



# Steeple Bumpstead Congregational Church

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

**Third Sunday in Advent;  
17th December, 2023  
Lighting of the third candle in Advent**

***George Tadrous will be with us sharing  
on the theme of “Giving love at  
Christmas” based on Acts 20; 35  
.....“It is better to give than to receive”***

**Upcoming Events**

**TUESDAY PRAYER MEETING; 19th DECEMBER 2023**

*The next prayer meeting will be held on Tuesday between 11.00 am -  
12 noon in the SBCC Lecture Hall.*

**Refreshments; 17th December 23**

*Gill*

**PILOTS CLUB FOR CHILDREN;**

**Pilots are now having a Christmas break, starting again on  
Thursday 11th January, 2024.**

## **CHRISTMAS SERVICES:**

***You and your friends are warmly invited to join us for the celebration of Jesus Christ's birth.***

**SUNDAY 24th DECEMBER 2023 at 10.30 am;  
*Christmas Carol Service***

**MONDAY 25th DECEMBER 2023 at 10.00 am  
*Christmas Day Celebration***

## **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;** We are glad to know that Rachel and Danny are doing well, 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.** It was wonderful to join with family and friends to celebrate the life of Fred Dare on Monday 11th December 2023. Please continue to hold Sue and her family in your prayers during the coming weeks and months following the loss of her husband Fred.

**Jill Vaughan's family:** please pray for God's peace and comfort for Jill's family and friends during their first Christmas without her.

**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 Emma (her daughter) who is having a lump on her knee investigated.

**Andrew;** Please continue to pray for Andrew's health and ongoing wellbeing. It was great that he was able to join us last Sunday (3rd) and appreciation for his help in the kitchen (along with Roy).

**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 is undergoing treatment to remove a small cancer in his Prostate..

**Alex (Chris's son).** Please pray for Alex and his recovery from recent knee surgery (4 Dec)..

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

**Barbara and Peter.** Please pray for Barbara and Peter recovering from Covid.

### ***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.