



# The Cross Road

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## It's Crumbling Down!...

by Pastor Phil

Life can be unpredictable at the best of times, but at the moment it feels like everything is changing on a daily basis.

The psalmist understood what it felt like when it seemed everything was crumbling around them.



After watching yet more chaotic news coverage today I began reminding myself of the scriptures;

*"...we will not fear though the earth gives way,  
though the mountains be moved  
into the heart of the sea." - Ps 46:2*

But how can the psalmist be so confident?

*"The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice, the earth melts.  
The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress." - Ps 46:6-7*

In verse 10, the familiar command of scripture is repeated - 'Be still, and know that I am God'. God still calls His people to calmness in the midst of chaos and clarity in deeply confusing times.

**"The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress." Ps 46:11**

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## Warm Spaces...

**'...I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'... 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'**

**Matt 25:35-36;40**

Jesus made it clear that caring for those in need should be a priority for anyone in His kingdom. It's not an optional extra; it lies at the very heart of who our God is. In fact, Jesus says that any kindness shown to those in need is an act of kindness shown to Him!

The needs of families, couples and individuals in our community keep on growing. We have an opportunity to extend God's love to them. We're joining a community wide initiative to run warm spaces across Cam & Dursley. With a gap in provision on Sundays, it was the logical choice to keep the Community Hall open on Sunday afternoons; to provide a warm place for folks to grab a hot drink, meet friends, buy warm food and access support. The first session will be on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

The plan is that each Sunday will be 'adopted' by a team from one of our community groups. We need 3-4 volunteers for each week, so your community group leader will be asking you to sign up soon. We need our efforts to be sustainable for the long haul, so we want to avoid it becoming an onerous task!

As yet the plans aren't set in stone because this is a dynamic situation and we have to be prepared to adapt and alter our scheme in response to the needs that emerge.

**If you want to know more, there will be a meeting on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October - 19:30 - 3C Community Hall.**

**Any suggestions or questions, please email me:  
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## Diary Dates Christmas 2022...

Carols at Tesco - Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>

Carols at The Hollies - Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>

'Dec' the Halls' & Prayer - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>

Who Let the Dad's Out!

'One Night in Bethlehem...' - Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>  
& Christmas Fayre

Christmas Celebration - Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Morning - Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>

# Church Events in... November

## Diary Dates

### 31/10 - 'Warm Space' - Introduction & Planning Meeting

A chance to find out more about the Sunday Warm Spaces and help to shape the plans.

### 3/11 - Musicians Group

Our musicians gather once a month to pray & plan for their service over the coming month. Speak to Saul or Becks if you could play a part in this team.

### 6/11 - Welcoming New Members & Roof Fund Giving Day

New members will formally join the church community and we'll be taking a special collection to start raising finances for our chapel roof project.

### 7/11 - Women's Meeting

A time for the ladies of 3C to get together and support each other.

- *Speak to Ester White or Naomi Verlaque for more information..*

### 12/11 - Who Let The Dads Out - 'Fireworks'

Our third 'WLTD' - we're going to be exploring 'The Light of the World' together.

- *Speak to Phil Greenow for more details.*

### 13/11 - Remembrance Sunday Service

### 17/11 - Men's Meeting

A time for the men of 3C to get together and support each other.

- *Speak to Stuart Ellsmore or Paul Maguire for more information..*

### 24/11 - Day of Prayer & Fasting

Another opportunity to 'hunger & thirst after righteousness' as we fast and pray together followed by an evening prayer meeting at 19:30 at the church building.

### 27/11 - Hollies Service

This is a monthly ministry in one of our local nursing homes. A small team lead a service and share with the residents.

- *Speak to Karen Peers for more details.*

## Weekly Events

### Sunday

- 10:30 - Worship Service

Trailblazers - Primary aged children (*Speak to Becky Greenow*)

- 13:00 - Warm Space

### Monday

- 19:30 - Elders Meeting (*Fortnightly*)

### Tuesday

- 19:30 - Community Group (*Speak to Saul & Ester White*)

### Wednesday

- 10:30 - Community Group (*Speak to David & Monica Stevenson*)

- 14:30 - Lifeline Craft Group (*Speak to Lis Palmer*)

- 19:30 - Community Group (*Speak to Steve & Karen Peers*)

### Thursday

- 16:00 - Online Prayer Group (*Speak to Judith Smith*)

### Friday

- 18:00 - SuperTroopers - Primary aged children (*Speak to Tim Fletcher*)

\* Tuesdays & Saturdays are usually Pastor Phil's days off.