

Needs at Christmas - Thank You!

Argos Vouchers for Families –

Many thanks for your donations to our Christmas Appeal. We exceeded the target, raising £837.96, and sent Argos vouchers 15 local families. Several have been in touch to say how much they appreciated the gift.

Food Bank Basket – Thanks also for your contributions to the Food Banks. We sent a generous collection of items to each of the Malling and Landport Food Banks in time for Christmas. They currently help about 60 households.



King's Friends Befriending Scheme

We had a cracking training evening to launch our new befriending scheme to help lonely and isolated local people. You can still get involved. Speak to John Paisley to find out more or go to: kingschurchlewes.org/kingsfriends

Prayer Week

Sun 7th to Sat 13th January

We're kicking off the New Year with another Prayer Week, calling on God to change hearts and lives as we shine the light of Jesus on those around us through our love & outreach.

Topics for personal prayer each day plus various opportunities to pray together. See the Flyers or ChurchSuite for more details.



CONNECT SHEET

King's CHURCH
kingschurchlewes.org

Sunday 31st December

CONNECT WITH THE MESSAGE

Faith after Christmas

Luke 2:21-35

1) Have you (or will you) make any New Year's Resolutions?
What will they be and why?

Read Luke 2:21-35

2) What did you find most helpful or challenging from Sunday's message?

3) In what ways does living a life shaped by the Bible and led by the Spirit appeal to you?

4) What do you find most challenging about fully obeying the written Word of God?

5) What do you find most challenging about hearing or following the promptings of the Holy Spirit?

Read Matthew 11:25-30

6) What do you think Jesus is talking about when he invites us to 'take my yoke upon you'?

7) What do you think Jesus means when he says 'my yoke is easy and my burden is light'?

8) How do think that fits with other more challenging things Jesus says? Eg. **Matthew 16:24-25**

9) How does understanding what Jesus says in **Matthew 11:28-30** help you with the things you find challenging from questions 4 and 5?

10) Thank God for what he has done for you through Jesus and ask him to help you live more fully for him.

DIGGING DEEPER

Read Acts 2:1-47

- 1) How would you summarise the prophecy from Joel that Peter quotes in verses **17-21**?
- 2) Why was the promise to 'pour out' the Spirit on 'all people' so extraordinary in the Old Testament?
- 3) In what ways is the prophecy fulfilled on the day of the Pentecost?
- 4) Are there parts of the prophecy that don't seem to have been fulfilled?
- 5) How would you reconcile this Peter's claim that what was happening was 'what was spoken by the prophet Joel'?
- 6) List as many things from the passage as possible that are evidence of the Spirit being poured out on all God' people.
- 7) For each thing you have listed how do you feel your life currently compares with what you found in the passage?
- 8) What might a more Spirit-empowered life look like for you personally? What could do to live a life more like that?

CONNECT IN PRAYER

Christmas Follow up

- Pray for everyone who came to a Christmas event for the first time, that it would have been a positive and enjoyable experience of church.
- Pray for all the people who took a 'Four Kinds of Christmas' Book, that God would speak to them through it and show them they need Jesus.
- Pray that God would prompt people to want to investigate Christianity further by coming back on a Sunday, for another event or for Alpha.
- Pray God would help you as you keep on being a witness for him.
- Pray for every seed of God's word planted in someone's heart this Christmas, that it would produce a harvest of faith in Jesus & new life.

Church Small Groups

- Pray for our Small Groups and their leaders as groups restart in 2018.
- Pray that Christ-centred friendships would continue to develop, especially for those who are relatively new to the church.
- Pray for group members to show real care & support for one another in words and action.
- Pray we would encourage each other in living for Jesus.