



# Steeple Bumpstead Congregational Church

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

**Fourth Sunday in Advent;  
Christmas Eve Carol Service  
24th December, 2023 at 10.30 am**  
*Lighting of the fourth candle in Advent (Love)*

**Refreshments; 24th December 23**  
*Mary and Sue*

**and**

**Christmas Day Family Celebration  
starting at 10.00am  
led by Wayne Taylor**

**Upcoming Events;**

**New Year Party on Friday 5th January  
starting at 6.30 pm. (bring and share -  
buffet style refreshments)**

*An evening of Fellowship, fun and New Year  
Celebration for family members and friends who  
would like to join us. Contacts Linda Seaman and  
Chris Blyth*

**SUNDAY 7th JANUARY 2004**  
**Visit of Yvonne Campbell, General Secretary**  
**Congregational Federation and**  
**presentation of Pilots Awards**

**NEXT PRAYER MEETING**

Will be held between 11.00 am and 12 noon on Tuesday  
9th January 2004 in the Lecture Hall at SBCC.

**PILOTS CLUB FOR CHILDREN;**

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

**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, we hope that it is possible to catch up sometime 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 is great that he is able to join us from time to time 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 continue to pray for Alex and his recovery from recent knee surgery..

**Roy.** Would value pray for his well being and something that will help with treatment of 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, Utube Channel and Church support**

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. Our Church Secretary will be glad to provide the  
information needed.**

