

Sunday 23rd - 30th December 2018

TODAY IN CHURCH

9am Holy Communion
Preacher

Rev Tony Coulson
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10:30am Morning Worship
Leader
Preacher

Alison Mullens
Rev Tony Coulson

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 24th December

3:30pm Christingle Service
5pm Christingle Service
11:30pm Midnight Communion

Tuesday 25th December

10am Christmas Family Celebration

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9am Holy Communion
10:30am Morning Worship

Sunday 6th January

9am Holy Communion
10:30am Holy Communion

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International Students

As in previous years, there is an opportunity to host one or two International Students from the university for a meal over the Christmas period. Contact Bob or Judith Hansford soon if interested.

Prayers for our Church Family

Please pray for all those who are unwell, lonely or bereaved at this time. Please continue to pray for Michael Patterson, Joan Wise and Mick too and Steve Litchfield's sister. Pray for Liz Hansford, Ben and Katy Ray and others in the Neema Team as they prepare to take a break at Christmas. Pray for Liz Hansford after a hectic pre-Christmas period at Neema Crafts. Pray for the whole staff as they take a well-earned break, and Liz taking a short holiday over Christmas.

Prayers for the world

Refugees

Jesus was a refugee in Egypt during his early years. Pray for the many millions of refugees in today's world; S.Sudan alone has 2.2 million people living in 6 neighbouring countries plus 1.9m internally displaced. In Syria, 6.2 million are internally displaced and 5.6 million have fled the country.

Prince of Peace

Jesus came as Prince of Peace, yet still the world tears itself apart with conflicts. Pray that the cease-fire will hold in Yemen, particularly around Hodeida. In Anglophone areas of Cameroon, 437,000 people have fled conflict and live in the bush. Ukraine's war in the East enters its 5th winter. Pray for peace.

People far from home

Jesus' parents were far from home for his birth. Pray for missionaries and aid workers, also military personnel, who will be far from home this Christmas, and missing their loved ones. Life is dangerous for many. 113 aid workers have been killed in S.Sudan in 5 years of fighting.

Persecuted Christians.

As we celebrate Jesus' birthday openly and freely, pray for God's protection over those who will meet in fear; also for those in prison for their faith, and for secret believers, unable to share their joy with others.

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