

Scapegoat Hill Baptist Church

January Newsletter 2024

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Sunday	Morning Service 10.30 am (Communion on 2nd Sunday each month)		Evening Services To be Announced
Monday		Ladies Fellowship. 8th January 2pm-4pm	Bible Studies — Every two weeks, Speak to Liz for Zoom link
Tuesday			Deacons Meeting 2 nd Tuesday in the month
Wednesday		Craft & Chat 2 nd & 4 th Wednesdays of the Month. 2pm - 4pm	Church Meetings. To be announced.
Thursday			
Friday			
Saturday	Prayer Breakfast 2 nd Saturday in the Month Breakfast 9.00-9.30am Prayer 9.30-10.00 am		

Sunday Flowers	Donated by
7th January	In loving memory of a very dear daughter Rachel Joanne Sheila Tatham.
14th January	In memory of Philip Ansell a dear brother from Joyce Foster.
21st January	In loving memory of a dear Mum, Dad, Grandma & Grandad from Pauline, John, Dean & Paul
28th January	Di & Judy
Flower Secretary	Please contact Pauline or Susan to donate flowers 655615

OTHER EVENTS	
Visiting Preachers: - 7th Steve; 14th Frances; 21st Simon; 28th Ken Speake	
Minister	
Secretary	John Stephenson 655615 07908340697
Treasurer & Assistant	Frances Brown & Chris Garner
Caretaker	Pauline Stephenson 655615
Craft & Chat	Frances Brown 306307
Prayer Breakfast	Frances Brown 306307
Ladies Fellowship	Frances Brown 306307
Prayer Chain—Contacts	Frances Brown 306307 Frances Brown E Mail frankiebrown51@hotmail.co.uk

*Wishing you all a very blessed and happy new year,
may 2024 be a year full of God's grace and blessing*

So, how has your Christmas been? I guess it has been different for each of us. Some have been away to relatives or had relatives with them and sadly, some folk have really been poorly, everyone has a different experience. But the gift to be unwrapped afresh each Christmas is where we find the start of our redemption package, God's rescue plan for His lost people.

There was no Royal proclamations announcing Jesus birth (no world press pack ensconced outside a little house in Bethlehem). To start with it was just the angels bringing the news to the shepherds. Craig mentioned on Christmas Day that we have an invitation to join in singing "Gloria" with those angels. We might not all be up to singing the Alleluia Chorus, but we can surely give some heartfelt volume to 'Angels from the Realms of Glory' as we think of Jesus' birth.

It doesn't really matter what season of the year we are in, as there is not a moment when God's heart is not set towards His Creation. Yes, we get the first glimpse of God's own answer to reach mankind in the fields around Bethlehem and see it fulfilled absolutely on Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Then, having seen Jesus ascend to Heaven, the Holy Spirit came down from there to reach people, to open their eyes and draw them into a living relationship with Jesus.

And for all of those who have realised that Jesus died for them, they become children of God and the Holy Spirit gently takes his place in our spirit to help us live – abundant life!

There couldn't be a more encouraging thing to arrange at the beginning of a new year is a baptism. So if you feel the time could be right for you or someone you know, please come and talk to us!
Every blessing,
Liz