



# **Steeple Bumpstead Congregational Church**

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**Church Secretary: Christine Blyth – tel: 01440 762066**

**Worship for all ages, everybody welcome**

***Sunday 18th December 2022***

***4th Sunday in Advent***

***“Christmas trees and Love”***

***Chris Stirling will be with us to share his  
message on “Christmas trees and Love”***

## **Reminders and Upcoming Events**

**CHRISTMAS DAY FAMILY CELEBRATION,**

**SUNDAY 25TH DECEMBER 2022**

**The Celebration will begin at the earlier time of 10.00am and  
Wayne Taylor will be sharing some thoughts with those that are  
able to attend. Everyone welcome.**

**NEW YEAR CELEBRATION - WEDNESDAY 4TH JANUARY 2023 IN  
THE LECTURE HALL, 7PM ONWARDS**

**At the November Church Meeting it was decided that we would get  
together for an evening of Fellowship and New Year Celebration on  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January. This will be a ‘Bring and Share’ evening  
with buffet-style refreshments, and we would love to welcome you  
and any family members or friends who would like to join us.**

**(continued overleaf)**

Please let either Gill Kuyper or Chris Blyth know if you plan to come along and how many will be in your party. It would also be helpful if you would indicate any food or soft drinks you are able to bring to share. Finally, the Leadership Team would like to wish you all a very Happy and Blessed Christmas, and a Healthy, Happy New Year!

**TUESDAY PRAYER MEETING FOR UKRAINE / RUSSIAN CONFLICT AND OTHER ISSUES; *to be held on Tuesday 20th December between 11.00 am and 12 noon at SBCC in the Lecture Hall.***

**LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING - TUESDAY 20TH DEC. AT 7PM.**

**PILOTS CLUB FOR CHILDREN;**

*Now having a Christmas break, starts again Thurs. 12th Jan-, 2023*

**EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE AUTUMN MAGAZINE “idea”**  
Available on the table at the back of the Church..

**UCB WORD FOR TODAY**

Copies of this quarter’s reading notes (November, December 2022, and January 2023) are still available from the table at the back of the Church.

**SUNDAY SERVICE REFRESHMENTS ROTA**

*Sun. 18th Dec., Sue and Mary*

*Sun. 1st Jan., Barbara and Peter*

## PRAYERS

Please continue to pray for the leadership team (Annie, Sheila, Wayne, Colin and Chris) as they work together with the Church to seek God's mind for the way ahead in the future. Keep in mind God's Word to us, as a fellowship, to ***"Forget the former things, do not dwell on the past. See I am doing a new thing!" Isaiah 43.18/19***

### ***For members of our fellowship or people connected to us***

*Pray for the compassion, peace and the healing of God, for all those in our congregation, and wider community, suffering pain and illness or going through adverse times; including;*

**Andrew;** For his new situation and for his own social and health needs.

**David;** Continue to pray for David and the dialysis treatment he needs regularly.

**Jill Vaughan;** Pray for Jill's health and that the new course of treatment she will be having for her cancer will be effective.

**Mary;** We thank God for the success of Mary's recent treatment and operation that has left her Cancer free.

**Jane Stirling.** Please continue to pray for Jane's health having come through successful preventative, and more recently some dental treatment.

**Wendy;** some news of diagnosis received by Colin & Margaret who visited her recently; the doctors are waiting before further treatment is given.

**Sue Preston;** suffering from Sjogrens (body dries out) please pray for Sue that tests etc. will help guide future treatment. She has "good and bad days".

**Fred Dare,** who in past years has been a very active member of SBCC, is currently in care in "Cedars", Halstead, suffering from Dementia. Please pray for him and for wife Sue and family who are doing what they can to support him.

### ***Overseas ministries supported by the Church***

**Pastor John;** Continue to pray for the effective pastoral and service in the communities in Southern India where he ministers in challenging circumstances which include persecution, illness, and poverty.

**House of Joshua;** Pray for children and adults, of the H of Joshua community in the Philippines, to be sustained by faith and encouragement from ourselves and others in the Body of Christ.

### ***National and International issues***

Continue to pray for current national and international matters, including King Charles, the Royal family; Prime Minister Rishi Sunak; the economic situation and its effect on people; the serious situation that exists in Europe and the world following the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Pray that God will over-rule in the conflict to minimise bloodshed, and for effective ongoing support of the Ukrainian people and refugees. Thanks to God for answered prayers. Pray also for the people of Pakistan in need of relief from the floods and its devastation. Sadly there is no shortage of distressing situations and those who need our prayers.

***To include items on our prayer page, or to advise of other needs, please get in touch with one of our leaders***

***Leadership Team:***

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***Tuesdays and Thursdays; Open Church; 10am - 12pm\****

*Time and space for prayer, quiet time, or to meet with others.*

*\*The Church will usually be open at these times. On Thursday mornings you can enjoy hearing our band and singers practising.*

***Web Site and Utube Channel***

Search for “Steeple Bumpstead Congregational Church” on YouTube, or follow the link to our website:

**[www.steeplebumpsteadcc.org](http://www.steeplebumpsteadcc.org)**

Our music group has recorded a range of hymns and worship songs for your enjoyment and blessing..

***If you would like to support the church by giving, you can make a contribution to the offering in person on Sunday mornings (*you will find an offering box at the front of the church*) or on-line, by asking our secretary, Chris Blyth for the necessary information.***

***Thank you.***