



# Steeple Bumpstead Congregational Church

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Church Secretary: Christine Blyth – tel: 01440 762066  
Worship for all ages, everybody welcome

**First Sunday in Advent;  
3rd December, 2023**

**Lighting of the first candle in Advent**  
representing **Hope** and also  
**Communion**

***Vivien Sargeant will be with us sharing  
about the Christmas journey based on  
Galatians Chapter 4 verses 1 - 7***

### Upcoming Events

**TUESDAY PRAYER MEETING;** *the next prayer meeting will be held  
Tuesday 5th December 2023 between 11.00 am - 12 noon (SBCC  
Lecture Hall).*

**PILOTS CLUB FOR CHILDREN:** *Thursdays during Term time between  
5.15pm and 6.15pm. For children from 5yrs. & upwards. Fun, crafts,  
games, music and various projects.*

**Refreshments; 3 December 23**  
*Barbara & 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. Remember God's Word to us, as a fellowship;

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

**Danny and Rachel;** It's pleasing to know that Rachel and Danny are doing well and that Danny is doing everything he has been advised to do; and it's paying off - enjoying his football and basketball and keeping Rachel busy running the usual taxi service that goes with having a teenager - we thank her for her best wishes to all and hope we can catch up soon.

**Chris Stirling;** Continue to pray for Chris and for his family of son and daughter, grandchildren and great grandchildren for God's love and peace in the coming days following their recent loss.

**Sue Dare.** Please hold Sue and her family in your prayers at this time following the loss of husband Fred. Arrangements are being made for a celebration of Fred's life on Monday 11th December 2023 at 2.00 pm. Sue would like the occasion to be a happy and joyful remembrance

**David;** has been ill but thankfully has recovered from Covid, and other recent health complications, in recent months. David would value prayers for ongoing health improvement and protection from any long Covid issues.

**Charlie and Emma;** Continue to pray for Mary as she cares for and supports the health needs of Charlie and more recently Emma (her daughter) who is having a lump on her knee investigated.

**Andrew;** Please continue to pray for Andrew's health and ongoing wellbeing.

**Sue Preston** Suffering from Sjogrens (body dries out); continue to pray that the Lord would intervene and bring healing to her body. We thank God for the improvement of some of the health issues.

**Roger;** Continue to pray for Roger's health and wellbeing

**Colin and Margaret;** Please pray for improvement of health issues being treated or under examination at the present time..

**Geoff;** Please continue to pray for Geoff (Sue's partner) who has to undergo treatment to remove a small cancer in his Prostate..

**Chris Blythe.** We are thankful that Chris is feeling much better but pray for completion of the healing of the cellulitis on her foot.

**Roy.** Would value pray for his well being and something that will help with treating the shaking that he has to cope with.

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

**Pastor John (Southern India);** Ongoing prayer for the effective pastoral care and service in challenging circumstances in southern India.

**House of Joshua (Phillipines);** Pray for the children and adults of the House of Joshua community to be sustained by faith and encouragement through difficult and challenging times.

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

Please pray for current national and international matters, including the reign of King Charles III, the Government, the economic situation. the serious situations in Europe and the world. Pray that God will over-rule in the conflicts to minimise bloodshed, and suffering.

Continue to pray for the many issues at the present time including Israel/Hamas; Ukraine/Russia etc.

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

**Leadership Team:**

*Wayne Taylor 01440 762771; Colin Preston 01440 421639;  
Sheila Burr; 01440 730711; Annie Turner 01440 730666; and  
Christine Blyth 01440 762066*

**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 box in  
person during the Sunday morning Service or on-line,  
by asking our secretary, Chris Blyth for the necessary  
information. Thank you.