



**Hazel Bingham**

It is with sadness that we pass on the news that Hazel Bingham died on Monday 4th December, after suffering a stroke. Hazel was a member at Goffs Oak Methodist for many years, and regularly attended Richard Hall's Bible Class. Latterly she returned to St.

Andrews Church in Cuffley, being nearer to home.

She continued to be involved with our ecumenical events, attending committee meetings, and being a great helper at all our Grapevine functions.

She was a lovely friend and will be sorely missed.

Please remember her daughters Nicky and Linda and their families in your prayers, especially Nicky who is undergoing Chemotherapy to whom her mum was a great support.

Hazel's funeral will take place at St. Andrew's Church on Thursday 4th January.



**Church Carpet Fundraising Appeal**

As everyone can see, the carpets in our Church have seen better days. As part of our 2018 initiatives, we are hoping to replace them with:

New carpet in the sanctuary, including the dais  
Carpet tiles in the rear of the church, which is used by many external groups

The estimated cost of the project is £3,500 and we are hoping to achieve this target in time for the new carpets to be in place at our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary service on 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

Donation envelopes are available in the vestibule - please give generously.  
And if you can Gift Aid your donation, so much the better!

Thank you.

Please note that any notices required to appear in the next News Sheet should be forwarded to Lesley Batts by 7pm on Thursdays.

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**News sheet**

**Sunday 17th**

**December 2017**



**We do hope you enjoy your time with us today**

**Look out for details of all the events taking place over the coming months, leading up to our anniversary in October 2018**



### Circuit Prayers

This Sunday we are asked to pray for all those who attend Ponders End Methodist Church in our circuit.

### As the school holidays begin, some of the weekly youth organisations may not meet

#### Week commencing...

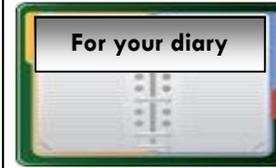
Sunday 17th	10.15am	<b>Third Sunday in Advent</b>
December		Service with Mrs Nancy Hands The Sunday Club
	2.00pm	<b>Children's Christmas Party</b> , followed by
	4.30pm	<b>Carols and Nativity Service</b> with Rev. Alan Combes

Please could we have donations of mince pies, cakes, stollen, etc., for refreshments after the service **THIS AFTERNOON**.  
And also for Carols by Torchlight on Tuesday evening.

Monday 18th	6.30pm	Beavers in the Scout HQ
	7.30pm	Last of four <b>Advent Bible Study</b> meetings at Church.
Tuesday 19th	10.00am	See diary entry opposite
	6.45pm	Cub Scouts in the Scout HQ
Wednesday 20th	7.30pm	Scouts' meeting in the Scout HQ
Thursday 21st	6.00pm	Brownies
	7.30pm	Guides
Friday 22nd	6.30pm	Rainbows
Sunday 24th	10.15am	<b>Fourth Sunday in Advent</b>
December		Service with Mr Ray Pettipher The Sunday Club There is no service this evening

*The Sunday Club is for children aged 3 and over. Younger children are most welcome to spend time in the left hand bay at the front of the Church, where there are toys and colouring books.*

**Please join us for a cup of tea or coffee after morning service**



Sunday 7th January

10.15am. **Covenant Service and Holy Communion**

with Rev. Alan Combes

4.00pm. **United Service**, shared with St. James's Church and held here at Goffs Oak Methodist, with Rev. Dan Haylett

### Church Mission Policy

The Circuit Meeting has asked each local Church to 'develop its own stated mission policy. This policy will in turn be shared, agreed and supported by the Circuit Meeting in a relationship to be based on mutual trust, understanding and accountability.'

Part of the intent of this is to help us all in seeking to gain a clearer understanding of what God is doing in our respective communities and to begin conversations that respond to this by starting a process of developing the mission, strategy and witness of each Church. Over time this work will prayerfully focus our witness and will provide direction for the ongoing development of our people and churches.

**We will begin the process with an informal discussion over coffee after the Covenant service. All are welcome!**

### Services over Christmas

#### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December (TODAY)

2.00pm **Children's Christmas Party**, followed by  
4.30pm **Carols and Nativity Service**

#### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

10.00am. **Weekly Open Church Coffee Morning**, followed by  
11.30am. **Mid-week Advent Holy Communion**.  
7.00pm. **Carols by Torchlight** round the Goffs Oak Village War Memorial, in aid of the **Whitechapel Mission**, with the Potters Bar Town Band

#### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December

10.00am. **Christmas Day Family Service**

### Prayer List

On the table in the Church vestibule there is a list where you can write your prayer requests, which will then be prayed for during the Sunday services. Alternatively, ring Barbara Hall (01707 872472) for inclusion in the prayer chain.