



*What's on this week* **2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018**

*A warm welcome as you meet with us today...*

1<sup>st</sup> Edition

<b>Sunday</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Breaking of Bread</b>	6:30 pm
		Refreshments afterwards	
<b>Monday</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	The pastor, Martin Speed, is available in the church office	9am - 12 noon
		<b>The Toddler Group</b>	1.30 pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	4 <sup>th</sup>	The pastor, Martin Speed, is available in the church office	9am - 12 noon
		<b>House Groups together for Christmas in the rear hall</b>	7.30 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	5 <sup>th</sup>	'Needles & Natter' - meeting at Ruth Speed's	10 am-12 noon
		<b>Treasures</b>	6 pm - 7.15 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Full of Beans' Coffee Shop</b>	10am-12.30pm
<b>Saturday</b>	8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Prayer and Toast</b>	8 am
<b>Sunday</b>	9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Breaking of Bread Service with SonSeekers</b>	10.30 am
		<b>Good News Service</b>	6:30 pm
		Refreshments afterwards	

## **Advance Notices**

**Church Christmas Meal at The Harvester, Middlebrook on Fri 14th Dec**  
*Balance and meal choice to Margaret Speed ASAP*

### **Christmas at Westhoughton Pentecostal Church...**

o **Christmas Meetings - Dates and Times**

- Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Dec - Youngsters' Christmas Service at 4.30 pm
- Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec - Traditional Carols and Readings Service at 6.30 pm
- Tue 25<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas Day Family Service at 10 am (about an hour)
- No evening service on 30<sup>th</sup> Dec.

**Memorial for Raymond Morris** - Suggestions for the text please see Michael Waterworth

**Contributions of Mince Pies requested** for after the Carol Services

*17 Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, 18 yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior.*

*19 The Sovereign Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights.*

Habakkuk 3:17-19 NIV

Little is known about Habakkuk other than that he was a prophet. However, outside the Bible there is an addition to the book of Daniel which suggests that he was contemporary with Daniel. It includes how Habakkuk made some stew, as visited by the Angel of the Lord resulting in him being transported instantaneously to Daniel in the den of lions in Babylon in order to give him the stew as sustenance while there.

In the book of Habakkuk we find the prophet has two complaints against God which God graciously answers causing Habakkuk to turn to God with words of praise in spite of the prevailing conditions.

His complaints were that God did not answer his cry for justice in the midst of inequity, and that although God has almighty power as far as Habakkuk can see evil prevails.

God's answer to the first complaint is that when the time is right the ones doing evil will be swept aside in justice with such power that all would be astounded.

God's answer to his second complaint is to be patient for the expected judgement and blessing will certainly come. Let us be ones who remember what God has done in the past and meditate on what God promises for the future so that we come to terms with the complete certainty of those promises, and, in fact, all that we have in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

*Rotas Information correct as of 1<sup>st</sup> December - please check the notice board for late changes*

	Welcoming	Refreshments Sun pm	Serving Communion	Crèche
<b>Today</b>	am & pm Veronica Waterworth	Sheila & Michael	Enid & Joan Hulse	Facilities available in the rear hall
9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	am & pm Jim Townson	Stephen Robinson	Barbara Heald & Lilian Williams	
<b>Cleaning</b>				
<b>This Week</b>	Michael & Les		10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Joan Hulse & Barbara

If you would prefer a copy of 'Seeds of Joy' in black and white or enlarged or both, please see Michael Waterworth

This QR code should provide a link to the church website from a Smartphone

