

# Open Door Church



## Newsletter



## Christmas Newsletter



### Dates for the Diary...

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January** : Holy Spirit Evening @ ODCC – 8pm

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January**: Worship night @ ODCC – 8pm

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January– Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019**: Andy teaching in Serbia – Commission Balkans Leadership training school

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2019**: Alpha Holy Spirit Day @ ODCC – 10.00am - 4.00pm

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2019**: Annual Vision Meeting @ ODCC 7-9pm.

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2019**: Baptismal Meeting @ Sunbury Manor School

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August** – Newday 2019 @ Norfolk Showground

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August** – Westpoint 2019 @

Westpoint Showground, Exeter

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October - Friday 15<sup>th</sup>**

**November 2019** – Philippines Mission Trip

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means 'God with us'

Matthew 1 : 23

#### Eldership & Staff Team:

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For  
unto  
you is  
born this  
day in the  
city of David  
a saviour, which  
is Christ the Lord.  
Luke  
2:11

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## Next 3 weeks...

**SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> December**  
10.30am – 12.15pm: Sunday meeting @ ODCC. David Goater will be speaking

**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
10.30am – 11.30pm:  
Christmas Day meeting @ ODCC. Andy Phillips will be speaking

**SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> December**  
10.30am – 12.15pm: Sunday meeting @ ODCC. Mike Sivyer will be speaking

**WEDNESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> January**  
8.00 pm – Worship Night @ ODCC led by Jez Hawthorn

**THURSDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> January**  
7.00am – 7.30am: Early Morning Prayer Meeting @ ODCC

10.30am – 12.30pm: Tea Pot @ ODCC

**SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup> January**  
10.00am: Prayer meeting @ Sunbury Manor School at the front of the main hall

10.30am – 12.15pm: Sunday meeting @ Sunbury Manor School. Jez Hawthorn will be speaking



7.30pm: Church prayer meeting

**RETURN TO SUNBURY MANOR** We will be meeting at ODCC next week Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December, on Christmas Day and on 30<sup>th</sup> December and will return to Sunbury Manor on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

**COMMUNITY FOODBANK** The next food donation is on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January . Please make this a priority as often stocks are low after the Christmas period. A list of goods wanted will be emailed before Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>.

**HOLY SPIRIT & WORSHIP EVENINGS** The first two Wednesdays in the New Year we shall be gathering together at ODCC before we start the new Mid Week structure. On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January Rachael Robson will lead us in a Holy Spirit night and the following Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January Jez Hawthorn will lead us in a Worship Night; both start at 8pm.

**CHRISTMAS CARD BOARD FOR TEARFUND** We have put a board up at Sunbury Manor School. Please instead of sending cards to all the church; save your money and give the money you have saved to Tearfund in our Christmas Day offering or if you are not there Christmas Day then please give the gift in an envelope on a Sunday marked "Tearfund Offering" into the offering bowl.


*As Elders we want to thank you  
all for all your sacrificial serving and  
giving in 2018 to Jesus and this church.*


*We are looking forward to all God is going to do in and through us and in this local community in 2019.*

*"Have a blessed Christmas and a Jesus filled New Year!"*

**TOGETHER @ WESTPOINT 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> August 2019**  
Please don't miss out on Westpoint next year. It is a great time to be in the presence of God in worship, to hear some excellent speakers, to get to know people better and to relax in the evenings with some good entertainment. There are many opportunities to serve and receive a significant discount and so maybe this is something you can do to make the event happen. You can spread the cost over 9 months by direct debit. To book please go to: <https://www.commission-together.org/westpoint/> We want as many people as possible to come this year, and if finances are your reason for not going, then please come and speak to an Elder or your Small Group Leader.

**PHILIPPINES MISSION TRIP 2019** We shall be taking a team of people from Open Door Church to the Philippines next year. The dates for the trip will be Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019 (subject to slight variation). The cost of the trip will be £1,000. Please see contact Army Hudson for more details or to express an interest in coming on [army.hudson1@gmail.com](mailto:army.hudson1@gmail.com)

**MID WEEK STRUCTURE AS FROM 2019** As we have explained the last couple of Sundays we are changing our mid-week structures. We now have two Interest Groups: DIY – Basic Skills with Ali Garratt and Healthy Cooking on a budget with Claire Garratt and Susan Marfleet; both run fortnightly on Tuesdays starting Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January. Forms to state which option you would want for next term have been emailed to the church; if you have not got one please take a copy on the Welcome Desk and email to Bruce Townsend on [bruce.townsend@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:bruce.townsend@blueyonder.co.uk) .If you do not have access to the internet then please hand to an Elder.



## Please Pray for...

- Christmas is the time where we spend an enormous amount of time with unsaved friends and family – pray for opportunities to pray and witness.
- Catelyn Lark that she is healed from her chest infection,
- Andy Hudson after a period of ill health and suspected MRSA.
- Rachel Smith as she undertakes her FP Training year at Hope Church, Exmouth
- Sarah Page for her eyesight and for healing.
- Rolando de Guzman and Cavite Open Door Commission Church as they seek to grow and proclaim the gospel in the Philippines. For the Phillips family as they run Kidz Klub, visit prisons and feed prisoners on New Years Day .
- Miro Fic and his church in Silbas and the emerging apostolic work in the Balkans

Income from offerings 2017/18 – Nov 2018

	Actual	Budget	+/(-) Budget		Last Year	+/(-) LYear	
	£	£	£	%	£	£	%
Nov 2018	11,209	11,648	(439)	-4%	9,265	1,944	+21%
YTD 8 mths	92,189	92,148	41	+0%	73,570	18,619	+25%