



Issue 55

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Wishing you a Peaceful Christmas

Church Office Closure

The Church Office will be closed from the afternoon of Thursday 22nd December and will reopen on Tuesday 3rd January at 1pm.

Open House

David and Pam's Open House – Thursday 29th December, at 17 Hodder Place, 2-5pm. *(please note that Dates for the Diary includes incorrect house no).* Do come for fellowship, drinks and nibbles. All are welcome.

Dates for the Diary

The Dates for the Diary Sheet for end of December 2011 until end of February 2012 is now available from the back of church.

Family Walk, Saturday 31st December.

Family Walk @ Sedbergh on **Saturday 31st December.** Suitable for all ages, wee ones might need shoulders or to go in back carriers from time to time. Uphill for first 30 minutes. Duration: about 1 hour, with BRILLIANT playground at the end. Boots needed. Meet @ White cross car park at 9.30am or meet at Sedbergh carpark (end of village on left) at 10.15am. **Please contact Marcus if you need a lift or have a space in your car.**

Help with taking down Christmas Decorations

Could we possibly have a few volunteers to help take down the Christmas decorations in the Church Centre during the first week of January. If you can help, contact the Office. Thank you!

Help with CAP Client

We need someone to give Ruth Stubb's CAP client a lift to hospital on the dates below because Ruth is not around or is on placement. It would be really helpful for this client and a great and practical way of showing Christ's love to her.

Preston

5th Jan 10am (9.15 pick up)

12th Jan 10am (9.15 pick up)

Lancaster

16th Jan 11am (10:30 pick up)

The Preston appointments last for about 30mins and the Lancaster one will probably be 30 – 40min. If you can help, contact Ruth (details in the Church Directory).

Philippines Update

Following the typhoon in the Philippines, we have received an update from Pastor Vic. They lost light, internet and phone signal and there was some damage but they are all safe and they thank God for a limited use of a generator. Pastor Vic wants to thank everyone for praying for them.

New Year Church Arrangements

Sunday 1st January, 11am. New Years Day Celebration with Breaking of Bread. No GNR8.

Sunday 8th January, 11am. GNR8 during 11am Service only.

Sunday 15th January, 11am, Launch of Church in The Home. GNR8 at 10am. No GNR8 extension so that children can stay in for launch.

Sunday 22nd January, 10am GNR8. Tea/Coffee available from 10am-10.45am. Service starts at **11am.** GNR8 extension at approx 11.30am.

Media Website

The **media** web address is www.christians-alive-media.org.uk. The media site for church member use is now up and running, with more up-to-date Sunday messages ready to be added soon. To access the site, you will need a user account. If you would like an account, please get in touch with Ole Hunt (contact details via the Church Directory) or contact the Office.

St Johns Hospice

After Christmas let St. John's Hospice take away your Christmas Tree for Recycling! It couldn't be simpler! No mess in the car! No need to cut up! Just remove the decorations! The collection takes place on January 7th & 8th in the postcode areas of LA1, LA2, LA3, LA4 & LA5. Suggest minimum donation of £5 per tree. To arrange a collection please fill in one of our online collection forms at: www.sjhospice.org.uk/RecycleTrees

Celebrate Recovery

A new **Celebrate Recovery** course starts on **Tuesday 10th January** at Lancaster Free Methodist Church, 7.30pm. See notice-board for more information or the website www.lfmc.co.uk.

FOR SALE



Luxury 2 seater settee in brown leather. Just 4 years old and in excellent condition. Upholstery complies with all current fire regulations. For details, please call Annie Gorman (details in church directory).

Utility Bills Clinic

For free independent local energy advice to help you save money, energy and cut carbon emissions, take along your utility bills to the clinics at following libraries:-

Lancaster :

23.1.12, 10am-12noon

20.2.12, 10am-12noon

19.3.12, 10am-12noon

Heysham :

9.1.12, 2-4pm

6.2.12, 2-4pm

3.3.12, 2-4pm

Morecambe :

16.1.12, 10-1pm

13.2.12, 10-1pm

12.3.12, 10-1pm

FUTURE EVENTS

George Verwer is visiting St Thomas' Church on **Saturday 21st January** (time tbc). George Verwer is the Founder and former International Director of Operation Mobilisation, which is a ministry of evangelism, discipleship training and church planting.

Early in 2012, St Thomas' Church, Lancaster will be offering the **Marriage Course**. Each evening starts with a freshly-cooked two-course meal at a candlelit table for two. Talks will be presented on DVD with opportunities to talk as a couple. Course Dates : Thursdays 2nd Feb – 22nd March (not 16th Feb), 7.30pm – 10pm. Course costs £50 per couple. To reserve your place on the course, please complete the form at the back of church along with a £20 deposit. For more information see the notice-board.

