

9 December 2018

# Upton Vale

BAPTIST CHURCH

## Today

### 10.30am: Morning Celebration

**Preacher:** Kwame Adzam of Trinity Baptist Church Croydon

**Bible Passage:** Luke 1:57-80

*"Miracles Do Happen"*

**12noon: Prayer for Claire Bedford** in The Harbour Room see note page 4

**5-6pm: Drama Club** in the Main Hall & **6-7pm: Youth Band** in Basement

## Ministry themes in our other groups today

<b>Sparks</b>	(Under 5)	Heart of Christmas - Joseph
<b>Flames</b>	(Yrs R - 2)	Mary & the Angel
<b>Laserlights</b>	(Yrs 3 - 6)	Reactions to Jesus - the Centurion
<b>B1</b>	(Yrs 7 - 13)	Lifting the lid on Christmas - Part 1
<b>B2gether</b>		Heart of Christmas - Joseph

## Next Sunday 16 December

NB: No Morning Service

**4pm: Carol Celebration - The Christmas Story in Drama and Song**  
Boxes of mince pies & shortbread requested for this Carol Celebration.  
Please leave at The Welcome Desk or bring to the church office during the week - thank you in anticipation!

**Sunday 23 December at 10.30am**  
**Carols and Communion**

**Tuesday 25 December at 10am**  
**Christmas Day Celebration**

The Christmas offerings and donations will go to CAP & LiNX

**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.

**Please remember in prayer:** Mary-Anne Muil, Christine Sengun, Angela & Nigel Pearce's baby grandson Ezra, and Angela's dad with a broken hip.

**In Ministry elsewhere:** *Today:* Leonard Mason at Lustleigh BC, Geoff & Pat Mitchell at the hospital. Steve Cosslett at Brixham BC, Reg & Mary Walton at the hospital. *Next Sunday:* Leonard Mason at Loddiswell.

**Prayer for Claire Bedford:** on the second Sunday of each month we will be meeting in The Harbour Room (just down the stairs from The Welcome Desk) from 12pm for half an hour and will be praying for Claire and her work at Guinebor II Hospital in Chad. First one is today.

**If you feel in need of prayer** please go to the front of the church after the service, our prayer team will be wearing blue lanyards. Elders are available and happy to pray with people on a Sunday morning or during the week. If you would like prayer, anointing with oil or to celebrate communion in your home because you are not able to get to church, please contact David Jones or any of The Elders to make arrangements.

Day	Psm	N.T.	Suggestions for your Prayers
Sun	39	Acts 15	The Church at Trinity Baptist Church, Croydon
Mon	40	Acts 16	The millions "one step away from famine" in Yemen
Tue	41	Acts 17	Thank God for preachers of the Gospel - see list page 3
Wed	42	Acts 18	Volunteers - ToWNS, Songs of Praise, Christmas parcels
Thu	43	Acts 19	Pastor Abdulla and his church in Syria - see note page 3
Fri	44	Acts 20	Care for our planet - climate change
Sat	45	Acts 21	Preparations for the carol service next Sunday

### UV Staff

Joel Ward (Youth Pastor)  
Ele Hine (Families)  
Paul Hine (Children)  
Sue Sandeman (Children)  
Sue Maloney (Administration)  
Michèle Spear (Office)  
Mat Miller (Caretaking)  
Steve Hyde (Asst. Caretaking)

### UV Elders

Laura Edwards, Andrew Fordyce,  
Wendy John, David Jones,  
Rachel Martin, Phyl Redwood,  
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.

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

**Upton Vale Baptist Church** is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation  
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## THE WEEK AHEAD AT UV

**Small Groups** meet on different days/times. For more info. see notice board or contact Martyn/Sheila Wheeler on 463591 or email martynandsheila@yahoo.co.uk

<b>MON</b> 10 Dec	<b>12noon</b> <b>1.30 – 2.45pm</b> <b>6.30 – 8pm</b>	<b>Monday Lunches (65+)</b> in The Main Hall <b>CAMEO (65+)</b> <i>Christmas Lunch</i> <b>Junior Boys' Brigade (Yrs 4 – 6)</b> in the Sports Hall
<b>TUES</b> 11 Dec	<b>7.30 - 8am</b> <b>10am – 12noon</b> <b>6.30 – 9.30pm</b>	<b>Prayer Meeting</b> in The Beacon Lounge <b>Open Doors Prayer &amp; Letter Writing</b> at the Greenwell's <b>Senior Boys' Brigade (Yrs 7 - 13)</b> in the Sports Hall
<b>WED</b> 12 Dec	<b>2 – 4.30pm</b> <b>6 – 7.30pm</b> <b>6.15 – 7.30pm</b> <b>7.30 – 9.30pm</b>	<b>Finance Team</b> in The Beacon Lounge <b>Toast Youth Club (Yrs 7 – 9)</b> in The Basement <b>Ignite (Yrs 4 – 6)</b> " <i>Christmas Party</i> " in The Main Hall <b>Youth Night (Yrs 9 – 13)</b> in The Basement
<b>THUR</b> 13 Dec	<b>10am – 12noon</b>	<b>Morning Out</b> in The Main Hall - Christmas Party
<b>FRI</b> 14 Dec	<b>5.45 – 7.15pm</b> <b>7.15 – 10pm</b> <b>8.15pm</b>	<b>Anchor Boys (R – Yr 3)</b> in The Sports Hall <b>Senior Boys' Brigade (Yrs 7 - 13)</b> in The Sports Hall <b>Mens' Football</b> at Boys' Grammar School

### For "ToWNS" Project Volunteers Rota at Welcome Desk

Please put your name on the rota for your preferred slot(s). Application Forms to be completed today at the latest and return to The Welcome Desk, church office or by email to Becky Stockley or Cathy Davis.

### Christmas Parcels

Each year The Pastoral Team provides Christmas parcels for people in our church family. These are labelled and will be in The Link from today. Please take a look - if there is someone who lives near you or is on your route it would be so helpful if you could take one or more and deliver them.

### Community Larder

The following donations would be very much appreciated at this time of the year: tins of meat, fruit, rice pudding, custard, UHT milk, biscuits, coffee, tea, pasta sauce, jam, marmalade, deodorant, shower gel, washing up liquid, toilet rolls, toothpaste. Please leave in the boxes by main door.

### Update from CLT

At the first meeting of the newly elected CLT David Jones was reappointed as Chair of CLT and Sally Sutton was reappointed as Church Treasurer.

### Songs of Praise

The Church Leadership would like to thank the hospitality team who have faithfully served tea and cakes for many years: Heather & Brian Bunce, Shirley & Chris Leaman, Pauline & Brian Baker, and Angela Lewis-Thomas. We wish them a "happy retirement"! The new team will take over from January. If you are interested in joining please contact Wendy John on 01803 293711.

### Preachers for January

Sunday 6: David Coffey – Recommitment Sunday  
Sunday 13: Ian Bunce, Team Leader at Romford BC.  
Sunday 20: Sarah Yardley of Creation Fest, Cornwall  
Sunday 27: Paul Friend, Director of S West Youth Mission

### ... and for February

Sunday 3: Induction of Andy Hickford as our new Senior Minister at the morning service followed by church lunch.

### Message from David and Janet Coffey

"We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of the church fellowship and want to express our deep gratitude for the wonderful gifts we received last Sunday morning. It's been an immense privilege to serve at Upton Vale during the past 18 months and your consistent prayers and encouragement have sustained us in our ministry. We are thrilled that Andy and Cerys are joining us in February and believe the Lord has great things in store for our church family in the years ahead."

### Message from a Pastor in Syria

#### Sing Carols for Syria on 20 December at Brunel at 10am

Pastor Abdalla's church in Aleppo is still delivering vital aid to victims of war in Syria during the freezing winter. All donations we give at the moment will be doubled by a generous Open Doors supporter. £26 can provide a monthly emergency pack of items like food, clothing, blankets, medicines and heating to a family for a month. Pastor Abdalla says "I want Christians to stay in Syria and not leave." The elderly and most vulnerable cannot leave at all. See details at the Mission Board in the link.