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16th Nov 2014 Our service this morning is led by our minister:

The Rev Lawrence Fellick

Reading: Luke 3 vs 1-20 page 1029 in the pew bible

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There are groups for children between 0—11, who leave part way through the service. **Small groups meet during the week where we can get to know, support and learn from each other more fully than on a Sunday morning.**

Songs are projected on the front wall. There are hymn books at the rear, if you prefer. **We do not take up an offering during the service but gifts are place in the bags at the back of the church before the service . *There is no expectation or obligation for you to do so !***

After the service there is an opportunity to share in fairly traded tea or coffee in the lounge or if you would like to be prayed for or with there will be someone at the front of the church to help you. **Please take a welcome leaflet or pack from the rack in the lobby which explain something of our life together here. There is a card inside the welcome pack to complete, if you wish to speak with someone from the church. There are also other publications which explain more about the Christian faith, which you can take away and read.**



**Forget the former things: do not dwell on the past.
See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up:
do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert
and streams in the wasteland. Isaiah Ch. 43: vs 18 –19**



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Happy Birthday

18th...Yul So & Samuel Hendry

This morning during the service we hope to be able to “**skype**” the **Weighills** in East Asia.

Agenda’s for the church meeting are available at the back of the church. We have nominations for Helen Andrews, Carlton Calver, Debbie Mussett and David Hibbs for the leadership of the church. Each person nominated has to receive the support of 66% of the members present to be chosen.

The future

As we are losing Lawrence at the end of the year the Deacons have begun thinking about a preaching plan from January. We want to include subjects/books of the bible etc., that we feel need study, or revisiting. As we begin a time without a Minister, there will be many different speakers leading our services and it is helpful for them to have guidance as to what the church would like them to preach on – unless they feel led to share something different!

We would like to give members and friends the opportunity to flag up anything you would like studied in more depth. Let a deacon know and it will be given due consideration.



Next Sunday 23rd November here at S.B.C we have a **baptism service** followed by a lunch. A sheet is at the back for details to provide food to share.

The next **work morning** is now on the 29th November at 9:30



The box for **basics bank** is at the back of the church. If you haven’t been able to bring some food in, Robin and Amna will buy some food to put in the box if you give them some money.

Our **Toy service** is in 3 weeks time when we collect toys (either new or pre loved) which are then distributed across the city to families in crisis this Christmas. Please keep your eyes open for suitable toys/ gifts.



The visiting team namely Debbie M, Anne N and Kathy L will carry a heavy load during the pastoral vacancy. If you are a good listener and could get alongside folk have a word with any members of the team to find out more.

Need a request for prayer to be circulated? Or willing to pray for urgent and non-urgent prayer requests? Please send your requests to Amna by e-mail at amna.bartholomew@yahoo.com and confirm by text on **07957 558352**



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