



Prayer Points

- Give thanks for some recent successful grant applications and continue to pray for the grant applications which are still under consideration.
- Phil's surgery went well and he is now at home recovering under Carol's tender care! We thank God for this positive outcome.
- Degr is now back on chemotherapy and having a tough time. Your prayers are appreciated
- Amir, Shiva and the two boys have found a house. We give thanks to God for this and pray they will settle well and be happy there.
- On the subject of houses, Stacy and Freya have moved into a new 2 bedroom home. We pray they will be happy and blessed there.
- Beth was successful in her recent job interview and starts her new role this month. We give thanks for this and pray she will be a blessing to all around her.



Christmas at Leyland Baptist Church



Thurs 19th Dec

Christmas Party

7pm to 9pm (ish)

Games, quizzes, fun, laughter, food and prizes!
£5 per head to cover the pie and peas supper.
Please give names and money to Sue Seddon.
Last date for booking is Sunday 8th December.
(If the cost is an issue for you, please speak to Liz. We don't want anyone to miss out)

Sunday 22nd December

Carol Service

6.30pm

All your favourite carols, followed by mince pies, chocolate biscuits, tea and coffee.

Christmas Eve 24th December

Watchnight Service

11.30pm

We worship and welcome Christmas Day together.

Christmas Day

Worship 10.30am

Everybody is welcome as we celebrate Christmas and worship God.



Advent Present

There's a present we're offered in Advent,
a gift that no money can buy.

Amazon doesn't stock it,
Black Friday can't flog it,
but its value no one can deny.

This gift doesn't come in fine wrapping,
it's not covered in tinsel or bows.
It's not under the tree,
nor in ads on TV,
it's not dusted with glitter or snow.

This gift is the gift of the present,
it's the moment before us right now.

To open our eyes
to the fullness of life
that's available when we slow down.

Don't be preoccupied with the future,
or get stuck in regrets of the past.

Don't long for some gadget
you'll regret once you have it,
it's the gifts you can't see that will last.

So plant yourself deep in this moment.
Give thanks for each blessing, each beat.

Be absorbed in the present,
it's a gift straight from heaven.

This Advent, be content, be complete.

Dates for your diary 2025

**Post - Christmas Meal
Sunday 5th January
straight after church**



Bill is organising a Church meal out at the Farmers Arms at Whitestake.

Please speak to Bill for more details and to book a place.

Week of Prayer - Praise!

**Mon 6th to Fri 10th
January, 2025**



We meet each evening at 7pm to pray together. A different person leads each session, focussing on the theme of Praise! There is no obligation to pray out loud or speak at all!

Mon 13th to Wed 15th January, 2025

The Leadership Team will be at Fresh Streams, a leadership conference. Please pray that we hear from the Holy Spirit during our time there.

 **DECK THE HALLS
WITH FOOD AND
PRESENTS**

 *Fa la la la laaaa la la la la* 



SLEAP are holding their usual Christmas appeal for food and presents. Some suggestions for donations are:

- Crisps, chocolates, biscuits, sweets, cereals, pot noodles
- Tea and coffee, juices, hot chocolate
- Deodorants, shampoo, toilet roll, shower gel
- Journals, nice pens, candles, throws
- Vouchers: supermarket, shops, cinema,

Please ensure all donations are in the vestry by **15th December**, or delivered to SLEAP.