



***Taking Jesus to the people
Bringing the people to Jesus***



DECEMBER- Morning Worship - 10.45am

7th	Ray Lea - Christmas gifts
14th	Andrew Hardcastle
21st	Junior Church Nativity
24th	Ray Lea - Carols by Candlelight
25th	Anthony Lord - Christmas Day
4th Jan	Ray Lea - Covenant Service

IF YOU ARE VISITING - Hello! We are so glad you have chosen to worship with us and you are very welcome. Please join us for refreshments and continue in fellowship with one another as we meet downstairs after our service.

♦ **EVERYONE** - is welcome to spend time in spoken or silent prayer, in the quiet room, for a short time before the service. Please feel free to Join us.

♦ **OFFERINGS** for the month of October were £1833.24. Our total income was £2316.59 The total expenditure was £3735.38

♦ **PRAYER TIME TOGETHER** - This is a time open to all, in quiet reflection *wherever you may be*. 'P.T.T.' will be held on Tuesday 9th Dec when we ask you to please put aside 7.00pm to 7.30pm to seek God's guidance & listen to the Holy Spirit.



♦ **BMS BOXES** are now due. Please return to Edna. Thank you.

♦ **MONTHLY COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING** will be held on Thursday 4th Dec. 10.30am - 12 noon and this month we are supporting Brian House Children's Hospice. Last month's coffee morning for our local Parkinsons support group raise an amazing £342.00.



♦ **DECEMBER DATES - JUST TO REMIND YOU** - Wed. 3rd & Sat. 6th Dec. @ 1.00pm decorations up, all help welcome - Sun. 7th Dec. gifts of tins/toiletries - Sun. 21st Dec. Junior Church Nativity 10.45am - Wed. 24th Dec. 4.30pm Christmas Eve. Carols by Candlelight - Thurs. 25th Dec. 10.45am Christmas Day Family Service and our Christmas Day offering will be donated to Brian House Children's Hospice.

♦ **SUNDAY 4th January 2026** - 10.45am - Covenant Service.

♦ **'MAGNIFY' - A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION** of carols within the Christmas story presented by local artists at the Tower Circus accompanied by the Blackpool Salvation Army Band on Tues. 16th Dec. at 7:30pm. Tickets are now available at £10pp online at www.refreshment.org.uk or by calling 01253 348940.

♦ **SPECIAL BIRTHDAY THANK YOUs** from Stan for all the cards and gifts on his birthday, and his message to us all - "It's good to belong to such a caring church family. I had a very enjoyable time with family and a few friends. Thank you all." Edna also wants to thank the church family for her birthday flowers, all the cards and lovely greetings.

♦ **WHATSAPP CHURCH CHAT** - Please have a word with Gill if you would like adding to our church chat.

♦ **HOT POT SOCIAL** - Thank you for your donations that totalled £125.00 and will be sent to 'Open Doors' supporting help for persecuted Christians.

♦ **BELLE VUE STRAWBERRY GARDENS** - (Junction of Newcastle Ave. & Breck Road) - Friday 5th Dec. are holding their Community Christmas Tree lights switch on with carols at 6.00pm on and would value our support. This will be followed with hot chocolate, mince and apple pies.



♦ **ST ANNES BAPTIST CHURCH** - are holding their 'Carols by Candlelight' service on Sunday 14th Dec at 4.00pm to which we are all warmly welcomed. Service followed with mulled punch and mince pies.

Caroline	8th
Emmanuel	12th
Joe	17th
Philip	29th

PRAYERS & NEWS FOR OUR CHURCH, CHURCH FAMILY & OUR WORLD

† Dear Lord, we thank you for the gift of our own and our church family. We are grateful for the love and support we find in one another. May we never take each other for granted. We lift up ALL who are going through difficult times, whether it be illness, physical and emotional pain, family concerns, treatments or other challenges. We ask for your healing touch and comfort to be upon them.

† Lord, the sight of the guiding star, brought hope, courage and joy to those who had journeyed to find you. When our journey seems long, when hope seems far away, when our courage is failing fill us with faith and trust; shine your light on our fears, lift our hearts with your joy. Help us to recognise you in our brothers and sisters throughout the world; show us how we can work together so that we may all come to share in the life promised to us by Jesus, the Saviour of us all.

† As we journey with the Holy Family to Bethlehem, we pray for all who make forced journeys. Give them strength to carry on and courage to walk the road ahead. As we hear the innkeeper say there is no room, we pray for refugees for whom there is no country. Gather them to yourself and keep them free from harm. As we contemplate that first Christmas night, we pray for those with nowhere to lay their head. Comfort them in their need and uphold them in their plight. As we listen to the cry of the infant king, we pray for children everywhere born into poverty. Wrap them in your love and uphold them in your tender mercy. As we remember the fear of the shepherds in the presence of the angels, we pray for all who are afraid to look ahead. Reassure them with your presence and embolden them to face the future. As we recall the flight of the Holy Family into Egypt, we pray for all who flee from danger. Enfold them in your care and challenge us to offer our protection. Amen.



However amazing a candle may be there comes a time when it goes out. Jesus is our light that will never go out. Whatever difficulties and challenges we face, Jesus will continue to shine. We don't need to fear the darkness when we let the light of Jesus into our lives.

Thank God for His gift.
Too wonderful for words.
2 Cor 9:15



Coffee Bar



7th - Christine & Anne M
14th - Barbara & Anne R
21st - Liz & Alan
24th - All hands on deck!
28th - Joy & Abigail

✕ See Anne-Louise



See Gemma

	<u>Duty Deacon</u>	<u>Door Steward</u>	<u>Communion</u>
7th	Gill	Joy	Barbara & Anne R
14th	Ray	Anne M	
21st	Joy	Anne R	
24th	Malcolm	Stan	
25th	Olive	Barbara	
28th	Liz	Elaine	

<u>BIBLE</u>	<u>READERS</u>
7th	Gemma
14th	Chantelle
21st	Liz
28th	Janet

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**Each part of the Christmas tree
celebrates Christ's birth
and tells the story of how God
sent his Son to earth.**

**The wood reminds us
of the manger where He lay
and of the rugged cross where
He gave His life one day.**

**The evergreen shows the eternal life
Christ gives to anyone who believes in Him
with a promise of everlasting life!**

**The decorations represent blessings
from above and inspire us to
thank the Lord for His tender love.**

**The shining lights show us
how we're to do the same,
as we share His grace
and seek to glorify His name.**

**So may each beautiful tree
bring honour to our King,
and may we celebrate
Christ's love in everything!**