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“Shining for Jesus in the darkness”

22nd December 2024

We welcome you to our service today!

You are welcome here among our growing church family.

If you live in the town or are just visiting, then we pray that you will know the light of the Lord in your life as you join us. Whether it's your first time in church or you're regularly in a worship service then know that we have a relaxed, informal style. So you can sing or listen, stand or sit, be upstairs in the balcony or downstairs in the comfy seats.

Brixham Baptist Church are committed to **SHINE** for Jesus, **SHARE** and **SHAPE** our community for Jesus. We believe that you will meet with Jesus today and hear God's Word speak into your life. If you are troubled or worried, then do ask and we have a team who can pray quietly with you, or one of our Pastors can even visit you this week. If you want to get to know us as a congregation, then please stay for drinks after the service in the hall. And if you are visiting, please do sign our Visitors Book in the foyer.

For children and families there is a session called SHINE where you can enjoy a brunch and some age-appropriate activities.

Our Bible Verse for 2024 



“Lord, teach us to pray”

Our services are live-streamed

so you may appear on camera if you sit in the front rows or come onstage. If you do not consent to being filmed, then please sit further back. Speak to one of the **Welcome Team** if you are unsure of what to do or require further information. *Thank You*

Prayer Box

Please remember in your prayers those who are unwell, grieving or have family problems.

We also have an email prayer network. If you would like to join the prayer network or wish us to pray for you or someone you know, please contact **Jen Bache** on 07545847115 or email: jennifer.bache95@gmail.com

If you have any items for the Weekly Welcome please contact Michele Barkway at michelebarkway@gmail.com or on 07999 975918 by Wednesday evening.

PRAYER PRIORITY

As Maria, Darrell and Colin will be taking some time off over Christmas and New Year, please pray that they get good rest and time with family. We give God thanks for their ministry among us and ask Him to bless them richly. However, if anyone from the congregation has an urgent matter, please don't hesitate in ringing to leave a message and they will get back to you

Each Sunday we hear from God's Word. We love it when the regular congregation want to add an insight arising from that, or to share an answer to prayer. If appropriate to be included in the livestream, why not share that in the time that will usually be given after the sermon?

At Brixham Baptist Church we believe in the power of prayer. If you have heard something in the service that prompts you, or simply want someone to pray with you, or pray for someone you know, then please come to the front after the service and our Prayer Ministry team will be happy to pray with you.

OUR SERVICES

Sunday, 22nd December 2024

9.45am-10.15am : Pre-service Prayer Meeting (Front Room)
 10.30am: Communion Service : Darrell Holmes: *Down to Earth : The Unlikely Invitation : Luke 2:8-16*
 10.30am: Shine (Hall)
 11.45am: Drinks and biscuits (Hall)
 5.00pm : Carols by Candlelight (Church)
followed by mulled juice and mince pies in the Hall

Wednesday, 25th December 2024

10.30am : Christmas Day Celebration

Sunday, 29th December 2024

9.45am-10.15am : Pre-service Prayer Meeting (Front Room)
 10.30am: Morning Service : Colin Opie
 11.45am: Drinks and biscuits (Hall)

CHURCH DIARY

Mon 23rd	1.00pm-3.00pm	Drug and Alcohol Rehab Drop-in (Front Room)
Tues 24th	10.00am-1.00pm	Front Room closed
Wed 25th	10.30am	Christmas Day Celebration
Thurs 26th	11.00am-3.00pm	Boxing Day Community Meal (Hall) <i>Music by Classic Gold</i>
Fri 27th	10.00am-1.00pm 2.00pm-4.00pm	Front Room closed Craft and Chat (Front Room)
Sat 28th		
Sun 29th	9.45am-10.15am 10.30am 10.30am	Pre-service Prayer Meeting (Front Room) Morning Service: Colin Opie Drinks/Biscuits (Hall)

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT : 22nd December at 5.00pm

Come with friends and family to our **Carols by Candlelight Service** this evening to sing all your favourites and we will consider *Down to Earth: The Unchanging Christmas* followed by mulled juice and mince pies.

BOXING and NEW YEARS DAY MEALS **Please sign up and pay as soon as possible!!**

Boxing and New Years Day meals will be served in the Church Hall. We will be open from 11.00am to 3.00pm - lunch being served at 12:30pm. The cost is £7.00. Cottage Pie on Boxing Day, and Sausage and mash on New Years day.



There is entertainment on both days - **'Classic Gold' on Boxing Day** and on **New Years Day there will be a quiz and singalong with Bob Bache**. These events are open not only to our church, but also to people from the community who would otherwise be on their own (single or couples). If anyone can help with transport to or from the church hall, please speak to Adline or Julia. **Julia Andrews**

CHRISTMAS DAY OFFERING

Our Christmas Offering will be taken up for **Operation Christmas Child**. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Through this project, Samaritan's Purse partners with the local church worldwide to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and make disciples of the nations.

**FUNDRAISING
USED POSTAGE
STAMP APPEAL**

**The South Devon Players
Theatre & Film Company**

We are collecting used postage stamps (any origin, age etc) to fundraise for our theatre productions, education initiatives and community projects. We are an internationally awardwinning, completely non-profit, theatre company based in Brixham, Devon; circa 2005, to create opportunities for local people to access, & participate in, friendly, inclusive, ambitious, world class theatre.

The stamps are sorted & sold on to collectors. Every penny raised goes directly into costumes, rehearsal space hire, creating education resources, improving accessibility, insurance, etc.

Our three collection points for stamps are
 Brixham Town Council Crafty Cwtch Cafe
 2nd floor, Town Hall c/o Janet Thomas
 Bolton Cross 66 Middle St,
 Brixham TQ5 8TA Brixham TQ5 8EJ

Brixham Library
 (in collection container in library foyer)
 Market Street, Brixham, TQ5 8EU

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