



# All Saints Church Hampreston & Stapehill

## New Year Newsheet – January & February

*Psalm 145 v 1: I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever!*

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### Letter from Sarah Pix

Welcome to a new year! It doesn't really feel new anymore with February about to begin! I don't know what happens with time in January, but it seems to go more slowly than the other months! That may be a good thing if it gives us time to reflect and think through the year ahead with the Lord. It feels as though the season has shifted again, and the dark clouds of Omicron seem to have passed over – a little light is dawning on the horizon. What does the Lord have for us as individuals, and as his family at All Saints? What have we learned over the past couple of years of upheaval and challenge? How have we seen the goodness of the Lord in the midst of difficulty? How has he been preparing us for the good that he has in store for us in 2022? Maybe you could spend some time asking him these questions in the next week or so. Our heavenly Father desires for us to be continually growing, like branches rooted into the Vine (John 15). We are never static - with Him we can go from glory to glory (2 Cor. 3: 18). This is the work of the Spirit in us.

I am loving our new sermon series on Life in the Spirit! There is so much more for us to grow into as we seek to live empowered by the Holy Spirit of God, listening to his voice, being alert to his prompting, cooperating with his sanctifying work in our lives! Let's pray for one another that he will stir our hearts, giving us a hunger to know him more – there could be no greater outcome for this year than to go deeper with Him.

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### **NEWS**

The new Bishop of Salisbury has been announced as Stephen Lake, currently the Dean of Gloucester. You can read more about him here: <https://www.salisbury.anglican.org/news/the-very-reverend-stephen-lake-dean-of-gloucester-elected-as-new-bishop-of-salisbury>

Do pray for Bishop-elect Stephen, as he prepares to take up his new role in Salisbury.



## **Job Opportunity with Hubb.Church** (Our church WebSite Provider)

### **We are hiring software developers!**

To help make Hubb even better, we are looking to hire more software staff. As this potentially a remote role, it may be a blessing to a member of your church who is looking for a role within a Christian company to serve churches.



### **Job summary**

We are looking for someone to join our agile development team as a full-stack web developer. The bulk of the day-to-day work will be centred on the primary Javascript / CSS / ASP.NET (VB) / SQL Server stack over the entire development cycle.

This is an excellent opportunity to take on a broad development role, maintaining and improving a platform that hundreds of churches and charities rely on every day. As part of a small team, you'll be able to make a significant contribution to the direction of the platform and enjoy taking new ideas from concept right through to completion. [For full job description click here](#)

## **New Children's group at Hampreston**

### **'BRIGHT LIGHT'S'**

We are offering a weekly group for children up to the age of 11 CALLED 'Bright Light's' which is operating during the talk in the side chapel.

In order to continue to do this successfully we will need some help. If anyone is interested in helping out once a month, please have a chat with Natacha.



## What's Coming up???

The Alpha Course (**online via Zoom**)

**Starts Monday 24th January 7.00 - 9.30pm** Alpha is a series of 10 interactive sessions that explore the Christian faith. Each talk looks at a different question around life, faith and meaning, and is designed to spark discussion.

If you or anyone you know would like to do the Alpha Course, please contact the Church Office [allsaintshampreston@gmail.com](mailto:allsaintshampreston@gmail.com) and we will send you the Zoom link.



**ALPHA ONLINE**



**Men's Breakfast at St Mary's Church, will be on Saturday 26th February.**

Tickets (£5 each) are available to buy from the Office. They are selling out fast - get yours now before they're all gone.



**HAMPRESTON CHURCH**



**Working party**



**To Tidy the Graveyard**

**DATES so far for 2022**

- 5<sup>th</sup> February
- 5<sup>th</sup> March
- 9<sup>th</sup> April
- 7<sup>th</sup> May
- 11<sup>th</sup> June + 2<sup>nd</sup> July

**9.30am – 12.30pm**

**Refreshments at 11am**

We are beginning a monthly **Praise and Prayer service** on the first Sunday of the month at 7pm at St Mary's.

Worship will be led by a team from across the Benefice.

**The first one will be on Sunday 6th Feb.**

**We'd love to see you there!**

## **Prayer updates & Requests**

### **Answers to Prayer:**

We are so grateful to the Lord for faithfully answering our prayers during the past few months.

### **Current Prayer Requests:**

Thanks that our young people have settled so quickly into College and University this term and for continued protection against COVID, that they would make wise decisions and that they would be salt and light in their new communities.

Please pray for Izzy Dye that some of the placement driving responsibilities are lifted from her, she's not a confident driver and has to drive unfamiliar cars this is causing her some anxiety. Also praise the Lord that she has settled back into Moorlands Bible College well and fully recovered from Covid.

Please also pray for guidance for a job for James Dye, once he finishes his master's degree in the summer, a lot of companies will be advertising positions now. Pray that he makes the right decisions and that the Lord would clearly lead him to where He wants him to be!

Please continue to pray for Banaf, she is still seeing a physio for her back and knee which is painful. Give thanks for Dave's recent surgery and continue to pray for a full recovery.

Pauline is thankful she has made a good recovery from back pain and now on medication to strengthen her bones and repair one that has a slight split. Continued prayers appreciated.

Please continue to pray for strength and stamina for Jim after he was poorly with COVID.

Prayers for Hampreston School, staff and students - for protection against COVID and that they are able to try and get back to some sort of normality with lessons.

We are delighted that Oli, Natacha, Florence, Rupert and Albert have settled into the vicarage now; We have been blessed by Oli's preaching and we are delighted that they are part of our Hampreston family.

Please continue to pray that the Lord would bless Natacha with a job, that Florence would make a Christian friend her own age locally and they would all go deeper with the Lord during this time.

Prayers also for the new Sunday morning children's group that Natacha has started up at Church.

We ask that you would bless Sarah, Christopher, Annabella and Arianna Pix and Patches, Zenaida, Twalumba and Temwani Chabala.

Please also continue to pray for - Sarah Libby; Jim and Pauline Harper; Jean Brooman; Fiona Dodds; Pathways for All People; African Inland Mission; The Lunchbowl Network, Fernhill and Wimborne care homes.

### **Foulkes Family Update**

- Give thanks for the increased attendance by women to the activities and for the spiritual interest especially in the sewing group where we share God's word each week,
- Ask God to show us how best to share the Good News in each ministry setting (sewing, Friends, Homework club, international families & students) and for receptive hearts among those who attend.
  - Praise God that we have another volunteer at the homework club. We are seeking increased prayer and volunteer involvement in various churches here.
    - Thank you for your prayers for our family during a difficult 2021.

We praise God that Simon's health has significantly improved although he still is not back to full strength.

AMEN

**PCC Update – To follow....**

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