

Pause for thought.

Today in Arise we are delighted to be baptising Paul and Jackie. We baptise people “on confession of their faith in Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord” and in baptism they are making a public declaration of their faith and their commitment to serve Jesus for the rest of their lives. If you have been baptised think back to that time. Were you excited about your new faith and determined to tell everyone about it? Perhaps since then you have faced difficulties and found that a life of discipleship is harder than you thought, but your baptism commitment has sustained you and helped you to stay faithful. Paul wrote, “Don’t you know that all of us who were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.” (Romans 6:3-4)

May our baptism commitment remain strong as we live out lives of dedication to Jesus. And if you are a Christian who has not yet been baptised, I advise you to ‘take the plunge!’

Alison

Thank you to all of you who generously contributed to the Christmas Shoe Box Appeal. We reached a total of 50 boxes which will be sent to Swaziland.

Sex Education in Primary Schools

Thank you for your prayers, the plans to force primary schools to teach sex education and to scrap the law on Christian assemblies has failed, following widespread concern.



As well as curry, you now have the opportunity to participate in the **Premier Guinness World Record Attempt** for the largest carol-sing! On Sunday 18th December, we will gather from 6.30 pm to sing carols at 7pm for at least 15 minutes (at the same time as hundreds of other people to make up the numbers) and follow up with our curry and then an epilogue. It will be great fun, and a good way of inviting people into church for an unusual event. So put your date in your diary, and come along to the not-to-be missed event of the year!

For your attention!



- **‘Get in the Picture’** 3rd December from 10 am - 3 pm. In George Yard. Volunteers needed please.
- **Carol Singing:** Braintree Churches together will be meeting on Saturday 17th December in George Yard for carol singing.
- **The Christmas Hamper Fund** stands at £20, £580 to go! Please give donations in marked envelopes in the offering, or directly to Tony or Alison.
- **Christmas Celebration:** St Paul's Church, Hay Lane South, Braintree, Essex. CM7 3DY 2- 4pm Saturday 3rd December For children aged 0-99 years and their families !! Come along and help us celebrate Christmas. Nativity costumes welcome! Join us for fun and games, nativity story telling, arts and crafts, making and baking, singing and dancing. Light refreshments available 01376 325095 Janice/528361 Jackie for more information.
- **Oasis creative café:** Are holding a Christmas Party on 16th December 11 -3 pm at Elim Church, Manor Street All welcome to join in on the fun. Free buffet and Santa included!

Notes

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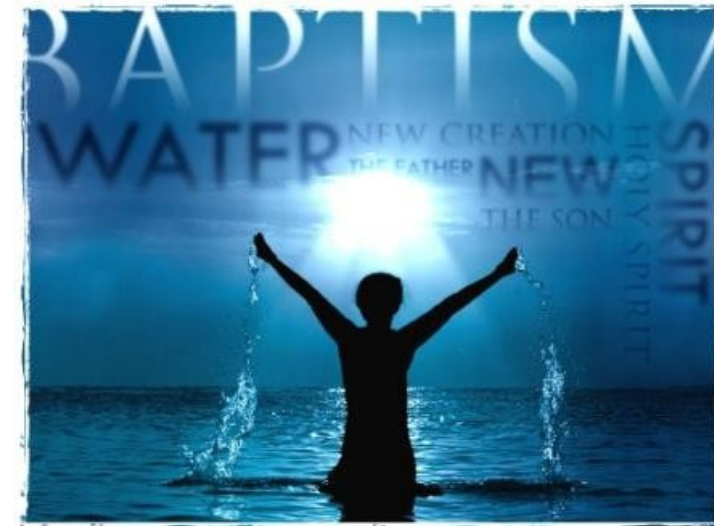
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Sunday Services

- 9.30 - Arise
- 11.30 - Young at Heart
- 6.30 - The Meeting Place

Mid-week Activities

- Young parents ' group
- Parents and Toddlers
- Youth prayer meetings and home groups
- Oasis youth group
- Oasis Creative Cafe
- House groups
- Prayer meetings



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Connect to each other

Connect to the world

27th November

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