

WEST WORTHING BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday 10th December 2017

Services at 10.00 and 11.15 a.m. led by Hazel Sherman

Thank you to friends from New Life Church who are leading music at 10.00

and Susan Fisher, pianist at 11.15



Revd Kenneth G King. We are very sorry to have to bring news that our friend **Ken** died on Tuesday morning. Ken's long and faithful service to Christ through the Church was continued when he moved here with Gertie in their retirement, and their presence and friendship over the years has been a gift to many. In the years without her, and when frailty troubled him, he maintained his concern for others, his humour and his dignity, and we will miss him tremendously.

A service of thanksgiving for his life will be held here this Friday, 15th December, at 2.00 p.m., followed by a brief service of committal at the Muntham Chapel Worthing Crematorium.

Scripture and Songs at 10.00 a.m. include

Luke 1:46-55

Light of the world (Here I am to worship) – Tim Hughes

A Christmas Alleluia – Chris Tomlin

Adore – Graham Kendrick

11.15 a.m. Order of Service

Call to Worship

Hymn 139 Come thou long expected Jesus

Prayer of Approach and The Lord's Prayer

Offering and dedication

Isaiah 64:1–9

(NRSV)

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—

2 as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—

to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

3 ***When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.***

4 From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
***no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.***

5 You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
***But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.***

6 We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
***We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.***

7 There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
***for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.***

- ⁸ Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
***we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.***
- ⁹ Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark, Chapter 13:24-37

A reading from Paul's letter to the church in Corinth: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Hymn 531 Give to me, Lord, a thankful heart

Sermon

Hymn Open wide your heavens! Let your name be known!
So the world will know, Lord, we are not alone.
God of awe and wonder - show your presence here!
Open wide your heavens! Let us know you're near.

In this Advent season, Lord, we wait and pray:
Why do you seem hidden? Are you far away?
Though you are faithful, we have often sinned;
Like the leaves we're fading, carried by the wind.

Carried by our culture, we seek more and more;
As we long to prosper, we forget the poor.
Earthbound and selfish, we forget your name.
Open wide your heavens! Make us whole again.

Lord, you are the potter; we are simply clay.
Take the lives we offer; shape us more each day.
In this Advent season, show us all anew:
You reach out and bless us, when we wait for you.

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Prayers of Intercession led by Tina Parker

Hymn 144 O come, O come Immanuel

Blessing

This Week

Duty Deacon – Elizabeth Clark

Tue	12	11.00 a.m.	Chapel Prayers
		12.00 p.m.	Lunch Club Christmas Dinner
Wed	13	10.00 a.m.	Sparrow Club, parent/carer & toddler group
		6.45 p.m.	Junior Youth Club Christmas Celebration
Frid	15	2.00 p.m.	Thanksgiving Service for Ken King
		6.00 p.m.	Carols in the Park (Community event in Tarring Park)
Sat	16	10.00 a.m.	Singing Group practice
Sun	17	10.00 a.m.	'Nativity from Scratch' Family Service
		6.30 p.m.	Candlelight Carol Service

**The Coffee Bar is open Monday – Saturday 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon.
& until 2.00 p.m. Tuesday afternoon & 4.00 p.m. Thursday afternoon this week**

- ❖ Please continue to hold Luciana, our Minister-in-training, in your prayers, that with appropriate medication and rest she will soon 'get her voice & breath back'.
- ❖ Thank you to Rosemary Jones for preparing a space on the main board in the Lounge for your **Christmas Cards** and **Prayer Notes**. If you would like to 'send' a card to the fellowship, rather than many individuals, please pin in to the border of the poster. You may wish to add a brief sentence prayer, using a post-it note to the crown.
- ❖ A table with goods from the **Help Palestine Co-operative** is in the Lounge this morning. A not-for-profit business which exists to provide a market for farmers and artisans, ensuring they receive a fair price for their quality produce.
- ❖ Our **Christmas Charity** this year is **The Leprosy Mission**: a box will be available from next Sunday over the Christmas period, and our Christmas Morning offering will be given for their work. More details in next week's notices.
- ❖ **Christmas Dinner**: if you would like to share dinner at church on Christmas Day please sign the list, also on the Coffee Bar.
- ❖ **Sandwiches for St Clare's**: please see Janet Waters if you can help to supply and deliver 2 loaves of Sandwiches for the Worthing Churches Homeless Projects. Commitment? Perhaps 2 Thursday mornings each year!

Minister: Rev Dr Hazel Sherman (Home no. 01903 500500)

Children & Families' Worker/Minister in Training: Mrs Luciana Damascena

Pastoral Worker: Mrs Tina Parker

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