

Upton Vale

BAPTIST CHURCH

ITEMS FOR PRAYER WITH PASTORAL AND OTHER NEWS

Those unwell or in need of prayer: Linda Want, John Gibbings, Jenny Green, Valerie Bailey and Sue & Matthew Amobi.

Unable to get out regularly: Mavis Bumford, Myra Clapp & Gwenda Thomas

In Ministry elsewhere: *This Sunday:* Nigel Pearce at Malborough BC. Leonard Mason at Buckfastleigh Methodist. *Next Sunday:* Steve Cosslett at Paignton Baptist Church.

Day	Psm	N.T.	Bible Reading and Prayer Guide
Sun	123	Luke 6	Ade Gascoyne and the church at Totnes
Mon	124	Luke 7	Those recently bereaved
Tue	125	Luke 8	The team heading up the search for new senior pastor
Wed	126	Luke 9	Steve Cosslett preparing for Baptist ministry
Thu	127	Luke 10	Sherwell Valley School – Carol Concert here tonight
Fri	128	Luke 11	Juries and Judges making life changing decisions
Sat	129	Luke 12	The all-age nativity service tomorrow

UV Staff

Joel Ward (Youth Pastor)
 Ele Hine (Families)
 Paul Hine (Children)
 Martin Dean (Administration)
 Sue Maloney (Office)
 Mat Miller (Caretaking)
 Zina Pacaruru (Cleaning)
 Steve Hyde (Asst. Caretaking)
 Annette Harpham (Celebrations)
 Sally Parsons (CAP Manager)
 Jon Wise (CAP Coach)

UV Elders

Martin Brace, Andrew Fordyce,
 Wendy John, David Jones, Rachel
 Martin, Becky Stockley, Sally Sutton.

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Our Church Office is
 normally open
 9am – 3pm
 Monday – Thursday
 and 9am – 1pm Friday

Useful Information

A **radio loop** exists for hearing aids.

Sermons can be downloaded from our website or purchased on CD for £1 from the Welcome Desk.

Our **prayer team** (blue lanyards) can be found at the front of the church after the service if you feel you would like prayer ministry.

The Pastoral Action Team are able to facilitate prayer support at other times during the week. Contact – pastoral@uptonvale.org.uk or leave a message at the welcome desk or with the church office.

This Morning

10.30am: Morning Celebration

Preacher: Ade Gascoyne **Bible Passage:** Luke 2:1-7

“Stable Birth”

Ade is the pastor at Totnes United Free Church

This Afternoon

4pm: Songs of Praise. Preacher: Steve Cosslett
Bible Passage: Isaiah 9:2-7. *“Jesus – The Light of the World”*

Next Sunday, 10 December

10.30am: All-Age Nativity Service. “Are We There Yet?”

All welcome to this All-Age Nativity Service

Other Christmas Services at UV

Carol Services	Sunday 17 December	4pm & 7pm
Christmas Eve Celebration	Sunday 24 December	10.30am
Late Night Service	Sunday 24 December	11.30pm
Christmas Day Celebration	Monday 25 December	10am

Promotional video about Christmas at UV at <https://vimeo.com/245099312>

Christmas Goodies for After the Carol Services.

Thank you for the gifts received so far. Please bring in packs of mince pies and shortbread for us to use after the Carol Services. We would be grateful if you could bring these donations to church and leave them at the welcome desk this Sunday.

Visitors: Welcome to Upton Vale. Please visit the Welcome Desk for a leaflet telling you all about the Church. Our Welcome Team will be wearing orange lanyards and will be happy to answer any question including guiding children to the correct group.

THE WEEK AHEAD AT UV

MON 4 Dec	12 noon 1.30 – 2.45pm 5 – 6.30pm 6.30 – 8pm 7.30pm	Monday Lunches (65+) in the Main Hall Cameo (65+) – visit from Torre Academy School Children's Nativity Dress Rehearsal in the Church Junior Boys Brigade in the Sports Hall CLT & Search Committee meet in Lymington Room
TUES 5 Dec	7.30 - 8am 2.15 – 3.45pm 6.30 – 9.30pm	Prayer Meeting in the Beacon Lounge Daytime Small Group in the Beacon Lounge Senior Boys Brigade (11–18yrs) in the Sports Hall
WED 6 Dec	6 – 7.30pm 6.15 – 7.30pm 7.30 – 9.30pm 7.30 – 9pm	TOAST Youth Club (11-13yrs) in the Basement Ignite in Main Hall – Kubb Challenge Youth Night (13-18yrs) in Basement Prayer for Persecuted Church in the Cottage Cafe
THUR 7 Dec	10am -12noon 10am–12noon 7.30 – 9.30pm	CAP Drop-In in the Riviera Room Morning Out Toddler Nativity in the Main Hall Christmas Choir Rehearsal in the Church
FRI 8 Dec	9.30am 5.45 – 7.15pm 7.15 – 10pm 8.15pm	Just for Women in the Riviera Room – Daniel 2 Anchors (Boys 5–8yrs) in the Sports Hall Senior Boys' Brigade (11-18yrs) in the Sports Hall Men's Football at Boys Grammar School
SAT 9 Dec	7pm	Youth Extravaganza in the Main Hall. See note pg 3

Christmas Boxes For Those Unable to Get Out Regularly

Every Christmas we take gifts to those in our fellowship who are not able to get out regularly. If you can help with delivering these gifts please take a parcel (they will be in the Link on 10 Dec) and deliver to someone near you.

Going to Bosnia. Christmas Shoeboxes

Our total boxes this year for the area was 3339 which is fantastic! Yes, it's a little down on last year and our own contribution was down on box numbers but up on the "filler" stuff. This will be used to fill more boxes. As a team, we do thank you for your generosity and support. It's not too early to start collecting bits and pieces for next year!

Going to Chad. A Group Visiting Claire Bedford

As many will know, Ailsa Dean and Rachel Singleton will be accompanying Claire Bedford's parents on a support trip to Chad in February. If you would like to contribute to this trip please talk to Ailsa (201862) or Rachel (550431)

Notes from the Recent Church Meeting.

There was a good number at the Church Meeting last Tuesday.

- The budget for 2018 was agreed
- The resolution to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation was passed.
- An update was given on the search for a new senior pastor

Ladies Weekend Away Final Payment Due

Ladies – If you have signed up for the weekend away in Feb 2018 you should have received an email with more information and a return form. Final payment is now due. Forms and payments can be handed in at the Welcome Desk or you can pay online. Any queries please contact Becky Stockley on 07515 428602 or email sue@uptonvale.org.uk

ToWNS Night Shelter Project

We have 35 volunteers so far. More needed to do shifts during the night. To volunteer, contact Martin on 400403 or email martin@uptonvale.org.uk

Youth Items

Youth Extravaganza Christmas Party Saturday 9 December at 7pm – 10.30pm

At this year's incredible Christmas party for ages 11-18, we've got a 'Silent Disco', fantastic food, great games and the opportunity to party the night away with your friends! Tickets are £6 and available from the Basement or on the door, though we do need an idea of numbers for catering purposes.

Basement Seating Project

As shared at the Church meeting on 28 Nov, we're investing in new seating for the Basement to create a more modern, welcoming and long-lasting solution that shows how much we value our youth and those coming in from the community. We're stepping out in faith that God will provide the £5,000 we need to complete this project. If you would like to make a donation towards this please either let us have a cheque made out to "Upton Vale", put your gift in the offering suitably marked or do so online. Don't forget to gift aid your donation. The fund will be open until the end of December. Thank you.

Youth Weekend 16 – 18 March 2018

Places available. Booking form at the Welcome Desk. Cost is £95. If we can help with finance please contact joel@uptonvale.org.uk or 400403