



January 2020

'Put your HOPE in God''

Psalm 11 v 5

Sunday 5th	11.00am	Morning Worship: Bob Dawson
	12.30pm	Lunch
Wednesday 8th	10.00am	Culver Coffee
	8.00pm	Young Adults House Group at Ian's
Thursday 9th	5.30pm	Majorettes
Friday 10th	10.00am	Tots and Toys
	7.15pm	Youth Club
Sunday 12th	10.00am	Communion
	11.00am	Morning Worship: Speaker TBC
Wednesday 15th	10.00am	Culver Coffee
	8.00pm	Young Adults House Group at Ian's
Thursday 16th	5.30pm	Majorettes
Friday 17th	10.00am	Tots and Toys
	7.15pm	Youth Club
Sunday 19th	9.30am	Prayer Breakfast
	11.00am	Coffee and Communion: Hope for 2020
Wednesday 22nd	10.00am	Culver Coffee
	8.00pm	Young Adults House Group at Ian's
Thursday 23rd	5.30pm	Majorettes
Friday 24th	10.00am	Tots and Toys
	7.15pm	Youth Club
Sunday 26th	10.00am	Communion
	11.00am	Morning Worship: Peter Mann
Wednesday 29th	10.00am	Culver Coffee
	8.00pm	Young Adults House Group at Ian's
Thursday 30th	5.30pm	Majorettes
Friday 31st	10.00am	Tots and Toys
	7.15pm	Youth Group

NB: Wednesday House Group at Pat and Hudson's as announced

ADVANCE NOTICE

Sunday 8th March 11.00am Morning Worship: YOUTH FOR CHRIST

Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to all the Christmas activities. It was a busy month but we look forward with HOPE to 2020 and all that God has prepared for us.

In your new diary or calendar please mark Sunday 8 March as a special day when Neil O'Boyle, the National Director of Youth for Christ is visiting. Please be there and bring someone of any age. May Culver Church be full of HOPE in what God is going to do through us in 2020. Are we ready to be involved?

SUNDAY 5 JANUARY
12.30pm LUNCH

Jamie C is kindly catering for the first church lunch of 2020. Please bring drinks only.

At our last Prayer Breakfast we thanked God for the many good things we experienced in 2019. Even if it was a tough year for some, God has been there with us. Jenni M has persevered with tedious treatment for her legs but by the year's end, Jenni says that they have healed. Praise God! God answers prayer in His time. Continue to pray for everyone in our church, our friends and families.

Please pray especially for Hudson and the Carrington family on the death of a mother and grandmother.

Praise God for the young life of BENJAMIN our Compassion sponsored child who will be 6 on 6 January. Anti-Christian violence has increased in Burkina Faso where he lives with his brother/sister, his Mum and his Dad who is a driver. His diet today may be bread, eggs and beans. His Mum will not be vacuuming, but sweeping the dirt floor. He will probably be playing with a group of friends. Hopefully our money will help Benjamin to go to school. Try his lifestyle today!

If you are a UK taxpayer (including most retired people) and wish to contribute to Culver's finances, why not consider giving through Gift Aid? For every £1 you give, the Government adds another 25p (£20 = £25, £100 = £125). Please ask Susanne for a form.

There were two talks on Hope in December.

Peter asked if we were ready for Christmas. Do we put our hope in 'things'? Sometimes we don't need or ever use these 'things'! Christians have a certain hope in Jesus Christ, whose first coming we celebrate at Christmas. His birth, life, death and resurrection have brought hope for the world. Do we have that hope and are we ready for His Second Coming, when He comes again? We are only ready if we know our sins are forgiven and Jesus Christ is our Lord and Saviour.

The YouTube presentation on 'Jesus came to bring hope' focussed on the story of Ruth in the Old Testament, following the family line from her, through Boaz, Obed, Jesse, King David — Jesus. Ruth's story began in Bethlehem in the City of David, which is why Jesus was born there. Sometimes our hopes are disappointed. We got trouble 'instead of a toy' (to quote the speaker). Again Jesus is the only one who can bring hope.

Glenys entitled her talk 'The Resilience of Mary'. Mary was given a big task which could ruin her reputation and cause her to be an outcast. God trusted her and promised to be with her. Mary gave a lot of thought to her task. Do we think about the task God has given us or would we rather push it aside? Mary, while not perfect herself, had support from Elizabeth and ultimately Joseph. Do we support each other? Are we a supporting church to those in need?

At our well supported 'Carols by Candlelight' Mike emphasised that God's gift of His Son at Christmas was not only the best gift ever but the Bible teaches that acceptance of the gift was THE ONLY WAY TO GOD. There is NO OTHER.

Christmas Quiz Answers:

Psalm 28 v 7(a): The Lord is my strength and shield, my heart TRUSTS in Him and I am helped.

Psalm 91 v 2: He is my refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I TRUST.

Psalm 84.12: O Lord almighty, blessed is the man who TRUSTS in you.

Isaiah 12 v 2: God is my salvation; I will TRUST and not be afraid.

Jeremiah 17 v 7: Blessed is the man who TRUSTS in the Lord.

John 14 v 1: (Jesus said) TRUST in God, trust also in me.

How many did you remember? Let's hope we do better in 2020. The theme will be HOPE.

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