

December 2022

Hello and welcome to Jubilee Church, it is wonderful to have you join with us this Christmas time.

"Is there hope?" Perhaps you've found yourself asking that question right now - there seems to be so much that is happening in society across our nation (and the world) that is generating despair, anxiety, anger, worry, stress... sadly the list goes on. That is without even considering perhaps what is going on for each of us personally in our own situations, home life, family, work etc. Christmas is a time of hope and joy, we truly believe this and yet right now those feelings can seem distant.



At the end of November we launched our Christmas series where we are affirming that we believe **"There is Hope"** for us today. We believe it's more powerful than the wishful hope that say, the England men's football team will win the world cup or we get the job or there's one last piece of yule log to enjoy. We believe there is **HOPE** to be found in Jesus that is for everyone, that is strengthening during dark days, that is helpful for our relationships and that secures us a future after this life that is far too wonderful to even comprehend.

This Christmas time we want to be reminded that **there is Hope** however challenging it gets. We don't know what is going on for you in your life right now and we're grateful for you joining with us. Let me leave you with this last encouragement that is from the unlikelyst of people but is a challenge for us all this Christmas time whether we've been to church for years, weeks or it's your first visit.

King Herod said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him." Matthew 2:8

Let's search carefully for Jesus in amongst all that happens this Christmas time because I promise you, when you do:

- 1) You will find him,
- 2) You will receive hope for your situation,
- 3) You will want to share of the goodness of Jesus towards you.

God Bless,

Tim Cowles,
Lead Elder

Christmas at Jubilee Church

"A Thrill of Hope" Carol Service

Sunday 11th December 5pm

We warmly invite you to join us for a service of carols, music and readings, with a message of hope for all, followed by refreshments

Christmas Day Service

25th December 10am

Celebrate with us this Christmas Day at our Family Service

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

On **Sunday 11th December** we will be having our **Christmas Carol Service – 'A Thrill of Hope'**. It'll be a service of traditional carols, music, and readings, with a message of Hope for all. There will be no morning service. Invite your friends, neighbours and family, flyers are available in the foyer.

BAGS OF FOOD

Thank you for your prayers and donations, they are very much appreciated. Please continue with the Christmas contributions for the Bags of Christmas, we have 50 boxes / bags to fill up. More details below. Christmas is about the birth of Jesus and so we want all to know about his love for all mankind, and of course to be saved.



Please continue to hold the team in your prayers, we are so grateful to the volunteers, they all work very hard. Please also pray for good health for our volunteers and those we support too.

We're currently particularly in need of:

- Cake
- Chocolate
- Custard
- Tinned meatballs
- Tinned casseroles
- Pasta sachet meals
- Marmite
- Coffee (small jars)
- Toilet cleaner
- Bathroom cleaner
- Antibacterial cleaners

BAGS OF CHRISTMAS

Last day for donations is Tuesday 13th December!

We would be very grateful for donations of Christmas goodies such as:

Christmas crackers, chocolates, biscuits, Christmas puddings (not just fruit), cakes, mince pies, savoury snacks etc (*items need a 2023 'best before' date, or the very end of December. We are unable to accept any alcohol items.*).



Packing night Tuesday 13th December 6pm

Do please come along at 6pm on Tuesday 13th December to help with packing. Delivery drivers are needed for Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning. Children are most welcome and refreshments will be available.

Donations can be dropped off at the Jubilee Centre. We have a box in the porch where donations can be placed if no one is there. Please contact us if you need to arrange a large drop off.

We also have drop off points on the High Street in **Shepperton Library, The Co-op** and **Sainsbury's** where donations can be left when they're open.

BLYTHSWOOD SHOEBOX APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who brought in shoeboxes. Blythswood picked up a fantastic **187 shoeboxes** from us. This year's shoeboxes will be delivered to vulnerable people in Ukraine, Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldova, Romania and Serbia. **Pray they arrive safely and are a blessing to those receiving them.**



PRAYER MEETINGS

Our prayer meeting continues on Zoom 8-9pm every Monday, except **Monday 5th December and Monday 2nd January when we'll meet at the Jubilee Centre.** Contact us for Zoom codes.



WORSHIP TEAM

If you are interested in finding out more about joining our worship team on Sunday mornings, speak to Rachel or Carnie or email info@jubileechurchshepperton.org.



GIVING TO JUBILEE CHURCH

The offering basket is available on Sunday mornings (cheques should be made out to *Jubilee Church Shepperton*). If you'd like to give via BACS or Standing Order or have any questions about giving email finance@jubileechurchshepperton.org or [visit our website](#).



NEWS SHEET

If you don't receive the news sheet by email and would like to, please email info@jubileechurchshepperton.org and we'll add you to the list.



STAFF USUAL WORKING DAYS:

Tim Cowles: Monday and Sunday

Jo Jones: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday

Jenny Wilsher: Monday, Friday and Sunday

The church office will be closed on the Bank Holidays over the Christmas and New Year period. The info@jubileechurchshepperton.org email account will continue to be monitored while the office is closed for urgent issues and emergency support.

COMMISSION FESTIVAL

Bookings are open for the **Commission Festival 2023!** After four years without our annual family gathering, it's going to be an incredible moment when we meet at The Bath & West Showground next August. Full details for the festival, and the link to bookings, can be found at commissionfestival.com



CO-OP LOCAL COMMUNITY FUND

Co-op have chosen **Oak Tree Cafe** as one of their local causes for the next 12 months of their **Co-op Local Community Fund!** If you're a Co-op member select "**Oak Tree Cafe**" as your local cause then whenever you buy selected Co-op products and services they'll make a donation to Oak Tree Café. You can shop at any Co-op store, not just the Shepperton one, so let your friends and family know too! To find out more about our project and to choose us as your cause, click here <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/71727>



It's what we do

PRAYER AND FASTING 2023

Look out for more details in January about our plans for a period of Prayer and Fasting next month.



Sunday's at Jubilee Church

9:45am: Prayer Meeting (in The Green Room)

10:30am: Morning Worship

Sunday 4th December 2022

Preacher: Chris Satterthwaite

Theme: There is Hope... for everyone

Youth will be meeting during the service

Sunday 11th December 2022

5.00pm: "A Thrill of Hope" Carol Service

Preacher: Tim Cowles

Theme: There is Hope... during dark days

*note NO morning service this week

Sunday 18th December 2022

Preacher: Carnie Uzo

Theme: There is Hope... for relationships

Youth will be meeting during the service

Sunday 25th December 2022

Preacher: Tim Cowles

Theme: There is Hope... a future Kingdom

*note 10am service this week

Sunday 1st January 2023

Family Service – details to be confirmed...

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December at Jubilee Church

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
5	6	7	8	9
Jubilees Toddler Group 9:30am Prayer Meeting 8:00pm	Home Groups 7:30pm	Oak Tree Cafe 7:00pm Home Groups 7:30pm	Faith Womens Group 10:30am Jubilee Youth 7:00pm Home Groups 7:30pm	
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26	27	28	29	30
Prayer Meeting 8:00pm		Oak Tree Cafe 7:00pm		

MIDWEEK GROUPS

Our groups are a mixture of in person and online, do check with group leaders if your group is running over the Christmas Holidays. Contact us if you'd like to join any groups or find out more about them.



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