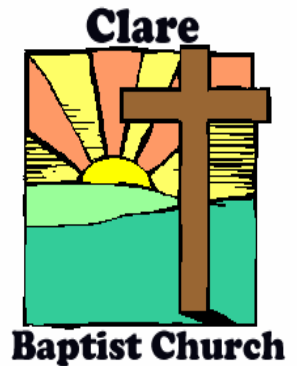


**“To follow and
worship Jesus and make
Him known”**



10th December 2017

Today's Bible Reading - **Matthew 1:18-21**

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A WARM WELCOME TO YOU

We are very pleased to welcome everyone here today. If this is your first visit, please make yourself known to the Stewards on duty, we do have a welcome card you can fill in if you wish. If you have been before, then welcome back.



Please come and join us in the back hall for a cup of tea or coffee after the morning service.

NOTES

Rev. Paul Graham's day off is Wednesday

What's on this week

SUNDAY

- 9:00 - 9:45am Prayer time in the Goldfish Bowl
10:30am Morning Service (Gift Service) conducted by Paul Graham,
worship leader Janet Strellis
6:30pm Evening Service including communion conducted by Elsa Day

MONDAY

- 7:30pm Clare Community Carols

TUESDAY

- 9:30 - 11:30am "Allsorts" Toddler Group in the Hall
- for the under 4's, bumps and babies welcome
10:30am Ladies Fellowship housegroup at 22 Bailey Lane, Clare
5:30 - 8:30pm Rainbows, Brownies & Guides in the Hall

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

- 2:15pm Ladies Fellowship in the Hall (see events)

FRIDAY

Christmas Holiday - No Friday Clubs

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

- 9:00 - 9:45am Prayer time in the Goldfish Bowl
10:30am Morning Service (Crib Service) conducted by Paul Graham
4:30pm Carols by Candlelight

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Members of our Church ministering in other churches:

This Week

Next Week

Wilf Stanbury is at Thaxted



GIVEAWAY

There are a few "giveaways" in church for people to distribute around friends, family, etc:

- Hope Christmas magazine (featuring Miranda Hart, etc.)
- "Inside/Out" Christmas story booklets (being used throughout Advent and Christmas services)
- Church services/events coasters (already gone to pubs and cafes in Clare, not many left!)

Please help yourselves and get the Good News out there!

FOR PRAYER



EBA Weekly Prayer Focus - Fore Street B.C. The bustling town of Harlow, on the Essex/Hertfordshire border, has been the home of Harlow Baptist Church since the late 1600s. The chapel building is mid-19th Century and repairs are a continual work in progress. Rev. Tony Mayes has been the minister at the church since January 2011.

For prayer - Pray for the switch on of the Christmas lights and the community carols, the busy Christmas period and the opportunities to connect with local people and share God's love. Pray for the children's and youth work, and more leaders so they can extend it.

Please pray for Paul and Jackie and the family at this time, Tim Ridgway, the Love family, for those who need prayers for health, for companionship, to know that someone cares.

If you have an issue for which you like prayer, please attach a prayer leaf to the board with your request. These will be collected and prayed over at each Deacon's prayer meeting.



Praying For Clare

In Clare - Bridewell Street, Callis Street, Snow Hill, Hertford Road and Clare Primary School. In Poslingford - The Street. In Hundon - North Street, Farmerie Road and Lower Road. Long Melford and Kedington.

Farms, Businesses and Community activities in these areas.

EVENTS TO COME

- Mon 11th Dec Clare Community Carols in the church at 7.30pm. Come and hear local churches and organisations and sing your favourite carols
- Tue 12th Dec Ladies' Christmas Meal at the Bell, Clare - 7:00 for 7:30pm
- Thu 14th Dec Ladies Fellowship in the Hall - Christmas Carols
- Fri 15th Dec Carols at The Swan at 7:30pm
- Fri 15th Dec Carols at The Globe at 8:15pm
- Sat 16th Dec Carols on the Market Hill at 11:00am. Everyone Welcome!
- Sat 16th Dec Carols at The Bell at 8:00pm
- Sun 17th Dec Crib Service at 10:30am
- Sun 17th Dec Carols by Candlelight at 4:30pm
- Tue 19th Dec Primary School Christmas Service in the church at 1:00pm

TRAIDCRAFT



There are only two weeks left to shop at the Traidcraft stall before Christmas! Our last stall will be the 17th December, and we shall return on 21st January 2018. We have some reductions on our Christmas foodstuffs - come and see if anything takes your fancy!

SUNDAY CLUB - CRIB/NATIVITY SERVICE

Sunday 17th is the Crib/Nativity service. This will again be a spontaneous nativity. Please bring your children along to the service dressed for nativity. All children at the service are welcome to join in.

HOME MISSION BOXES

Would those who have home mission collecting boxes and have not yet had them emptied and anyone who normally makes (or would like to make) an annual donation please pass them to John Sargeant A.S.A.P.



Thanks John

FOR YOU DIARY - FIRST AID COURSE

First aid training for all those who are responsible for running or participating in clubs, activities or any other meetings whatever the age group attending.

This has been arranged for Saturday 10th February at Clare Baptist Church from 9:30am to 4:30pm. This is a certificated course with a recognised qualification delivered by a local trainer. Anyone is welcome to attend and names should be given to Cheryl Trundle as soon as possible before the diaries fill up.



HAVERHILL FOOD BANK

List of current shortages: Teabags, Coffee, Sugar, Long life Milk, Long life Juice



PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a particular urgent prayer need then you can call **Wilf Stanbury** (01787 279262) who will pass your need along the prayer chain.

This means that about a dozen people will pray into that need for you. This is a confidential service open to anyone, whether connected with the church or not.



PASTORAL CARE


Please contact Rev. Paul Graham (01787) 277864

AIDS FOR YOU TO USE

Large Print copies of Mission Praise and Bibles are available at the back of the church, please ask a Steward if you would like one.

The Church is equipped with a loop system for those who use hearing aids.



 A Digital recording is made of each service. If you would like to borrow a CD, please ask at the P.A. desk.

Sermons can be downloaded from the website or from iTunes

NOTICES

Items for the next Notice Sheet should be advised to Stephen Freestone by lunchtime next Thursday at the latest. Email: stephen@sfreestone.co.uk