



Bethel News November 2021

Please accept my apologies for the lack of Newsletter – the recent cataract surgery has made using the computer difficult for me. This is a brief summary for you all – I hope to be back to normal soon!

Morning Services at 11am

Remembrance Sunday		Mid-week Fellowship
21 November		Mrs J Thompson
28 November	Silver Tree	Major Lynne Clifton
5 December	Christening	Miss P Poynter
12 December	Memory Tree	Mrs M Mancktelow
	Communion	
19 December	Carol service	The Deacons

There will not be a morning service on 26 December.

Silver Tree service on 28 November

The Silver Tree service has been a tradition at Bethel for many years, dating back to the days when a silver coin was of great value! On Silver Tree day you will see the church decorated in silver with a silver tree at the front. In the weeks before you will be offered a small bag in which you are invited to place your gift for the work at Bethel. During the service there will be an opportunity to hang your bag on the tree.

Chistmas 2021 as you all know we normally invite you to bring gifts to church for the Women's refuge in Sittingbourne, last year we sent them a cheque but this year we are unsure what is happening. We will let you know as soon as possible what the plans are.

Please also be aware that the usual Christmas post boxes won't be available this year so if you want to send Christmas cards to your Bethel friends you will need to give them to them personally.

Christmas at Minster Bethel

Saturday 4 December

Sunday 19 December

Christmas Eve

Christmas Day

Brigade Christmas Fayre from 10am

Carols by Candlelight at 6.30pm

Midnight Communion at 11.45pm

Celebration Service at 10am

Dates for your diary:

Sunday 28 November a United Service for Advent. 6.30pm at the Church in Hope Street.

Monday 6th December at Oasis Academy, Sheerness a Carols by Candlelight service at 6pm. This has been planned by Jackie, our Community Warden and promises to be a good time with contributions from some schools and from the Sheppey Community. Please look out for further details nearer the time.

Saturday 18 December – Churches Together in Sheppey will be singing carols in Sheerness Town Centre.

Please pray for:

- For any in our fellowship who are unwell – that they may receive the treatment they need. We think especially of those who are unable to join us at Bethel.
- For our young people and those who lead them. We pray that as Christmas approaches they will all enjoy the preparations.
- For our Island, thinking especially of those who are struggling financially. May the Sheppey Support Bus and the Food Banks continue to be able to help the neediest in our community.
- For Nado, the young girl we support in Togo.
- We give thanks for Nigel, serving in Grenada, may he continue to get to know the local people well and that his church will benefit from his ministry.
- For our country, for wisdom for those in authority.
- For the world situation especially those living with war and violence.
- Lastly for ourselves, that we continue to grow in faith and in knowledge of the Lord Jesus.

