

Meetings This Week

Monday	12pm	Luncheon Club
Monday	7-9pm	Gatehouse Drop-in
Tuesday	1-3pm	Art for asylum seekers/refugees
Tuesday	3.30pm	Drop in for asylum seekers/refugees
Wednesday	10am	Foyer Drop-In
Wednesday	12noon	Ladies Prayer Group
Thursday	2.00pm	Bible Study
Thursday	7.30pm	Men's Bible Study
Friday	10.15am	Parent and Toddlers
Friday	11.15am	Quiet Space Prayer Time
Friday	6.30pm	KidzKlub
Sunday 10th	10.30am	Morning Worship

December Rota Copies online and in foyer

	<i>3rd December</i>	<i>10th December</i>
<i>Duty Deacon</i>	<i>Juste Djossou</i>	<i>Helen Stephenson</i>
<i>Foyer Duty</i>	<i>Richard Taylor</i>	<i>Donald Daly</i>
<i>Door</i>	<i>Ann Horn</i>	<i>Dorothy Brown</i>
<i>Stewards</i>	<i>Ruth Higgins</i>	<i>Janet Wilkinson</i>
<i>Reader</i>	<i>R Wilson</i>	<i>Kate Byers</i>
<i>Flowers</i>	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>F Le Geyt</i>
<i>Coffee</i>	<i>Arthurs Hill (com pm)</i>	<i>Fenham</i>
<i>Creche</i>	<i>Hannah Rowan</i> <i>Elizabeth Oyibo</i>	<i>Sandy Aynsley</i> <i>Dorothy Brown</i>

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Welcome
3rd December 2017

Welcome to our Open Space Prayer morning and worship service. Pastors Paul and Shelagh will be leading this time of worship and prayer as we start the season of Advent.

This evening we will 6.30pm for a time of quiet worship, prayer and communion focussed on Advent.

If you are a visitor please make yourself known as we would like to welcome you into our fellowship.

Tea and coffee will be served in the Hall after the morning service today, parents are reminded to supervise their children during this time.

Would you like to be prayed for? Please share your prayer needs through the prayer request slips available in the foyer, by talking to one of our leadership team or via email. We are seeing prayers answered.

Christmas Services – Dates to remember

- ❖ Joint Carol Service organised by Durham Road Baptist Church to be held at Gateshead Leisure Centre on Sunday 10th December at 6.30pm with Paul Revill speaking. Please take an invitation and to pass on to friends and family.
- ❖ Westgate family celebration Saturday 16th December 3-5pm, story telling, Christmas activities and carols by candle light.
- ❖ Church all-age nativity 17th December 10.30am, those who would like to are encouraged to come dressed as a nativity character.

Pledge Day for Destitute Asylum Seeker Housing Needs

At our church meeting last month we took the exciting and momentous decision to follow the Lord's leading to increase our care of those who are destitute as asylum seekers here.

Now we have the wonderful opportunity to give this care by partnering with Action Foundation to rent a house for this purpose. The monthly cost of this being met by us as a church family.

As this will be within a framework of monthly expenditure that we will be committed to within a rental contract, we therefore need to make sure that this money will come in each month. This will happen by each of us pledging an amount each month for this ministry, over and above our regular giving to the church.

So, next week, on **Sunday 10th December**, we will be holding a 'pledge day'. This will be when we can all promise to the Lord the amount we will give each month next year. What better way to provide a 'gift for Jesus' in this Christmas season, who became a refugee Himself shortly after his birth?! **Pledge forms are available today**, to be completed and brought back the following week in an act of dedication and commitment as part of our worship that Sunday morning.

Pastoral Vacancy Process

An overview of the process we will undertake as a church in filling our pastoral vacancy, as described at the September church members meeting, is available in the foyer for anyone who wishes to take a copy.

What is God Saying to Us?

A compilation of the words and images shared at the last church meeting is available for everyone to take away and reflect upon.

Postage Stamps

If you wish to donate stamps from Christmas mail received, and before, there is a box in the Foyer to put them in to. This year they would be donated to St Oswald's hospice in Gosforth.

Alternative Advent Giving

We have two boxes available in the foyer for anyone who would like to bring a gift to be donated to local charities West End Food Bank and Freedom From Torture. Requested items are toiletries, gloves & scarves, children's gifts etc with a maximum value of £5. Regular Foodbank items will also be collected.

Church Cleaner – Maternity Cover Opportunity

We are looking to recruit a church cleaner, working 8h per week, to provide maternity cover for a period of up to 12 months starting 18th December 2017. If you are interested in applying or would like more details please contact Angela Cameron, church administrator, to request the job description and application form:

email: info@westgatebaptist.org.uk or telephone **01912720647**