

## Looking Ahead

Jan  
11-12

**Joy of Rest** Women's Weekend. Invitations in the Foyer. **All women in church welcome!** Closing date is Sun 6 Jan.

Jan  
12

**Dad's Stay and Play.** 10-11.30am. £1.50 per family, bacon butties included.

Jan  
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**Unstuck; break free from ungodly habits and behaviours.** MGP Day Conference for leaders with Tim Lane. **'Living without worry'** free evening session for everyone, 7pm. Flyers in the Foyer.

Jan  
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**Church Family Walk.** Details to follow in the New Year.

Jan  
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**Women's book club** are now reading Crazy Busy by Kevin Deyoung. Speak to Elizabeth Barry or Chris Stonehouse to find out more.

Feb  
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**Sex...a better story.** Agape's Family Life bring you this vision and equipping day together at the Solihull Renewal Centre. Flyers in the foyer.

Jun  
28-30

**Church Family Weekend Away 2019.** We will be going to Hothorpe Hall, please put the date in your diary and plan to join us. Details will be out in the coming months. **We do need a team of people to help run the weekend, if you are interested in helping out please get in touch with the Parish Office or Mark Checketts.**

## News and Requests

**Jem Huggins** will be leaving her role as Administrator in the New Year, after 8 years. PCC will be considering her replacement. We are so grateful to Jem for all she has done. Please pray for her and for her successor.

### Wanted:

**Ministry Trainees, Sep 2019-Aug 2020.** Spend a year serving the church and learning gospel ministry. A great way to see if gospel ministry is right for you long-term. Details from Chris Hobbs/Parish Office.

**Christmas offering** for the work of Open Doors among persecuted believers: in an envelope marked Open Doors in the Gift Box; Gift Aid envelopes available on the book stall.

**The Homeless this winter.** Instead of the Churches Together Night Shelter we have opportunities to help other organisations, to help or donate to this work email:

**Our Church Office will be closed** between Christmas and New Year, and will reopen on Wed 2 Jan.

# Christmas Day

25<sup>th</sup> December 2018  
10.00am

## All-Age Celebration with Holy Communion

*Welcome! We're so glad you've joined us today.*

### LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES

OPENING PRAYER *Andy Martin*

CAROL O Come, all ye faithful  
SONG Joy has dawned upon the earth

CONFESSION  
and ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS  
**Heavenly Father, you have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have gone our own way and broken your laws. We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them. For the sake of your Son who died for us, forgive us, cleanse us, and change us. By your Holy Spirit enable us to live for you and to please you more and more, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God:

**Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God, but made himself nothing.**

**Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness. He humbled himself and was obedient to death, even the death of the cross.**

**Therefore God has raised him on high, and given him the name above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

VIDEO Lift up your eyes

SONG Come and join the celebration

BIBLE READING *Margaret Twiss*  
John 1:1-18 (page 1063)

TALK The gift

*Chris Hobbs*

PRAYERS *Jem and Lorelai Huggins*

SONG From the squalor of a borrowed stable

## THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Lift up your hearts.

### We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, in your great love you gave your only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there a full atonement for the sins of the whole world, through his one offering of himself. Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that we receiving this bread and this wine may share in his most precious body and blood.

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread and gave you thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

**ADMINISTRATION** *of the bread and wine*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

## NEWS

**CAROL** Hark! The herald angels sing

## CLOSING PRAYER

*Gifts for Open Doors may be placed in the gifts box at the back of church.*

## Our regular Sunday services are:

**10am service**, family friendly with activities for children (crèche – Y6)

**4pm service**, family friendly with activities for children and young people (crèche – Y9)

**6.30pm service**, relaxed and informal



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