you would like to be circulated on the prayer chain, please contact Brian & Audrey Blogg on 01730 710565. Please be assured that these matters will be kept confidential by members of the prayer chain. In addition, there is a prayer email address of the church. It is: Prayer@PetersfieldURC.com Also you may text your prayer requests on: 07800 000 418 Please continue to hold all members of the congregation and all aspects of church life in your prayers.



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We are delighted to welcome Liss Band who are leading our service this morning.

Great News! - I am delighted that following the unanimous decision at church meeting last Tuesday to invite Josh Thomas to be our new minister he has accepted! Once I knew that I emailed him to tell him of the special atmosphere there had been at church meeting. He replied saying "We are really excited and a bit taken aback that everyone was so behind us! We are really looking forward to coming and joining you down there, everything felt so right at the weekend and I really am looking forward to working alongside you!" Exciting times ahead, Carol

Please keep the weekend of 30 June free as this is likely to be the weekend of Josh's ordination and induction

Thank you! - Pam Welch would like to thank everyone for the church flowers, the kind thoughts and good wishes she received for her 90th birthday recently. These were all very much appreciated.

Christmas Card deadline TODAY Sunday 3 December - If you would like to include a greeting for this year's card, please send it to me by **TODAY Sunday 3 December**. All the messages will then be collated into a card that will be printed and distributed to everyone at the services from 10 December onwards. Mary Evans

Liss service of Carols and Readings - **There will be a service to include Christmas readings and carols at Liss at 9.30 NEXT SUNDAY December 10th**, which will be led by Rosemary Ward. This was not decided until after the Messenger went to print.

JFC Nativity Service and Gift Service next Sunday 10 December- Don't forget next Sunday is the JFC nativity service and also the gift service when we have the opportunity to bring gifts for Two Saints to distribute to those they help in Portsmouth. Things such as trendy socks for ladies and men, gloves, scarves, nice biscuits, chocolates and anything else that you think is suitable! Please bring them with wrapping paper loosely wrapped around the items and secured with an elastic band so that the presents can be distributed appropriately.

Shoebboxes -_A Big THANK YOU to ALL who provided shoebboxes for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Appeal. We collected 37 shoebboxes!
More details about how many boxes worldwide were collected and where it went, will be available in the next Messenger in 2018. Many thanks, Esmé

Nativity service next Sunday 10th December

Would your child like to be involved? Fiona Darling of the JFC would love to hear. Are they willing to dress up and act/memorize a couple of lines/ more lines/ to read out loud in church/ to sing in a group/say prayers out loud in church?

Rehearsal time - 2-4pm Saturday 9th December in the church .

If you have little ones just joining us on the day then they are welcome to come dressed as an angel or shepherd and join in.

Join us for mince pies and other refreshments afterwards in the CFC.

Connie's Handicraft Group - Thank you for your continued support and generous donations for the items made by the group. We have recently been able to give David Darling a further £100 for the Ukraine Mission. As we approach Christmas, there are handmade gifts, toys, decorations and Christmas cards available for a donation.

Senior Junior Moments , Wednesday 3rd January 2018 , a day of activities, entertainment and a fish and chip lunch for older people . We will share the day with some children who will be also providing the entertainment. There is £5 charge to cover the cost of the meal. Please speak to Julie to book your place.

If anyone would like to receive "Evangelicals Now" for £15 a year, please make contact with Robin Ive.

Also, is there anybody who would like to distribute the "Good News" magazine to houses etc? Please see Robin Ive

PACT Christmas lunch - We still need a clean up crew, (from 3:30pm Christmas day for around an hour), all other positions are filled now. PACT Christmas Day lunch have been offered the use of the Age Concern mini bus on Christmas Day to pick up the guests, however they need MIDAS qualified drivers to be able to use this useful mode of transport! Please contact Katie on pactchristmaslunch@gmail.com if you are able to help.

If you would like to include any notices in the next issue of In Touch, please make sure they get to Keith and Mary Evans by 6pm Thursday at the latest. Tel 01730 235922 or e-mail keithnmary@talktalk.net