

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS



*Bere Alston United Church  
Welcomes You!*

**'CELEBRATING THE JOY  
OF CHRISTMAS'**

*"For unto us a child is born,  
unto us a son is given."*

**Isaiah 9:6**

**Christmas Worship Service  
JOIN US THIS SUNDAY  
AT 10:30 A.M.**

- **Timeless & Modern Worship**
- **Inspiring Preaching**
- **Christmas Scripture Readings**
- **Reflections & Prayers**
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*"We look forward to welcoming  
you this Christmas Season!"*



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# Meet Our Team at Bere Alston United Church

LEADERS	ROLE(S)	
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*'We Seek To Be The People God Created Us To Be & To Do The Things He Is Calling Us To Do'*

## Find Us

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Policy: [Safeguarding Policy](#)




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5 WEEK

# Calendar

*Key to Events*

- Bere Alston Morning Service: 10:30 a.m., Bere Alston United Church
- Monday House Group: 1:30 p.m., Bere Alston United Church
- Wednesday House Group: 7:30 p.m., on Zoom
- Band Rehearsal: 4:30 p.m. every Thursday, Bere Alston United Church
- Men's Breakfast Club: 8:45 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church Hall
- Monthly Luncheon Club: 12:30 p.m., 2nd Wednesday monthly at Holy Trinity Church Hall
- The 7pm Service: 7:00 p.m., 2nd Sunday monthly at Tavistock Methodist Church
- Scrabble Club: 2:00 p.m., every Monday, at Hope Cottage, Bere Alston United Church
- All Enquiries: [hello@bauc.uk](mailto:hello@bauc.uk)
- Sunday Services Streamed on YouTube: Click Link 

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Morning Service	<a href="#">Scrabble Club</a>		<a href="#">Wednesday House Group</a>	Band Rehearsal		<a href="#">Away in a Manger</a>
Local Preacher						
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<a href="#">Carol Service</a>		Christmas Eve	<a href="#">Christmas Service</a>	Boxing Day		
Local Preacher						
29	30	31	Jan 1	2	3	4
Morning Service		New Years Eve	New Years Day	Band Rehearsal		<a href="#">Men's Breakfast Club</a>
Local Preacher						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Morning Service	<a href="#">Scrabble Club</a>		<a href="#">Wednesday House Group</a>	Band Rehearsal		
Local Preacher						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Morning Service	<a href="#">Monday House Group</a>		<a href="#">Wednesday House Group</a>	Band Rehearsal		
Minister						
Covenant Service						
<a href="#">The 7pm Service</a>						



# Unique Events

## Away in a Manger

A DISPLAY OF NATIVITY SCENES

Join us at Bere Alston United Church for a special celebration of the birth of Jesus, showcasing a beautiful variety of Nativity scenes in all shapes, sizes, and styles.



**Saturday, December 21, 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

Do you have a Nativity scene to contribute? We would love to include it in our display! **Please bring your Nativity set to the church on Friday, December 20, from 2:00 p.m..**

*Thank you*

## Carol Service

**Sunday,  
December 22  
10:30 a.m. at BAUC**

### You're Invited to Our Carol Service!

Join us at Bere Alston United Church on Sunday, December 22, at 10:30 a.m. for a festive and uplifting Carol Service!

Sing along to a beautiful mix of traditional and modern carols, celebrating the joy and wonder of the Christmas season. Our local preacher will conclude our inspiring Christmas preaching series.

This is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. Everyone is warmly welcome — bring your family and friends to share in this special time.

We look forward to celebrating with you! 🎄 ✨

# Christmas Day

## All Age Service



Celebrate the joy of Christmas morning with us at Bere Alston United Church! Our special All-Age Service begins at **9:30 a.m.** and will be a shorter, family-friendly gathering. Robin will be sharing a meaningful Christmas message for all. Join us as we come together to reflect on the true meaning of the season and share in fellowship and joy.

\*Please remember the 9:30 a.m. start time!\*



### A PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

Loving God,

On this joyful Christmas morning, we come together as your family to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. We thank you for the light that entered the world through Him, a light that no darkness can extinguish.

As we gather in this place, fill our hearts with the peace, hope, and joy that Christ brings. May we be reminded of your boundless love, shown to us through the gift of your Son, born in humility to bring salvation to all.



Bless our time together today, and bless those who cannot be with us—those who are far away, unwell, or alone. Surround them with your comfort and presence.

Help us to carry the spirit of Christmas into our daily lives, sharing your love and grace with everyone we meet. Let this day be a reminder to shine your light in the world, just as Christ shines in our hearts.

In Jesus' precious name we pray,  
Amen.

# Weekly Events

## House Groups

### House Groups Christmas Break

As the festive season approaches, our House Groups will be taking a well-deserved Christmas break.

#### Monday House Group:

The final session for the year will be on **Monday, 9th December**, at **1:30 p.m.** at **BAUC**, resuming on **Monday, 13th January**, at the same time and place. For more details, contact or speak to L. Wright at [hello@bauc.uk](mailto:hello@bauc.uk).

#### Wednesday House Group

The last session of the year will take place on **Wednesday, 18th December**, at **7:30 p.m.** on **Zoom**.

The group will return on

**Wednesday, 8th January**, at

**BAUC at 1:30 p.m.**. For further

information, contact or speak to Hilary at [hello@bauc.uk](mailto:hello@bauc.uk).

We look forward to seeing you in the new year!





# Church & Community - Monthly Gatherings

## Men's Breakfast Club

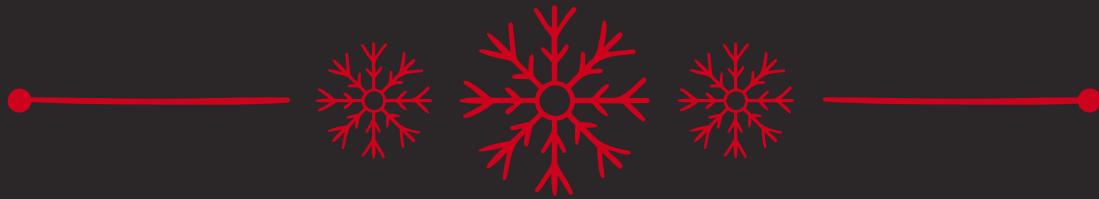
Come and be part of the Men's Breakfast Club, meeting on the **first Saturday of every month!** It's a great opportunity to enjoy good food, warm fellowship, and meaningful conversations in a relaxed setting.

### Details:

 **Location: Holy Trinity Church Hall**  
 **Time: 8:45 a.m.**

Whether you're a regular or joining us for the first time, we'd love to have you with us. To reserve your spot, please contact **Nick Law on 01822 840229.**

Start your Saturday with great company and a hearty breakfast, see you there!




## Monthly Luncheon Club

You're warmly invited to join the **Monthly Luncheon Club**; a lovely chance to share a delicious meal and good company!


We'd love to see you there, come along for great food and even better fellowship! 😊

### Details:

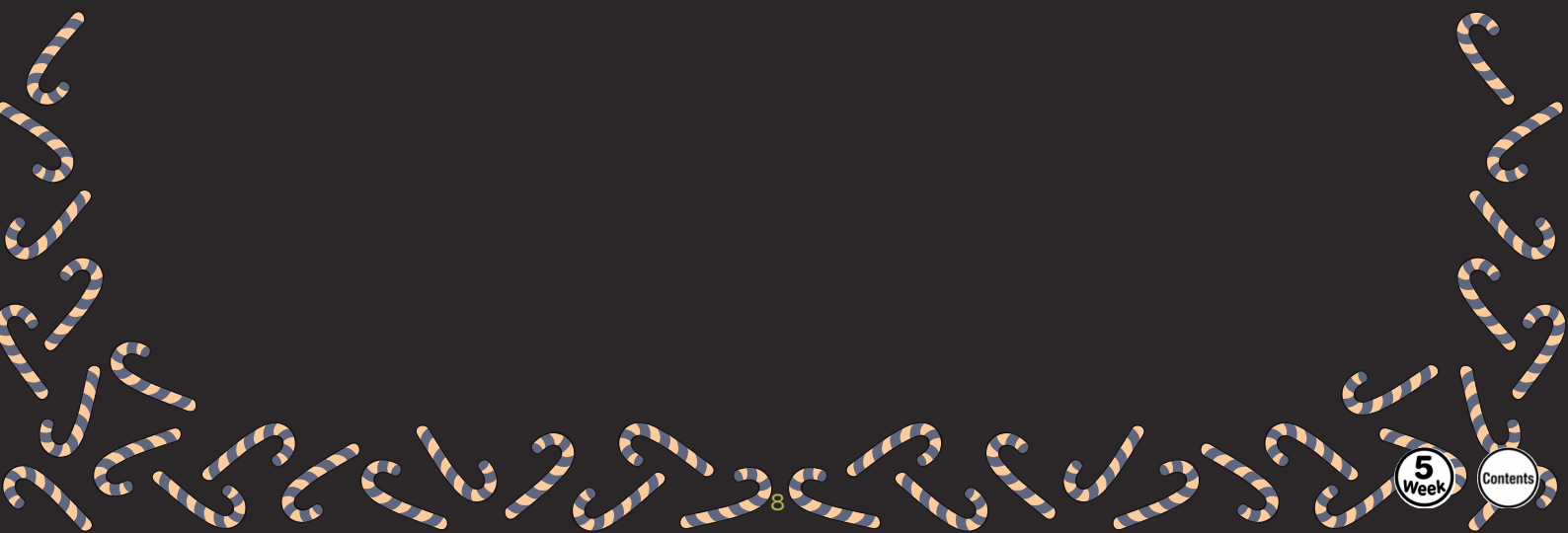
 **Date: 2nd Wednesday of every month**

 **Time: 12:30 p.m.**

 **Location: Holy Trinity Hall**

 **Cost: £3.00 for a tasty 2-course meal**

To book your spot, please get in touch with **Nick Law on 01822 840229.**





# Bere Peninsula Food Bank

## WEEKLY STOCK CHECK



BERE ALSTON & BERE FERRERS FOOD BANK

CONTACT: ANDY | 07927 220209

### URGENT

TINNED MEATY MEALS

TINNED VEGETABLES



### LOW IN STOCK

TINNED TOMATOES

PASTA

PORRIDGE OATS

TINNED TUNA

CORNER BEEF

RICE

LONG LIFE MILK

- Bere Alston Pharmacy
- Hope Cottage Cafe, Bere Alston
- Church Hall, Bere Ferrers

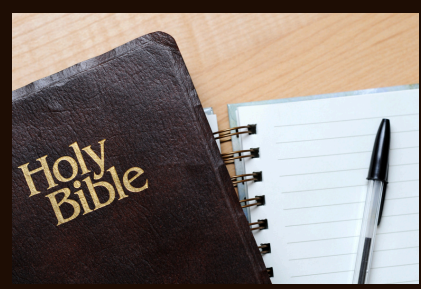
Thank You!  
Glenys & Andy

Your generous food donations make a world of difference to those in need. We are deeply grateful for your continued support!



# SEEING JESUS TOGETHER

## BIBLE STUDY



Day	Old Testament Reading	New Testament Reading
<b>MONDAY DECEMBER 16</b>	ZECHARIAH 11	MATTHEW 19
<b>TUESDAY DECEMBER 17</b>	ZECHARIAH 12	MATTHEW 20
<b>WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 18</b>	ZECHARIAH 13	MATTHEW 21
<b>THURSDAY DECEMBER 19</b>	ZECHARIAH 14	MATTHEW 22
<b>FRIDAY DECEMBER 20</b>	MALACHI 1	MATTHEW 23
<b>SATURDAY DECEMBER 21</b>	PSALM 145	
<b>SUNDAY DECEMBER 22</b>		

Seeing Jesus Together: [Website](#)

Seeing Jesus Together: [Today's Readings](#)

Seeing Jesus Together: [2024 / 2025 Schedules](#)



Seeing Jesus Together is also available in your chosen App Store, Apple, Android, Google.



# We Say Our Prayers



**Heavenly Father** thank you that we have freedom in this country to come together in worship and prayer. Lord in that Freedom, surely it is our purpose and responsibility to stand against the principality's and powers of this world, in supplication and prayer, for all who are suffering, wars, famine, hunger, fires, floods, slavery and injustice. Lord we pray and ask that you would meet every need, in every situation. We lift those who respond to your call, volunteer, give up their time and bring much needed provisions to the destitute.

We lift governments to you, through out the world, who carry the weight of responsibility, for the countries they represent, and pray for your sovereignty through guidance, wisdom, and justice. Thank you father that you loved us so much you sent your only son, who came in peace, to set us free, Not freedom as the world knows it, but freedom from the pressures of this world, personal daily struggles, that release us from fear, and set us free.

## **We think of those:**

**Ensnared** In a a war that is not wanted, that threaten their daily lives, and the lives of others, which ways heavily on shoulders. Denying your peace.

**Encased** In a situation that proves difficult to be free of, not necessarily of their own making, which dominates their waking mind. Denying your peace.

**Entrapped** in a relationship that can't be walked away from, due to the commitments required for those involved. Denying us your peace.

**Trapped** in a much needed job, that may not pay well, to finance ever mounting bills.

## **Denying your peace.**

Lord because of your love for us, you came to set us free from the trials of this world, to heal the venerable, the lonely, the sick, the homeless, those with troubled minds, and so much more.

## **You came to save**

All power has been given to you by our Heavenly Father. There is No greater Love than when you died on the cross for us.

No greater power than when you raised from death to life, offering everlasting life to all who receive you.

**Lord Jesus. This is who you are. Thanks be to God.**

**PRAYER TEAM**  
**GOLDEN RULES**

# ANOINTING WITH OIL

If you are unwell or in need of healing, we invite you to come forward for anointing with oil by our church leaders, in accordance with James 5:14: "Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord."



We believe in the power of prayer and God's ability to heal and restore. Please join us in faith as we seek His comfort and strength.

Blessings,

*Our Church Leaders*

## OUR GIVING



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By Giving at our Sunday Morning Service





# Christmas Advent Preaching Series



This Advent, we draw inspiration from the beautiful and rich verses of the timeless hymn, O Come, O Come, Emmanuel. Each verse is filled with Scripture, offering a depth of meaning and reflection. We pray that God will guide you in your decisions and preparations this season. This series flows naturally from our previous exploration, Finding Jesus in the Old Testament.

*May this series inspire and bless you throughout Advent!*



**December 1:** Verse 1 & Chorus

## Verse 1

O come O come Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear

## Chorus

Rejoice Rejoice Emmanuel Shall  
come to thee O Israel

**December 8:** Verses 2 & 3

## Verse 2

O come O come Thou Lord of Might  
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times didst give the law  
In cloud and majesty and awe

## Verse 3

O come Thou Wisdom from on high  
Who ordered all things mightily  
To us the path of knowledge show  
And teach us in her ways to go



**December 15:** Verses 4 & 5

## Verse 4

O come thou rod of Jesse free  
Thine own from Satan's tyranny  
From depths of hell Thy people save  
And give them victory o'er the  
grave

## Verse 5

O come thou Day-spring come and  
cheer  
Our spirits by Thine Advent here  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
And death's dark shadows put to  
flight

**December 22:** Verses 6 & 7

## Verse 6

O come Thou Key of David come  
And open wide our heavenly home  
Make safe the way that leads on  
high  
And close the path to misery

## Verse 7

O come Desire of nations bind  
In one the hearts of all mankind  
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease  
And be Thyself our King of Peace

# COMMUNITY NATIVITY & CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

*Tavistock Methodist Church*  
Sunday, December 15, 4:30 p.m.



Join us for a beautiful service as we celebrate the Christmas story together! The Community Nativity and Christingle service is a joyful event for all ages, filled with carols, candlelight, and the chance to take part in the retelling of the nativity. Bring friends, family, and neighbours to experience the wonder of Christmas.

Everyone is welcome - we'd love to see you there!

## CAROL SERVICE

*Tavistock Methodist Church*  
Sunday, December 22, 6:30 p.m.

Come and celebrate the joy of Christmas at our Carol Service! Join us for an uplifting evening of traditional carols, festive music, and reflections on the Christmas story.

This is a wonderful opportunity to gather with friends and family, sing your favourite carols, and experience the true spirit of Christmas.

All are welcome - bring a friend and let's make it a memorable evening together!



## Christmas Eve COMMUNION SERVICE

Christmas Eve Communion 5:00 p.m..

The 7pm team are again hosting a communion service on Christmas Eve at TMC. Please make a note of the time of 5:00 p.m. and it will last approx. one hour.

REVD. CHRIS BROWN

# Advent Course



This year the advent course is being produced by **Revd. Chris Brown** and will be via YouTube (as usual) so the maximum number of people can have access to it. Visit the TMC YouTube channel to find them (coming soon). If you know of someone who doesn't 'do the internet' then maybe you could invite them to watch with you. It will be suitable for groups.

We will be exploring parts of the first chapter of Luke. **Sessions are:**

Who is Christmas about anyway? God's power will do this; Promise fulfilled; Still in advent but only just. There are 4 sessions, though the last week is just a few days before Christmas itself so you may struggle to use it in a group. Each part is self-contained so it is not a disaster if you miss a week.

## *All Age* CHRISTMAS DAY

**CELEBRATION SERVICE**

Tavistock Methodist Church

Christmas Day 10:00 a.m.



Begin your Christmas morning with joy, gratitude, and the spirit of togetherness! Join us for a special All-Age Christmas Day Celebration Service, designed for all generations to come together in worship and festivity. Our service will be filled with traditional carols, uplifting songs, and warm festive cheer, creating an atmosphere of joy and reflection.

This family-friendly celebration offers a message of hope and love for everyone, reminding us of the true meaning of Christmas: the birth of Christ, our Saviour. Whether you come alone, with family, or bring friends, everyone is welcome—come as you are, and let's celebrate this holy day as a united community. We look forward to sharing this beautiful morning with you!



# Circuit

## EVANGELISM MEETING

Circuit Evangelism Meeting next is on January 16 at Tavistock Methodist Church in the Lower Hall at 7.30 p.m.. We are still praying for evangelism in the Circuit and sharing good news stories as well as studying the third part of the Contagious Christian course (this one is about having good conversations).

Numbers to this meeting have been declining and this saddens me because outreach and evangelism is

**January 16,  
2025 at TMC in  
Lower Hall at  
7.30 p.m.**

such an important part of the life of this circuit and this is the chance we have to gather and pray together about this.

All are welcome and if you feel growing our churches is important then it is important we support each other and pray, please come if you are able.





# TAVISTOCK HILL WALKING CLUB

NEXT WALK

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14,

AT 9:00 A.M.

Hill Walking Group next walk 4 miles long on December 14 starting at 9:00 a.m. from Two Bridges Car Park (the old Quarry Car Park – limited spaces). Being the last walk before Christmas I'm making it a very short one. No need to bring lunch but please have some food with you in case of emergencies. We will walk to Littaford and Longaford Tor, down to the edge of Wistmans wood and back. Some of it is on track (which can be muddy in places) and the rest is grassy path (can be wet and muddy) but nothing too strenuous. This is a very easy walk, suitable for families, well behaved and under control dogs welcome.



Good footwear and good coat are essential. We will start at 9:00 a.m..

For updates, visit <https://hillwalkers.org.uk/> or email Office at [info@tmc.me.uk](mailto:info@tmc.me.uk)

