

The Week's Activities

- Monday 6th**
7.00pm Pop in and Pray
7.30pm Craft Corner
7.30pm Limitless
- Tuesday 7th**
2-4pm Renew Wellbeing
@ The Stream
- Wednesday 8th**
9.30am Tiny Tots
7.00pm Alpha
7.30pm Blackpill Housegroup
7.30pm Eaton Crescent Housegroup
7.30pm Zoom Prayer Meeting
(Meeting ID: 925 5222 2544
Passcode: 864870)
- Thursday 9th**
5.00pm Rainbows
6.00pm Brownies
8.00pm Music Group Practice
- Saturday 11th**
2.30pm Board games afternoon in the
Hall

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Financial Giving

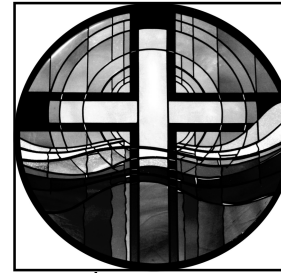
If you would like to contribute financially to the church, we now have an option for you to do so by scanning the QR code opposite.

**Next Sunday
12th January**

**9.15am
Matt Carter**
So... Holy
Genesis 28: 10-19
Communion

**11am
Matt Carter**
So... Holy
Genesis 28: 10-19

**6pm
Bread**



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Weekly News Sheet ***5th January 2025***

9.15am Service - Matt Carter
So, shine - Matthew 5: 13-16

11am Service - Matt Carter
So, shine - Matthew 5: 13-16

11am - Sunday Club

*Tea & Coffee is available in the hall after the
11am service*

***“Jesus in the Church,
Jesus for the Community”***

Please send all comments / input / details **by Monday evening**
by e-mail to: office@pantygwydr.org.uk Alternatively you may leave details of your
insertion in a box located in the church foyer. ***Notices must be received by the
Sunday BEFORE the week you want the notice to go in.***

Welcome

Good morning and welcome to Pantygydr Baptist Church.

We start the New Year, with a series called, "So."

The 5th January, is the day before Epiphany in the Church Calendar; the time, according to the story, when the Wise Men visited Jesus. Jesus was revealed to the world as the King of kings; represented by the gift of gold. The gift of frankincense means that his life would be a pleasing aroma to God, In the bitterness of his death, there would be sweetness, represented by the gift of myrrh.

The 5th is also, twelfth night; traditionally when the Christmas Festival ends. That is it for another year. All the decorations are packed away. Christmas is over, and you might be relieved. You might be left wondering, what now? Another Christmas, with seemingly no consequences on the coming year!

The sermon series in January, will look at the difference the arrival of the Son of God makes to our lives. Joy to the world, does not end five days into the New Year. It transforms our lives. It changes the way we understand the world around us. It motivates us to live our lives in a different way. It also challenges us to look beyond our own shared experiences, to see the world as a mission field in which each of us is called to serve.

So shine in 2025. Discover places that are *So* holy. We are placed uniquely in this world; at this point in history because we are *So* blessed. We have been *So* called by Jesus to make disciples wherever we go.

God Bless

Matt

For your information...

Prayer Meeting...

... for services on Sunday, meet at 10.40am in the Coffee Lounge before the service, open to all.

Pastoral Care

As a Church, it is our desire that everyone is cared for pastorally. If you or your family want a visit or support at any time, or if you know of anyone who would appreciate this, please contact Morag Eddyshaw.

Renew Wellbeing Café

Our "Renew@The Stream" community space, re-opens this Tuesday, 7th January from 2-4pm. All welcome, to take time out of the busy week.

Ladies

The first *Women On Wednesday* meeting of the New Year, will take place on Wednesday, 15th January at 2.30pm. A warm welcome to all ladies to join with us.

Points for Prayer



Please pray for:

- ✓ Erica Fothergill, following a stroke.
- ✓ Jean Davies, Esme Kilner, Jean and Lionel Winsor, who all now reside in care homes.
- ✓ Those from our fellowship, who are struggling with health issues and other difficulties at this time.
- ✓ Phil Hill, and the church at Burry Green whom he Pastors, that God would strengthen and encourage his ministry there and bless the church with growth of faith and commitment.
- ✓ The work of Rev. Thankachan in India.
- ✓ Ben Francis, our BMS partner missionary, and his team in India request prayer, as they seek to achieve goals this year of sharing the good news of Jesus with another 500 000 people and creating another 5000 church leaders.
- ✓ Tearfund asks for prayer for Syria, for funding and aid to get through where needed, for humanitarians and civilians to be kept safe and for church partners, as they try to reassure their communities.
- ✓ BMS World Mission Christmas "Special Delivery" appeal, is going towards supporting mother and baby care at Guinebor II hospital in Chad - pray for safe delivery of newborns in this country, with the 2nd highest rate of maternal mortality in the world.
- ✓ BMS World Mission's partner, Bethlehem Bible College (BBC), provides theological education and training in Arabic and aims to equip, encourage and enable the Christian community in the Holy Land to remain and serve in the region.

Suzanne Edwards is our Prayer Chain co-ordinator. If you have an urgent issue that you'd like her to pass around the prayer chain, or to join the chain and receive messages by e-mail, text or phone, please contact her directly. There is also a book in reception, for requests and answers to prayer, to encourage us.

Alpha - starts this Wednesday

We will be running an Alpha Course from this Wednesday, 8th Jan 2025 for 6 weeks, from 7pm-8.30pm with a hot meal to start. It's an excellent course, however, long or short your faith journey has been to date! Scan the QR code opposite, or e-mail the office to register your interest.



Board Games Afternoon - Next Saturday

We are holding a Board Games afternoon in the hall on Saturday, 11th January from 2.30pm until 5.30pm. Some games are provided, but please bring your favourite game with you. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you for a fun-filled time of fellowship.

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