



Dear Church Family

As I write this I am still hopeful of celebrating Christmas, in some sort of freedom, although restrictions are creeping back, as we continue to fight the battle. But nothing can beat the Season and what it means for us.

But for now I turn my thoughts to the New Year. Each new year offers us exciting opportunities for a fresh start and new beginnings. No matter what your goals are for the coming year or how many resolutions, if any, you plan to make for 2022; ringing in the start of a new year is a precious moment to reflect. One to celebrate, happy experiences from 2021, even if it is that we are **survivors**. And two, to welcome in hope the new year ahead.

As soon as Christmas day is over, men and women utter the phrase 'thank goodness that is over for another year'. But after all these years have they really missed the point. Have they not taken it all in? It isn't over! Unto you is born a Saviour.' It's just the beginning and it will go on forever. But unless we believe the 'Good news' we become stuck in an endless whirl of Christmas 'Mess and Muddle'. If we believe, then we realise that every year is an opportunity to take on board what this miraculous happening means for each of us.

I borrow a quote read recently:

"The New Year is a painting not yet painted; a path not yet stepped on; a wing not yet taken off! Things haven't happened as yet! Before the clock strikes twelve, remember that you are blessed with the ability to reshape your life!"

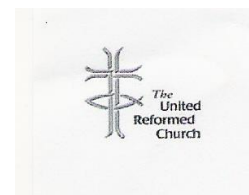
Let us take up our paintbrush and make bold brushstrokes; step upon that new pathway in confidence, launch ourselves in faith like baby birds from the nest, and make things of Hope happen in 2022.

Happy New Year



Lynne

The Church in Hope Street LEP



CHURCH NOTICES

JANUARY 2022



*Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever.*

Psalms 118:1

Mission Statement

*Our mission is to help all people understand and respond
to the depth of God's love for them*

2022

With best wishes to you all for a happy & healthy New Year

Morning Service 10:30am	Sunday 2nd January Traditional	Lynne Le Masonry
Morning Service 10:30am	Sunday 9th January <i>Holy Communion</i>	Lynne Le Masonry
Sewcially Crafternoon Tea 1:30pm – 3:30pm	Friday 14th January	Coffee Shop
Morning Service 10:30am	Sunday 16th January On Screen	Trish Robb
Church Meeting 2:00pm	Monday 17th January	Church
Morning Service 10:30am	Sunday 23rd January Visitor	Jenny Thompson
Morning Service 10:30am	Sunday 30th January	Jigsaw Service

Please note: All of the above may be subject to change due to Covid-19

MESSAGES

A really big "Thank you"
to everyone who contributed or helped in any way
to raise £204.70 for Church funds
at the Coffee Morning held on Friday 10th December.
The girls in the Coffee Shop were amazing
and without their help we couldn't have done it.

BIRTHDAYS

25 th December	Wenda	24 th January	Lynne
27 th December	Brian		
28 th December	Stephen		

Dates for your Diary

Taketime is a series of relaxing guided meditations
based on the stories of Jesus and the tradition of St Ignatius

Taketime Together  is now meeting on Fridays, 11:15pm in Church

Living with Dementia

Meetings are on 1st and 3rd Thursdays. Contact Janet for more information.

COFFEE SHOP RE-OPENING

All being well, the Coffee Shop is hoping to re-open
at 9 o'clock on the morning of
Tuesday 4th January 2022

CHURCH MEETING

The next Church Meeting, to which you are all invited,
will be held in the Church
on Monday 17th January 2022 at 2 o'clock
please come along if you are able.

Brian's Special Birthday Tea

Due to the high infection rates at the moment, Brian's special birthday tea
has been postponed.

A new date will be arranged when the situation improves.

Notices for February should be available from Sunday 30th January

Please let me know if you would like something included. Heather

Contributions welcome for FOOD BANK & COMMUNITY BUS

Thank you for donating food items - packets, tins etc. and toiletries
for the food bank and the Community Bus.