

## Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November

### Welcome to

10.45am – Morning Worship  
With Liz Little  
& Tim

ROCK for children will be held in the hall  
from 11am – 11.45am.  
Please join us for refreshments in the hall  
after the service

6pm Evening Communion with Steve  
Gaunt (Baptist elder)

### Next week

10.45am – Morning worship  
with Janet Watts & Jeff

## An invitation to a celebration

The season of Carols and Nativities has arrived, you are invited to a celebration of the start of the Christmas season on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 6pm at the Church Hall**. There will be a short nativity by SHELL club with Christmas Carols, mulled wine and mince pies followed by the turning on of the Nativity lights.

We would love to see you all

## What's on...



### Every Tuesday

Weekly Coffee morning  
**Breakfast** is served on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday  
monthly (next 21<sup>st</sup> November)

12.15pm - Home group

### Wednesdays

8pm - Home group

### Thursdays

Prayer group  
(alternate weeks, next – 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov)  
1.30pm in the hall lounge

### Hope Starts Here:

Once again this Christmas Mercy in Action are supporting vulnerable children and families, in the hope that they can enjoy the festive season in a joyful, yet simple way.

£9 feeds a family for Christmas  
£5 supports a street child for a day  
50p provides a child with a hot meal.

If you would like to make a donation towards our appeal, please contact Sian (078560924058)

Or put your donation in a sealed, marked envelope through the letterbox of 1, Bye Road no later than November 26<sup>th</sup>.

Please check our

website [www.mercyinaction.org.uk](http://www.mercyinaction.org.uk) to see how Mercy in Actions work saves children and transforms communities in Philippines.

Last year, thanks to your kindness and generosity £287 was raised in Lidlington, going towards enabling 500 families being fed over Christmas.

Many thanks and every blessing,

## Lidlington Connect

invites you to its Christmas Tea Party on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2017 in the Village Hall.

Please do come and see your local Storytellers enact The Great Manger Mystery at **4pm**, followed by high tea, then join in the Christmas carols and try your luck at the raffle.

Father Christmas will be in his grotto **from 2pm till 4pm**. Tickets for Father Christmas can be obtained from Jackie Davis on 01525 792755 or Sarah Davis on 07775 682175 Admission to Tea is free, but for those who wish to make a donation there will be an opportunity to do so on the day.

See you there. Sonia

**The Need Project** is giving children a Christmas party on 2nd December at Sandy Baptist Church SG19 1EH

Party starts 2:00pm and ends 5:00 pm - Father Christmas will be there!  
One parent/carer must stay with the children. Due to limited space only one parent/carer per family.

If you need any more information, please call Gordon on 07952 765302

## Christmas Appeals 2017

- **NEED Project and Lidlington Church**

The Church works with the NEED project to deliver Christmas food parcels in Lidlington. This year we are looking at between 8 – 10 parcels for Lidlington. The NEED project provide all the dried goods and Lidlington Church provide the perishables.

Demand for food parcels is greater than ever. This year the NEED project will be delivering around 500 Christmas in addition to their normal referrals.

### We would like to ask you to help us!

The Church are collecting the following dried goods items which we will put into the NEED parcels so they do not have to contribute all the items to us. Any donated items that that are over and above our own needs we will donated to NEED.

What do we need? In addition to the usual dried and tinned food, we include Christmas items such as: Tinned Salmon, Tinned Ham, Mince Pies, Christmas Cakes

Food often in short supply includes: Coffee, sugar, tomatoes, tinned fruit, & vegetables, tinned puddings, fish although anything else is gratefully received. Toys are distributed to families in such need that the children may not be getting anything at all. All toys need to be either new or in as new condition.

- **Christmas Relief In Bedford (CRIB)**

This is for the Prebend Centre in Bedford, open 365 days a year supporting vulnerable and homeless adults. Homelessness is on the rise in Bedford, autumn 2016 Bedford was in England's top ten highest local authority areas for rough sleeping.

Monetary donations will support new training and living skills programmes and dedicated support. We will be taking a collection at the Carols by Candlelight service 6pm Christmas Eve and the Midnight Communion. Also unwrapped gifts of hats, scarves, socks, boxers, toiletries and chocolates would be most welcome.

**Please put donations in the Chapel entrance hall. Thank you in anticipation of your generosity at this time of giving.**