



December 2016 Newsletter

Services:

Sunday (Lord's Day) 11 am & 6:30 pm

Midweek Meeting: Tuesday 7:30 pm

We celebrate the Lord's Supper after the morning service on the 1st Lord's Day and after the evening service on the third Lord's Day of the month.

Refreshments follow the Lord's Day evening service

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Meetings:

Lord's Day 4th December 11 & 6:30 (Pastor)

Lord's Supper follows morning service

Tuesday 6th December BS/PM* 7:30 (Pastor)

Lord's Day 11th December 11 & 6:30 (Pastor)

Tuesday 13th December BS/PM* 7:30 (Pastor)

Lord's Day 18th December 11 & 6:30 (Pastor)

Lord's Supper follows evening service

Tuesday 20th December BS/PM* 7:30 (Pastor)

Lord's Day 25th December 11 & 6:30 (Pastor)

There is no Tuesday Meeting on 27th December

*(BS/PM - Bible Study and Prayer Meeting)

News and Information

- Please Remember those that are sick and having treatment
- 1000 TBS Calendars have now arrived. Any offers of help for distribution will be greatly received.
- Please take and read the various prayer letters that are in the entrance foyer.

Dates for your Diary

- There is a Church Members Meeting planned for **Thursday 8th December** at 7:30pm. Venue to be confirmed.
- We have an Open Air planned for **Saturday 17th December**. Meet at the Chapel at 10:30 to head into the Open Air for 11am. Please come and support this witness.
- There will be a fellowship lunch on Sunday 18th December after the morning service.
- The morning service on 18th December will be of an incarnation theme.
- There is a prayer meeting for Church and Nation to be held at Crosslanes Chapel on Friday 6th January 2017 at 7pm (DV).
- On Friday 6th January we have our next Market Stall witness in the Shambles Market. subject to permission being granted. Please pray for opportunities to speak and freely give literature.
- Please continue to pray for the schools outreach of this year and for openings next the Lord willing.

The church's greatest need!

From Spurgeon's, INDEPENDENCE OF CHRISTIANITY

The greatest thing the church needs in this time,
is God's Holy Spirit.

You all get up plans and say, "Now, if the church
were altered a little bit, it would go on better."

You think if there were different ministers, or different church
order, or something different, then all would be well.

No, dear friends, the mistake does not lie there, it is that
we need more of the Spirit- his power and influence.

But now people are saying, "This must be altered, and that must
be altered." But it would go no better unless God the Spirit
should come to bless us.

You may have the same ministers, and they shall be a thousand
times more useful for God, if God is pleased to bless them.

You shall have the same deacons, they shall be a thousand times
more influential than they are now, when the Spirit is poured
down upon them from on high.

That is the church's great lack, and until that lack be supplied,
we may reform, and reform, and still be just the same.

We need the Holy Spirit, and then whatever faults there
may be in our churches, they can never materially impede
the progress of Christianity, when once the Spirit of the
Lord God is in our midst.

All we need is the Spirit of God.