



Church Family News

It may be cold but spring is on the way. Already we have daffodils, crocuses & snowdrops out in the garden and today I saw newborn lambs for the first time this year. How faithful our God is in His care and provision for us.

As a church family, there is always something to celebrate and this month we thank God that **Rod and Chris Wright** have a second little grand-daughter. Baby **April** was born to **Anna** earlier in February and we send Anna and her husband our congratulations and best wishes.

As we celebrate the arrival of a new baby, we also look forward to celebrating the 100th birthday of our most senior church member, **Reg Cheshire** on 24th March. Reg's family hope that friends will drop into the church lounge between 3pm & 5pm to greet Reg on his special day and share refreshments with him.

Darren has been unwell again & had to go into hospital but thankfully he is now out of hospital and recovering at home. You have to be fit for your fund-raising night on March 28th Darren. It should be a brilliant occasion as all the tickets are sold already.

Several of our church family have been unwell recently, many as a result of the nasty virus. I hope you won't mind if I do not mention everyone by name because that way, I am sure to leave someone out, but we do hope you will all soon be feeling much better. From what I hear, the after effects are quite debilitating. **Sue Taylor** is currently suffering with knee pain and is unable to get out. We send you our love and best wishes Sue. Once again we send our love and best wishes to **Peggy Headley** and **Melissa Wood** who are still not well enough to worship with us. We hope all of you who are unwell will know how much we miss you and that you are very much in our thoughts and prayers.

It is lovely to see our young people growing up in the church and taking on responsibilities. On the 25th of February, **Steph Law** celebrated her 18th Birthday. It is good to see the contribution **Chris, Jake & Sam** make to our worship on the sound desk and the audio-visual system. They do a brilliant job along with Mike. **Elena** has commenced her duties as a Junior Church Steward and it was lovely to see **Millie** assisting with communion on Sunday. **Caitlin & Millie** are members of Church council and most of the young people assist with J team and the Brigades. God bless you all in all your service for Him. We thank God for you and for all our children and young people.

As a Circuit, we are all suffering heartache on the loss of our much loved Superintendent, **Tim**. Many from our church attended the inspiring service of thanksgiving for Tim and our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Ann and all the family. Please will you pray for the Circuit at this time. Tim's passing has left a great hole which it would be difficult for anyone to fill. Please pray especially for our ministers, the **Revd's Peter Hughes, Peter Knight, Jan & Patrick** as the next few months are going to be particularly difficult.

God Bless,

Dorothy Simpkin

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