

## SPEAKERS

5th January:

AM: Dave

PM: John

12th January

AM: Parade - Steve and

Guiding groups

PM: Heather

19th January

AM: Tim

PM: Steve

26th January

AM: Colin

PM: Messy Church

**KNOWING GOD, SHOWING GOD,  
MAKING GOD KNOWN.**

## WEEKLY SERVICES

Sunday

10am Morning Service

6.30pm Evening Service

Last Sunday

10am Open Service and Communion

4pm Messy Church

Monday 10am Coffee Pot

Tuesday 7.45pm Bible Study

Wednesday 1.45pm Cameo

Thursday 8pm Xplore

2nd Saturday 3pm DCF

Services at local residential homes: 3pm

1st Sunday of the Month - Ghyll Grove

3rd Tuesday of the Month - Evelyn May

## GET IN TOUCH

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# JANUARY 2019

**MY COMMAND IS THIS: LOVE  
EACH OTHER AS I HAVE  
LOVED YOU.  
JOHN 15:12 (NIV)**

## BUILDING FUND

Thankyou to all of those who have contributed to the building fund towards the replacement of the back hall.

We're now up to £65582.



## EVENTS AND REMINDERS

New Year Party - 18th January from 4pm. Sign up in the foyer if you are coming and please indicate what you can help to bring.

Rotas - the new cleaning and flower rotas are up in the foyer for you to sign up to help with.

Next Trustees Meeting - 1st February. If you have anything that you'd like us to consider, please let us know.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR - STEVE

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR READERS! Or, rather, a happy new decade!

When does the New Year begin?

JANUARY, of course! And why is January called January? Because of the Roman God JANUS who was literally two-faced, so he could see forwards and backwards at the same time (Google him and see!).

Let's do that this January - let's look forward's and backwards. Let's do what Samuel did at Ebenezer and, looking back, declare, Thus far the LORD has helped us (1 Sam. 7:12) and, then, peering ahead into the darkness of the new year (or even the new decade if you've got enough faith) let's remember God's promise in Hebrews, Never will I leave you, never will I forsake you (13:5).

That way we can be encouraged by what He has done and confident about what He will do, whether or not our New Year is happy.

Now, the answer to my first question was JANUARY.

But if I'd asked before the year 1752, "When does the New Year begin?" you'd have correctly answered 25TH MARCH!

Yes, it's true: the 24th March 1750 was followed by 25th March 1751.

I can hear you asking, "Why?"

What date is Christmas?

**25th December**

And whose birthday to we celebrate?

**JESUS'S**

How long was He in Mary's womb?

**9 MONTHS**

So He must have been conceived by the Holy Spirit on the?

**25TH MARCH!**

25th March is called Lady Day in honour of His divine conception and began the year because it's when He was thought to have begun His life on earth.

I think for simplicity's sake we should stick to 1st January, but, whatever the date, remember He is Immanuel - God with us (Matt. 1:23) - and enjoy His company.