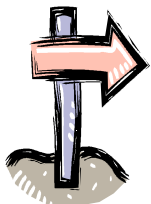


Secret Santa

For the past few years we have been running Secret Santa in the church for the young people and adults who wish to take part. If you would like to be involved this year please write your name on the sheet on the bar **by Sunday 4th December** at the latest. We will then draw names the following Sunday and exchange gifts on Christmas Day. Rules: You can't buy for yourself(!) but you can for family if you happen to choose their name. Max amount £15. If you won't be at church on Christmas Day you can still be involved but please ensure your gift is at church (be discreet) before Christmas Day so the person you have bought for can still receive theirs. It's all a bit of fun, so enjoy and be creative!



Advance notices

Run the Race

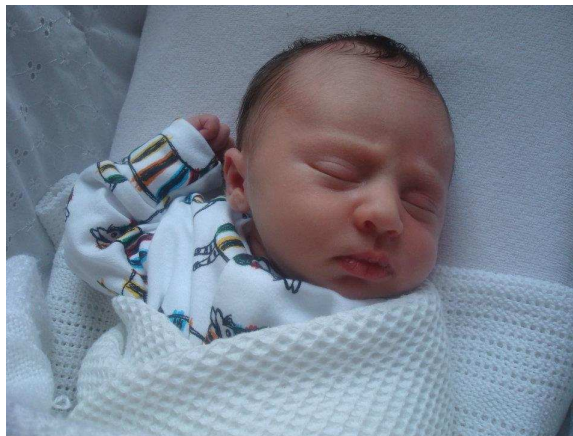
Olympic year commences shortly and it's not only the athletes who need to get ready. We've got a massive opportunity to confirm the church is relevant to Coalville.

Worship & prayer for the Olympics -
Saturday 7th January 2012 7.30 - 9.00pm
in Hugglescote (to be confirmed)
Next planning meeting **Saturday 28th**
January 2012 10.00am at **Margaret Street**
Church

Saturday 14th January - Leaders Banquet
(see notice on help needed)

Congratulations! Welcome!

Thank You!



We offer huge congratulations to James and Lauren on the safe arrival of their beautiful son, Nathan William Fox on November 2nd 2011; as a church we are delighted to welcome Nathan into God's family. We are all so very thankful to God for His perfect timing and wonderful blessings, and James and Lauren would like to thank everyone for your support, prayers, cards, gifts and kind words since Nathan's birth.

'Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed...he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.' Romans 4:18, 20-21

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SERVICES

During December we will be preparing for Christmas after concluding with our study of Ephesians.

Sunday 4th December 4.00pm: Concluding words to bring our study of Ephesians to a close.

Sunday 11th December 4.00pm: Advent theme – communion included

Sunday 18th December 4.00: Carol Service, followed by a short time of carol singing in Margaret Street at the residents' request. And also followed by mulled wine (with a non-alcoholic alternative) and mince pies.

Sunday 25th December 10.30am
CHRISTMAS DAY. Please invite friends and family to celebrate this very special day together with us. (Secret Santa – see notice)

Sunday 1st January 4.00pm NEW YEARS DAY This will be an informal time of prayer, worship and sharing. Please bring your Christmas-left-overs to share.



Little Church will be learning about the Christmas Story and being creative with gingerbread! Please continue to pray for the children, Little Church Leaders and the house group leaders.

NOTICES

Friday 9th December 7.30-9.00 – No End Christmas Special. Next one Friday 13th January

Saturday 10th December 9.00-10.00 – Churches together prayer meeting at Bardon Park Chapel

Saturday 10th December 10.00 – 4.00ish – Present wrapping in the precinct (see notice)

Monday 12th December – last Youth Café before Christmas. Starts back Monday 9th January

Friday 16th December – Last Rock Solid before Christmas (trip out). Starts back Friday 20th January

Saturday 17th December 10.00 – 4.00ish – Present wrapping in the precinct (see notice)

Wednesday 21st December - Christmas evening meal for members Green Hill Community Church

Saturday 31 December 7.30pm onwards: You are most welcome to Ian & Diane's .. 89 Glebe Rd. Thringstone. Running Buffet with games etc. Bring some food and a bottle.

Present wrapping

Present wrapping is weather pending (as ever!) and will be from 10am until about 3 or 4pm - depending on take-up (on the 2 Saturdays as below). If you are not safe with scissors then please just come along and talk to the locals. We would like this event to be bigger and better than before. If you are able, please also make a few purchases yourself in advance, so that we can perform a few random acts of kindness. It's amazing how a genuine free gift to a total stranger mirrors God's love for us.

Help needed for food events at Margaret Street

There are 2 events for which help is still required - servers, cooks, washer-uppers, cleaners...

Wednesday 21st December from 6pm onwards - we are providing a Christmas meal for about 50 people from another local church

Saturday 14th January from 6pm onwards - Annual Church Leaders banquet - stylish dining for other church leaders from the town and surrounding villages.

These are both opportunities to provide people with a really good experience - and that includes the "kitchen staff"- so we really do need extra hands. Please see Shirley or Diane if you can help in any way. It's a great training ground for any form of domestic service, but also a lot of fun!

Happy Birthday

Martin

23rd December