

**MESSAGE BOARD** – continued

Dear Raymond, Congratulations on promoting such a splendid event. It was a triumph in many ways. We had two ‘jazz innocents’ with us but they too thoroughly enjoyed the music.

Principally, the variety and standard of music was splendid, coupled with Neville (and Goff’s) entertaining and informative commentaries plus the lovely church ambiance with all the illuminations and Christmas trees Half time refreshments much appreciated. Thanks to all involved at the Church.

Here’s to the next time, meanwhile wishing you and yours a very Happy Christmas and New Year. – cheers  
Brian White

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. - **Psalm 139:13**

What if this darkness is not the darkness of the tomb, but the darkness of the womb? - **Valarie Kaur**

In the darkness of the womb, the future is waiting to be born. And yes, sometimes we’ll feel terrible, but this Advent, may we have ears to hear the midwife as she compassionately reminds us to breathe.

- **Shannon Casey, Embracing Darkness This Advent Season**

Church Website. If you have any information, photos etc. that you would like put on the church website - [cheapstreetchurch.co.uk](http://cheapstreetchurch.co.uk). - please send them to- [joseph@josephcrocker.co.uk](mailto:joseph@josephcrocker.co.uk)

**Items for next Sunday’s pew sheet to PENNY GARDNER by WEDNESDAY EVENING please, preferably by email, pennygardner@gmail.com Or telephone 01935 389153**

DO STAY A WHILE AFTER THE SERVICE to enjoy refreshments and further fellowship in the church Hall



**CHEAP STREET CHURCH  
SHERBORNE**

To know the love of God through the power of the Holy Spirit and with Jesus as our teacher to show and share our faith

Minister – Revd Duncan Goldie: 01935 812916  
Superintendent Minister - Revd Paul Arnold: 01747 823777  
Church Secretary - Christine Rogers: 01935 815216

**Welcome To Sunday Service**

**23<sup>rd</sup> December 2018**

Led By **Revd Duncan Goldie**

Councillors on duty - **Eirwen Cox and Janet Le Moignan**  
Music – **Music Group Crèche –Norma Hamill Sound John Stinchcombe**

*Leader: The promised light of God is coming into the world*

*All: The light, no darkness can put out.*

*Leader: May the hope of God shine brightly in our hearts.*

*All: So that the light of God’s, love, peace and justice, may illuminate our way.*

**Today’s Readings**

Zachariah 2:10; John 1:1-5; Luke 1:26-38; Luke 2:1-20;  
Matthew 2:1-12

This week we are asked to pray for **The Sherborne Community Church**

**The Prayer Ring**

The Prayer Ring is available for an urgent need or situation. Call any of the numbers below and the circle of prayer will begin.

Eirwen Cox.....01935 815960  
Penny Gardner..... 01935 389153  
Janet Le Moignan .....01935 389662

**Fellowship of Prayer**

Whenever and wherever we pray in the silence of our hearts, we are part of a rich and powerful fellowship, which serves to sustain everyone in our Church Family. Anyone can join the prayer group by just coming along Thursday at 9.45 am in the church.

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES



### Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December

7.00 pm Christmas Eve Service, with Holy Communion

Led by **Revd Duncan Goldie**

Councillor- **Christine Rogers**, Music - **Janet English**

There will be a retiring collection

### CHRISTMAS DAY

10.30 am Family Service Led by **Revd Duncan Goldie**  
**The Christmas collection will be divided between Methodist Homes and Action for Children.**

### Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> December

9.45 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Church Open –**Joan Hand**  
COFFEE MORNING in the Church Hall

10.30 am Thought for the Day – **Revd Duncan Goldie**

11.30 am – 11.50 am Ecumenical Prayers for Peace in the Sepulchre Chapel in the Abbey

### Friday 28<sup>th</sup> December

9.00 am Ecumenical Communion in Sherborne Abbey

10.30 am Church Open –

### Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> December

10.30 am – 12.00 Church Open –**Jim and Alice Cockerham**

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December

10.30 am Service Led by - **Don Farquharson**

We continue to hold in prayer all those who are in special need at the Moment

Mike and Sally Sage and their daughter Nicola; Christine Chadwick (Friend of Paul Hodges); Janet and Christina Le Moignan; Tim Jiggins (Martin and Pat Heal's son-in-law); Robin Legg, Alex and Jan's family; Sylvia Smith; Rosemary McCleery; and those unable to worship with us today.

I would like to express my thanks to all who have prayed for me, sent me cards and delivered gifts during these past rather trying months.

Thank you Father for helping me when life knocks me down. Thank you for the people You've used to encourage and strengthen me.  
Praise The Lord!  
Eileen Higgins

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### Diary Dates

Sunday January 6<sup>th</sup>: Covenant Service with Holy Communion

Sunday January 13<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 pm – Taize Service Led by Revd Lesley McCreadie

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### From the Church Secretary:

Many of you will already know that Tony Field died peacefully in his sleep in the early hours of Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> December. His Funeral Service will be on Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 2.00 pm at Cheap Street Church, followed by tea in the Hall. We remember Margaret and all the family.in our prayers.

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### To My Church Family and Friends,

Wishing you ALL A Happy Peaceful Christmas and New Year!  
Margaret Beard

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**Church Christmas Flowers** – Thank you Margaret B, Yve, Colleen and team for making the beautiful flower arrangements while Jenn and I finished the rest of the decorations to be ready for our Christmas Celebrations.

Best wishes for Christmas to this special church family of ours, and Health and Happiness for the year ahead.  
Eirwen

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### Message from Gill Hunt.

I am trying to say a very Big Thank You to all of you who know me, have thought of me and prayed for me during the lengthy hospitalization. Life has been hard and, faith tested and humour dispersed. I am home at last, rather disabled, but thankful for all the good times I've enjoyed during my life at Cheap Street. You will always be in my thoughts and prayers.  
Love from Gill

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*Merry Christmas*

