

Sunday -10 am

The Gospel and Perseverance – Acts 20: 17-38

A warm welcome to anyone here for the first time today.

Please make yourself known to a steward. .

Refreshments will follow the service in the Clifford Hall.

PLEASE do not attend today if you have any **COVID** symptoms (cough, loss of taste and smell, temperature) **PLEASE** use the hand sanitiser on entry to the building **PLEASE** wear a mask if you wish to do so. **PLEASE** respect each other's sensitivities and give each other as much space and understanding as possible .

Prayer prior to the service will take place in the Buckhurst Room from 9 am. This will be led by Rev David Lockwood.

COVID Guidelines. The pews on the righthand side of the sanctuary are a mask only area. People who wish to wear masks are able to sit wherever they like. Those who are choosing not to wear a mask will be asked to sit in the other pews available. Please remember to respect each other's sensitivities and do not offer a handshake or hug without checking with the person first that they are comfortable with this. **The guidelines will be regularly reviewed by the leadership.**

There will be a **Christmas Greetings sheet** produced to be circulated with the bulletin on Sunday 19th December. Send your greeting into the church office and it will be included for a donation of £5 towards BMS. The pigeon-holes are not being used at present due to covid so this is a convenient way to send greetings and help a good cause.

Christmas Day lunch - We plan to provide a Christmas day lunch at church - providing Covid rules don't change! Booking forms are available from reception and the vestibule.

Rosemary Henley is still receiving **orders for masks** and at present will be making Christmassy ones. All donations to Bexhill Foodbank. To contact her Email rosebryhen@aol.com or Tel 225388

Nativity Treasure Hunt for families. Characters from the nativity story will be hidden around town for families to find. This will be followed by a photo booth and drinks back in the church hall. The treasure hunt will begin at Beulah Baptist Church on Saturday 11th December from 10 am to 11.30 am. For further information contact Gareth –gareth.williamsonbeulahbaptist@gmail.com

The Christchurch Singers will present 'Christmas Praise' on Saturday, December 11th at 6pm at Christchurch Methodist Church, Springfield Rd, Bexhill, TN40 2BX. A retiring collection will be for the RNLI Please wear a face covering, please. For further information Email Chris Cox (chriscox60@hotmail.com)

Membership Class. There will be two opportunities to find out more about membership at Beulah, with no commitment. Monday 29th November, 11 am or 7.30 pm in the Buckhurst Room. Still time to sign up in the foyer. If you have already signed up, please come to the session you indicated.

Mid-week church prayer Wednesdays from 7.30 pm in the Buckhurst Room. This week the theme will be the elderly, youth and children.

On Sunday 19th December **Margaret Buck** will provide flowers in the foyer in memory of Brian.

CHURCH DIARY

Sunday	6.00 pm Youth Alpha (Payne Room)
Monday	11 am Membership Class (Buckhurst Room)
	6.00 pm Bible Journaling (Barnett Barn)
	7.30 pm Membership Class (Buckhurst Room)
Tuesday	9.30 am Elders Meeting (Buckhurst Room)
	10 am Toddlers (Beulah Centre)
	2.00 pm Art Group (Clifford Hall)
	2.30 pm Tea Talk (Buckhurst Room)
	6.00 pm Limitless Youth Group (Beulah Centre)
Wednesday	1.30 - 4 pm Connect Groups (Buckhurst and Barnett Barn)
	7.30 pm Mid-Week Prayer (Buckhurst Room)
	7.30 pm Connect Group (Barnett Barn)
Thursday	9.00 am Clifford Day Centre (Clifford Hall)
	7.30 pm Worship Group rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Friday	AM Community Meals (Clifford Hall)

For information re any of the above, please contact the church office.

The Sunday Lunch team are still in need of a couple more helpers to come and help prepare vegetables on a Sunday morning. This would be on a rota basis, probably be once in every six weeks. If you are willing to help, please would you contact Ann Hoy asap. Many thanks.

The next Sunday Lunch is 5th December. We regret that we are unable to take any more people for Sunday Lunch at present as our list is currently full. Sunday Lunches will resume twice monthly in January, on the second and fourth Sundays as before. Rotas for this will be available at the next Sunday lunch.

CAP (Christians Against Poverty) will be celebrating 10 years of CAP Bexhill's work in the community. They will be delivering over 25 Christmas hampers, and vouchers for local green grocers and butchers, to enable client families to get food for their Christmas dinners. This will be funded from the charity's reserves. They are asking people to raise ongoing funds for CAP by joining their '**10 for 10**' challenge. Do ten of any activity you want – for example a 10K run, bake 10 cakes, sell 10 things you no longer need or increase your giving by £10. Please help CAP make a difference in people's lives. Donations can be given directly to the CAP Centre, HSBC Bank, Sort Code 40 10 14 Account No 01533037. Please mark your donation '10 for 10 challenge'. CAP gift aid forms can be found on reception.

Calling all men! Breakfast and fellowship at Wetherspoons on Saturday December 18. Arrive at 8am and you can order your breakfast separately by 8.10 using your table number. We will meet at the rear of Wetherspoons, and tables can be moved so we can eat together. Please feel free to bring friends along with you. Any questions, please contact Paul Matthews Email windy.hill@hotmail.com

CTIB (Churches together in Bexhill) have asked for prayer for the following during December:

5 th	HUG - Bexhill and Rother Homelessness Unity Group
12 th	Bexhill United Reformed Church, Cantelupe Road
19 th	St Peter's Church, Old Town
26 th	Freedom Church, Sidley

The following have signed up to the **BMS Birthday Scheme** whereby they donate to BMS on the occasion of their birthday in December:

4 th	Gwen Butler
	Mike Newbold
11 th	Catherine Morton
12 th	Pat Horne
13 th	Edna Parr



25 th	John Morton
27 th	Pauline O'Connor

BMS World Mission have asked for prayer for the following during December:

BMS Fundraising. Please pray for continued financial provision for BMS projects and partners. In particular, please pray for funds to support the women's prison ministry in Tunisia and legal aid and education for those unable to access it in Mozambique.

Afghanistan. Please pray for this fragile country at this time, and in particular for the distribution of food and aid to those who desperately need it.

Church and Evangelism. During this advent season, pray for many people to hear the Christmas story and receive the joy of Christ.

Mobilising Communities. Pray that BMS will be gracious in listening to the voice of local church members and not drown out those from communities where we work who are best placed to know what is needed.

Advent retreats and quiet days at Penhurst Retreat Centre.

Penhurst Retreat Centre, near Ashburnham and Battle, is hosting a series of individual Advent Quiet Days on different themes from Wednesday 8 - Saturday 11 December, and a Celtic Advent retreat from Monday 13 - Wednesday 15 December. Why not join us and spend some time in the peaceful surroundings of Penhurst, enjoying our hospitality and contemplating all that the season of Advent means. See www.penhurst.org.uk for more information and online booking or contact the office on info@penhurst.org.uk or 01424 892088. Leaflets can also be found on reception and in the foyer.