



Welcome to Coney Hill Baptist Church

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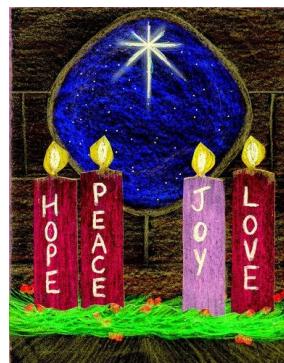
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Sunday 30th November 2025

**Preparing with Hope: Luke 2:25-32
Simeon's hopeful waiting... (communion)**

***"He (Jesus) is a light to reveal God to
the nations, and he is the glory of
your people Isreal!"***

Luke 2:32



Church Mission Statement:

***"Demonstrating the Love of God together.
Making God known through practical service,
relevant witness and the growing of
Committed Followers of Jesus"***

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(Please send items to Sue by WEDNESDAY Thank you).

THANK YOU Annette & Ruth for making
the 'TEA & COFFEE' for us all this
morning, it is very much appreciated.

Dec 7th - Sarah & Chris

Dec 14th - David & Eileen

Dec 21st - Bob & Christine

Dec 28th - Henry & Henrietta



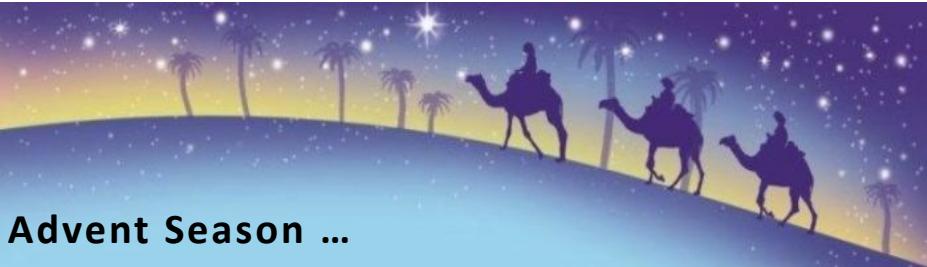
THE BLESSING FAMILY!

*Children are a gift from the Lord;
They are a reward from him -*

Psalm 127:3 NLT



**"The Browns put THEIR
lights around all their
windows, across the roof,
over the chimney and . . ."**



Advent Season ...

30th November – Preparing with Hope: Luke 2:25-32

Simeon's hopeful waiting... (communion)

7th December – Preparing with Peace: Luke 2:8-14

The peaceful promise of the angels...

(Toy Service)

The gifts from the Toy Service will be going to the West Wickham & Shirley Baptist Baby Bank, this year.

14th December – Preparing with Joy: Luke 1:39-49

Mary's delight...

Carol Service (6:30pm)

Preparing with Love: Micah 5:2, 4-5

Welcoming God's surprising, loving presence...

21st December – Nativity Service

Christmas Eve – Children's Stay & Play Craft & Carols
(3-4:30pm)

Christmas Day – Festive Celebration (10:30am)





‘Community Festive Film Night’

Thursday 18th December from 7:30pm

A special free showing of “It’s a Wonderful Life” at
Coney Hill Baptist Church, Coney Hill Road, BR4 9BU
including seasonal refreshments.



Please confirm attendance via email

to pastor@coneyhillbaptist.org.uk

Website: www.coneyhillbaptist.org.uk



New Monthly Winter Mid-Week Programme: FOR DECEMBER ...

Mon 1st - Men's/Women's Breakfast

Tues 2nd - Tuesday House Group

**Tues 2nd - Shared Advent Prayer Time
@ St Mary's**

Weds 3rd - Coffee and Craft

**Weds 3rd - Wednesday House Group
Mon 8th - Book Club**

**Tues 9th - Shared Advent Prayer Time
venue tbc**

Weds 10th - Messy Church

Weds 10th - Community Lunch

**Tues 16th - Shared Advent Prayer Time
@ Coney Hill**

**Thurs. 18th - Christmas Film Night -
'It's a Wonderful Life'**

Sat 20th - Games Evening

**Sun 21st - 'Listening'
Worship & Prayer**

Please join us to celebrate

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

at St Francis of Assisi Church, Ravenswood Ave, BR4 0PW



Come along to St Francis Church to view the trees, enjoy some refreshments, listen to festive music and get ready for Christmas.

We will be raising money for Welcare in Bromley, a charity that provides practical and emotional support and advice to families in need.

The Christmas Tree Festival will be held between 13-20 December 2025 during the following times:

Saturday 13 December – 10.00am – 1.00pm

Sunday 14 December – 12.00noon – 3.00pm

Wednesday 17 December – 10.30am – 1.00pm

Friday 19 December – 10.00am – 1.00pm

Saturday 20 (with Children's Activities) – 10.00am – 1.00pm

FREE ENTRY





DOUBLE IT DECEMBER:

OPEN THE DOOR TO HOPE THIS CHRISTMAS

MATCH FUNDING

Thanks to an incredible group of match funders, we have **£40,000 of match funding** available – meaning **all donations in December will be doubled until we reach that target**. That means we have the **potential to raise a massive £80,000** – funds that would be transformational for what we can achieve in 2026 and beyond. Donations to **all of our projects** (in Haiti, Uganda *and* South Sudan) are eligible for matching. The match will run from November 27th until December 31st, inclusive.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

This year's campaign theme is '**Open the Door to Hope**'. We've been inspired by the nativity story – by the innkeeper who opened his door when everyone else turned Mary and Joseph away. At a time when so many around the world feel forgotten after a devastating year for international aid, we want to say: **we're still here**. And we're still opening the door. This match funding is an extraordinary opportunity for us to reach further and do more.

Learn more or donate here: <https://www.hopehealthaction.org/doubleitdecember>

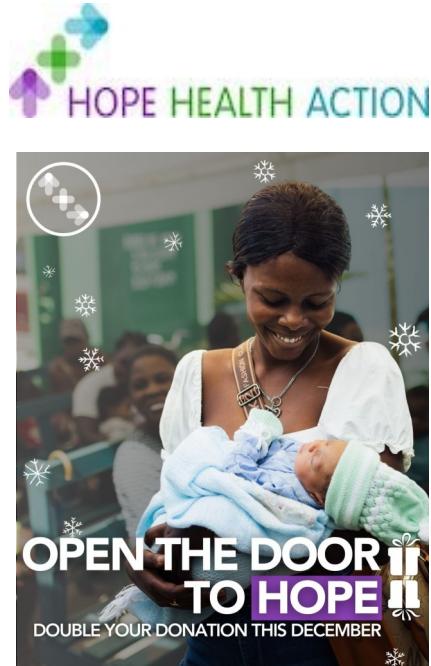
With your support we can have such a tangible impact - and that's truer than ever during this month, when any donation will go twice as far.

To give you some context. . .

£5 would be doubled to £10, and could pay for a postnatal home visit for a new mum in Haiti;

£15 becomes £30, and could buy seeds and tools for a vulnerable refugee family in Uganda;

£65 becomes £130, and could pay for a brand new, custom made prosthetic leg, enabling someone - like Mambo, who you'll meet in the campaign film - to walk for the first time.



Your generosity could make a real difference this Christmas.

If you can spare a few minutes, we'd really encourage you to watch this short and heartwarming video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Ic6kFG0o18>

Stay & Play! CHRISTMAS EVE

Wednesday 24th December

3:00—4:30pm

Play, festive crafts,
refreshments, followed by
a short time of carols
around the tree.



ALL FREE.

(donations are welcome, cash or card machine)

Children must be accompanied by an Adult

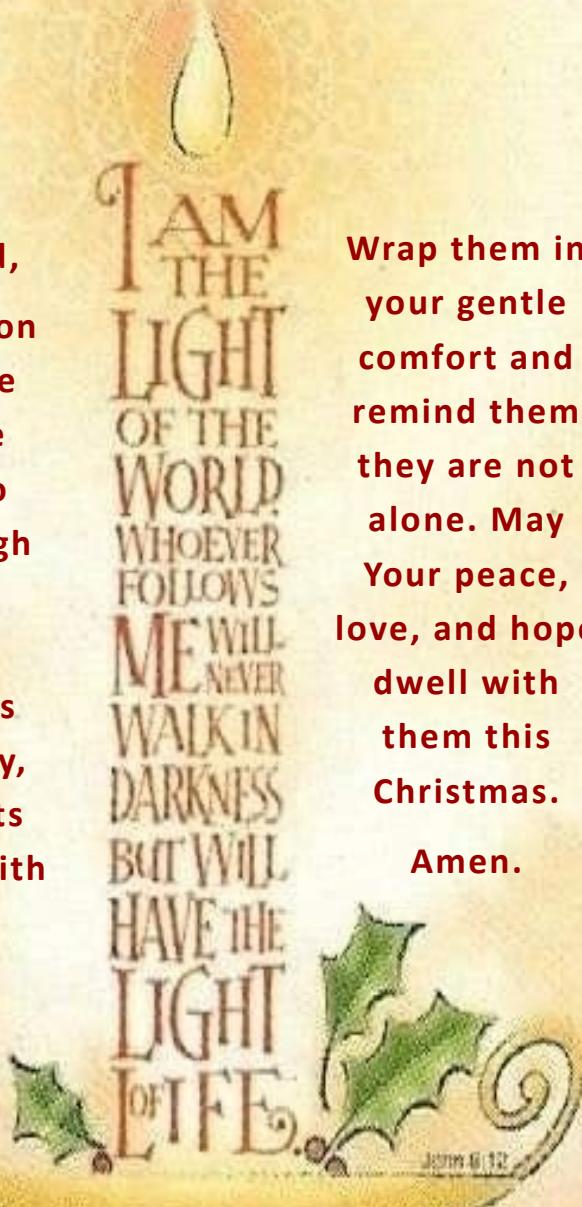
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A Prayer for Those Who Grieve at Christmas

Loving God,
In this season
of light, we
hold close
those who
walk through
shadows.
While the
world sings
songs of joy,
some hearts
are heavy with
loss.



I AM
THE
LIGHT
OF THE
WORLD
WHOEVER
FOLLOWS
ME WILL NEVER
WALK IN
DARKNESS
BUT WILL
HAVE THE
LIGHT OF LIFE.

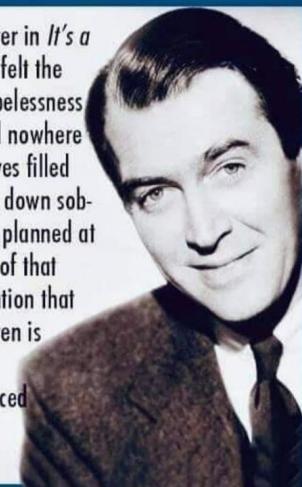
Wrap them in
your gentle
comfort and
remind them
they are not
alone. May
Your peace,
love, and hope
dwell with
them this
Christmas.

Amen.

John 3:19

As I said [the prayer in *It's a Wonderful Life*], I felt the loneliness and hopelessness of people who had nowhere to turn, and my eyes filled with tears. I broke down sobbing. This was not planned at all, but the power of that prayer, the realization that our Father in heaven is there to help the hopeless had reduced me to tears.

Jimmy Stewart



Remember no man is a failure who has friends.

- CLARENCE ODBODY -
IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE



"JUST REMEMBER THIS, MR. POTTER, THAT THIS RABBLE YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT... THEY DO MOST OF THE WORKING AND PAYING AND LIVING AND DYING IN THIS COMMUNITY. WELL, IS IT TOO MUCH TO HAVE THEM WORK AND PAY AND LIVE AND DIE IN A COUPLE OF DECENT ROOMS AND A BATH? ANYWAY, MY FATHER DIDN'T THINK SO. PEOPLE WERE HUMAN BEINGS TO HIM. BUT TO YOU, A WARPED, FRUSTRATED OLD MAN, THEY'RE CATTLE. WELL IN MY BOOK, MY FATHER DIED A MUCH RICHER MAN THAN YOU'LL EVER BE!"

George Bailey
"It's A Wonderful Life."

Mr Mrs Pickles!

My health may fail,
and my spirit may
grow weak, but God
remains the strength
of my heart; He is
mine forever.

Psalm 73:26



I READ AN INTER-
ESTING FACT THE
OTHER DAY.



10/7



10/28



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I've skipped right past the
"Old Enough to Know Better"
stage and moved right into
the *"Who Cares?"* stage.



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SAFEGUARDING:

We want everybody with whom we come into contact with, as a church, to feel welcomed, safe and secure at all times. Our safeguarding strategy is designed to ensure this, if you have any questions on it, or, especially if you wish to register or report any concerns, please speak to the **Minister** or one of our Safeguarding advocates, they are:

Alison Newell – 020 8249 2129 / 07913 923779

Chris Cordingley – 07446 829345

safeguarding@coneyhillbaptist.org.uk

RECORDING & PHOTOGRAPHY ...

Our services are live streamed via **Facebook**. Generally we do not show the faces of members of the congregation, if you wish to ensure that you do not appear in any way you may wish to sit in the back few rows.

Taking photographs in our building should be kept to a minimum and never shared on social media without the consent of all who might appear on them.



Finance ...

If you would like to make a donation to the work of the church, as a gift or worship offering, there is a donation box on the wall by the doors on the way out.

Our church is entirely self-financed, therefore we are very grateful for all donations received. If you'd like to financially support God's work at CHBC, either as a one-off gift or on a regular basis, you can

at: 'Coney Hill Baptist Church'

Account Number: 40247227 — Sort Code: 40-46-20.

We give 10% of our non-restricted gifted income to mission organisations that we support. If you would like more details on this aspect of our work, please contact our treasurer.



Thank you.

Hayes Community Food Bank

A basket has been placed at the back of the church for your food donations to the Hayes Community Food Bank. Every item placed in there really does make a difference!

Alternatively, financial donations can be made via our treasurer (cash or cheques made to 'Hayes Community Foodbank'), or the Foodbank's bank details can be provided. In addition to food donations, each week volunteers go shopping to make sure that supported families receive what they need.

Thank you.



WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday to Friday (term time only) Jigsaw Preschool

Monday to Friday - 9.15 to 12.15pm - (5 morning sessions)
Wed, Thurs, and Friday - 12.15 to 3.13pm - (3 afternoon sessions)

MONDAY

Men's Breakfast - 1st Monday every month - 9.00am

Women's Breakfast - 1st Monday every month - 9.00am

House-group - 10:30am at the Church

Youth Group - (11-16) - 7.30 to 9.00pm.

Book Club - 2nd Monday every month 7.30pm

TUESDAY

Stay & Play Cafe - 9.00am - 12.30pm

Under 5's Lunch Club - 12.15pm

Painting group at Hayes Village Hall - 1.15 to 4pm

Women's Fellowship 2.00pm to 4.00pm

House-group - 8.00 to 10.00pm

WEDNESDAY

Coffee and Craft 1st Wednesday every month - 10.30 to noon

Community Lunch - 3rd Wednesday every month - 12.30PM

Messy church at Hayes Village Hall - 2nd Wednesday every month 3.15 - 4.45pm - Churches Together in Hayes ministry.

West Wickham (special needs) **Cubs & Scout Group** - 6.30 to 8.30pm

House-group - 8.00 to 10.00pm

THURSDAY

Slimming World - 5.30pm & 7.00pm

FRIDAY

Prayer Meeting - 9.30 to 10.30am - in person @ Church

'Pitstop' Table Tennis - 7.30 to 9.30pm

SATURDAY

Pilates 10.00 to 11.00am

Games Evening (3rd Saturday of every month) - 7 to 9pm