

## Prayer Diary

- Mon:** Little Acorns and the ladies who will be selling their products on Monday.
- Tue:** For people to help with cakes and preparations for the Dickensian evening.
- Wed:** For faithfulness to stand and trust our Lord and His promises when things are tough.
- Thu:** Jane & David Poyntz & family.
- Fri:** Trisha & Paul Harvey & family.
- Sat:** For Father's blessings throughout the coming week. That we will take the opportunity to witness or help someone in need, with His love.
- Sun:** Pray for the visiting pastor next week who may lead us in future.

## COMING UP

**Sunday Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>.** We are pleased to welcome Alan and Janice Davies. Alan will preach, followed by a bring & share lunch, so that we can talk with them at leisure. A decision to invite him to be our pastor will be discussed at the church meeting on Wed. 25<sup>th</sup>.

**November 25<sup>th</sup> Church meeting**  
Voting will take place at 7.30pm. Those nominated as deacons are: Margaret King & Christine Spencer. The regular meeting will follow elections.

**Wednesday Home Groups.**  
**Wymondham Churches Together** are arranging a Christmas lunch on Christmas Day for those who will be on their own. If you, or anyone you know would like to go to the lunch please speak to Chris Flaxman, or Christine Spencer as soon as possible.



### Speaking today is

Jill Mayes — *Family service*

### Activities Little Acorns

Many of you who read these words won't have visited Little Acorns. The volunteers always find it encouraging to hear of your interest and responses to our activities.

Whilst of course it is primarily a baby and toddler group, we are beginning to understand more fully that it is a family group, in the broadest sense of the words. Every week we welcome dads, grandparents, and aunties, in addition to the dozens of mums and children who enjoy our fellowship on a Monday morning.

As we get to know them, we see that they experience the same challenges that we all have in our own lives, from sleepless nights, to looking after elderly parents.

We are privileged to have the opportunity to touch these families, and we are always conscious that God can work in their lives; even in the short time we have together every week.

When we ask for your prayers, it is partly for safety and wisdom, partly for God to move within our work and also for wisdom in the direction we take

# WELCOME

A special welcome to our service this morning and to any visitors.

We are quite informal, modern and start at 10.30, lasting approximately 1<sup>1/2</sup> hours.

We pray you will be blessed as you worship and praise our great and mighty God. If you need prayer, please do ask.

**Do stay for refreshments and chat afterwards.**

Little Acorns next.

The coming weeks will be a hive of activity, starting with our first Christmas Fair tomorrow, Monday, Nov. 16. Then onwards by preparing intricate Bethlehem scene Christmas cards; decorating gingerbread men; preparing Christmas presents for every member of these families; making handprint calendars for the New Year; as well as putting our collective heads together to create a Baby Jesus grotto, which the children will be able to participate in.

Please remember us in our prayers as we not only do more activities, but also bring small and big changes to the playgroup.

We are seeing families respond in small – but possibly significant ways. Therefore, we are seeking guidance as we move forward, that they will see Jesus in us and they will want to know more.  
*Tracy*



Contact details should you have the need to speak to someone outside of office and service times. Do please contact them if you need help.

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## Alternative Christmas Card



This Christmas we have decided again to make available World Vision's **Alternative Christmas Card**, a fun way of giving each other greetings without having to send each other individual Christmas Cards.

There will be one big card which can take lots and lots of personal greetings and we're asking you to donate what you will save, plus a little more if you'd like!; to help World Vision's work with people around the world.

This year the money raised will be going to help children and families of

Sudan rebuild sustainable lives beyond the catastrophic effects of conflict.

Simply sign the card and drop your donation into the jar provided. The card will be available in church from the beginning of December.

If you're a taxpayer, please take a moment to fill in your details on the form situated close by, so that World Vision can also claim back tax - about 25p in every pound. If you would like more information, please speak to Tammy.

### Gail says "Thank you"

Gail Howes wishes to thank everyone who has been praying for her son Toby, who has now recovered from Swine Flu and is back to normal.

She also commented: "I have really felt supported and loved by the church recently. I feel a lot better and am now sure that God wants me to be in this place".

### Happy Birthdays

#### NOVEMBER

- Merryn Hannatt on 11<sup>th</sup>
  - Chloe Chambers on 14<sup>th</sup>
  - Joan Cooper on 16<sup>th</sup>
  - Stacey Price on 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Bethan Murray on 24<sup>th</sup>
  - Charlotte Jordan will be 5 on 16<sup>th</sup>
- We wish everyone a Happy Birthday*



Information for notices to email:  
[trisha.harvey2@mypostoffice.co.uk](mailto:trisha.harvey2@mypostoffice.co.uk)  
 By 16.30 Wednesday latest.

## A testimony of the Lord's protection

*"But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen and protect you from the evil one". 2 Thess.3v3*



The following came through during the week via email on behalf of Ruth Barker. And as many know, Ruth returned to Durban in September, to work for the local church for another year. She lives with flatmates and they were held at gun point by six men who robbed them.

Ruth writes: 'Thank you all for your prayers after the robbery. It wasn't a nice experience but thankfully it hasn't haunted me since and I've been able to move on.

It is a miracle that we weren't hurt. I truly believe that the Holy Spirit was with us all that night, as we were very calm during the whole event and I also believe that God protected us too.

Unfortunately things like this don't always end as happily as ours did and I know that is all down to God being with us.

We prayed while they were robbing us and they even asked us at one point if we were praying.

**We said yes and after that they seemed to be worried and they left quickly, the power of God!**

We have all dealt with it in our own way. For me it doesn't seem real but I haven't had the trauma of nightmares or flashbacks which is good.

Obviously it has made me more cautious and aware than ever before but I don't feel fear, or feel scared. This is the reality of a place where people are very poor and feel like there is no alternative to life than do this as a job.

I feel sorry for these guys and not angry.

Ruth has asked for prayers for ongoing protection and safety, especially as she will be driving another car which was delivered during the week from someone in the church who owns a garage.

She asks too for energy - as she has been very tired recently. Work is busy and it can be long days although they are usually enjoyable!

Ruth adds: 'Pray also for new friends - Esther and Lorna go back to England in December, so getting to know more people is always good'.

Pray for her job and the ability to learn more. Lastly, she asks us to pray for the six men who robbed who them; that they turn away from the lifestyle they are leading.

*Lord and Father in heaven, we thank you for Your wonderful promises and everlasting care. We believe that You have saved Ruth and her friends from a terrible ordeal and delivered them out of the hands of evil. We pray now, for Your continuing protection and guidance.*

*We also ask that the Holy Spirit Himself will convict those men and they turn from their ways and follow the living God. For we have heard how they fear You.*

*In Jesus name. Amen.*