

Dates for your diary Dec 22nd - Jan 19th 2020

Sun 22nd Dec	10.30am - 11.30am 6.30pm	Morning Worship Communion
Tue 24th Dec	6.30pm - 7.30pm	Christmas Eve Service
Wed 25th Dec	10.30am - 11.30am	Christmas Day Service
Sun 29th Dec	10.30am - 11.30am	Morning worship
Thu 2 Jan	10.00—12pm	Cambs Hearing Help
Fri 3rd Jan	12.15—2.00pm	Call Inn
Sun 5th Jan	10.30am - 11.30am	Morning Worship
Mon 6 — Fri 10th		PRAYER WEEK
Mon 6th Jan	7.30pm - 8.30pm	Elders Meeting
Tue 7th Jan	9.30am - 10.00am 10.00 am - 11.30am	Staff Prayers Coffee Pot
Wed 8th Jan	10.00am - 12noon 1.30pm - 3.30pm	Little Steps Toddler Group Tiny Toes
Sun 12th Jan	10.30am - 11.30am	Morning Worship
Mon 13th - Wed 15th Jan	All day	Leadership Conference (Fresh Streams) Diana, Martin & Liz away
Tue 14th Jan	9.30am - 10.00am 10.00 am - 11.30am	Staff Prayers Coffee Pot
Wed 15th Jan	10.00am - 12noon 1.30pm - 3.30pm	Little Steps Toddler Group Tiny Toes
Thu 16th Jan	7.30pm - 8.30pm	Stretchworks
Fri 17th Jan	11.00am—12.00pm 12.15—2.00pm	Friday worship—Bible study Call Inn
Sun 19th Jan	10.30am - 11.30am 12.00 - 3.00pm	Morning Worship Kids Club Leaders Mtg +(Lunch)



Great Shelford  
Free Church

Link

**WELCOME**

**Sunday 22nd December**

**'Have you seen the Angels'  
Those celebrating Angels  
Rev. Martin Cockerill**

**Communion Service  
6.30pm**

**Tue 24 December**  
Christmas Eve Carols  
6.30pm  
Weds 25 December  
Christmas Day Service  
10.30am

**Sunday 29th December**  
Morning Worship  
Matthew 2: 13.– 23  
'The holiday of your dreams?'  
Speaker: - Paul Joel

For further information visit our website:

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Our Church Coordinator, Iris Considine will be in the church office on

**Mon, Tues, and Fridays** Office hours 9am—3pm.

Copy for the Link should be with Iris by Thursday morning.

**Great Shelford Free Church (Baptist)**

**is a Registered Charity**

**No: 1141345**

The **Youth** group will be in the Loft.

Unsupervised crèche facilities are available for any parents who wish to use them.  
(A Child Protection Policy is in operation.)

Following the service, if you would like to speak to someone or if you want someone to pray for/with you, then members of the **Prayer Team** (identified by a relevant badge) are on hand to help you.

**Please join us for a drink of tea/coffee/juice after the service in the Hall**  
**Boxes are available near each door for Tithes and Offerings**

## PRAYER:-

- Prayer for extra help needed in the crèche
- Pray for SSYI representative from church
- Pray for our mission team
- Pray for Alpha Launch

## Prayer for the Church

As this year comes to an end, we start to think of the one ahead. The overwhelming desire for myself and others is that we wrestle with our role in reaching out to our friends, family and our community. I like many of us struggle to know how or when I should share my faith and encourage others, I'm honest enough to acknowledge my own fears and feelings, however, I am deeply convicted that we have a message of hope and love for a hurting world, that we can speak grace and truth into peoples lives when nothing else will make sense. My hope is that we will be in places to share God's love when inevitably people start to see that the way we live in this world doesn't make any sense without a creator God who loves and cares for us.

My prayer for this New Year is that we are patient when we try yet fail to learn what it means to reach out; that we try our best to play a role in the responsibility we have to share God's love for the world, and if all that is too much for you, I pray that you would cheer and encourage those who are trying with words and prayers.

May you be blessed  
With the spirit of the season, which is peace,  
The gladness of the season, which is hope,  
And the heart of the season, which is love.

## Friends International

- Praise God that Jenny's voice healed in time for the International Carol Service, Pray for those who attended other Carol Services and heard good talks.
- 12 Attended Explore weekend
- Pray for encouraging conversation at the recent party, and a lady who wants to know more from a Christian friend.

New prayer Diary in the lounge.

J Chambers

## SSYI Church Representative needed

We need a church representative to attend SSYI meetings and report back any significant points to the church. Are you interested in hearing about what is going on with the youth in our area? The meetings are usually held approximately every 3 months. For further information please speak to a member of the mission team.

## Mission—your mission team needs you

Are you interested in Mission? Want to be involved with the mission focus at GSFC? Why not join, ask any member of the Mission Team for further information

## Church Christmas Card/Christmas Day Collection

Penny has made a whole church Christmas card for those who would like to sign it and give a donation please see the table in the lounge. All donations will go to **Vellore**. The **Christmas Day** collection will be for **Pamoja**. A mission to Africa, equipping church leaders with resources and tools to take care of the poor, widows and orphans.

## Message from Alan and Megan Barker

"He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High...his kingdom will never end"  
May you all know the peace of the Son of the Most High at this Christmas time and His blessings throughout 2020.  
Nepal bata Christmasko subhakamana! (Christmas greetings from Nepal!)

With our love and thanks for all your support.  
Alan and Megan.

(And a little heads-up - we'll be on home assignment in June and July next year. It would be great to be able to come and see you.)

## Alpha Prayer Launch

Invitation to all church members to have a taster sessions during prayer week on Wednesday 8th January @ 7.30pm Come and find out what Alpha is all about and pray for the launch.

## Alpha 2020

Alpha will start in January 2020 - how might you help?

- Who could you invite?
- Pray
- Cook a meal for the evening
- Help set up/clear after meal
- Lead/help in a small group

