

**Church Meeting  
Thur Jan 12th  
7 o'clock.**

A VERY SPECIAL MEETING!

The process of seeking God's plan for us for a new Pastor has been going on, although this may not always have been evident! Certainly there has been much prayer.

The elders have picked two persons from the several who expressed interest in the post. These have each spent a weekend with us, and we have all had an opportunity to meet them, and they have had a chance to meet us.

We will now hold a Special Church Meeting on 12 January, chaired by Chris Wooding from SWBA, to decide which, if any, of the candidates we wish to call.

Everyone who is part of the church family is invited to come along to the meeting, but only enrolled Church Members may vote. The Constitution (para 7.9.4) does not permit voting by Church Members who are not present at the meeting.

All those present will be invited to share their thoughts and reflections on the two candidates. We will listen to one another, and prayerfully seek to discern God's will together.

The Elders will then bring a proposal that one of the candidates, by name, should be called as Pastor. There will be the opportunity to discuss this proposal, and then the enrolled Church Members will be asked to vote on it using a ballot paper. You may vote for or against the proposal, or abstain.

Our constitution (para 7.9.4) states that a majority of not less than two-thirds (66%) of votes cast is required to call a minister. If the proposal is passed by 66% or more, then that candidate will be invited to accept the role of Pastor and the meeting will close at that point.

If the proposal receives less than 66% voting in favour, that candidate will be considered to be eliminated. If the church members wish, a new proposal may then be brought regarding the other candidate, and voted on in the same way. If neither candidate receives the required 66% then both will be considered eliminated and we will need to begin the search again with a new set of names.

### Potential Oscar?

**Book the date in your new diaries**

**Sat January 14th**

The Burgess family will be giving a showing of their film based on the classic book "Wives & Daughters"  
**Please be there by 7.0 o'clock ready for a 7.15 start. The film will be followed by a**  
**Bring & share pudding party**

Donations for TEAR Fund will be gladly received.



# **HEMYOCK Baptist Church**

**January  
2012**

**"It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35)**

"Giving" appears to be the "flavour of the month in HBC:

In the story on the front of the December newsletter

In the puppet show in the Carol Service

In Steve Williams' sermon.

In time & talents preparing for the Christmas Lunch

In gifts to Judith at the lunch and in Christmas Card project.

In the amount given at Chapel cafe & lunches through the year

In practical expression of faith by members of HBC

**"THANK YOU AND GOODBYE" at least for the time being.**

Chapel Lunches have been greatly enjoyed for a number of years.

Food and fellowship have been a real joy, Very many thanks to Anne, Vivien and Mary and their loyal band of helpers. And thanks, too, to all who have expressed their thanks with *gifts* over the past year to the Jacksons of over £900 and the Christmas Lunch profit of £250 to Judith Cassell.

Our Christmas card project has once again been welcomed by many, realising another £465, so far, which means that at least £715 in total will be *given* to Judith.

VERY MANY THANKS TO MARY AND HER HELPERS for a super Christmas lunch for over fifty people. It is not on record how much *time*

*was given* on preparation— not least in the growing and

the peeling of potatoes for fifty, and some to spare. Chapel lunches, of course, required a huge amount of work and the Outreach Team have decided that it is time to have



a break so there will be no more regular Lunches for the time being.

**The Carol Service puppets reminded us that it is "more blessed to give than to receive".** The total collection at the service for our youth work was £422. And that was AFTER the lunch when £250 more than the cost of the lunch was given. This will be *given* to Judith to go towards replacing her vital computer

**Chapel Cafe** Although the bad news is that lunches will be discontinued for the time being, ☺ the good news is that Chapel Cafe on Wednesdays will continue. ☺ Thank you ladies, for *giving your time & talents*. The profits for the year are about £1,500 which are *Getting up steam?* divided between Lake Victoria Children's home, The Calles (Peru), The Sworns (Cambodia), Jackie Ascott (Cyprus), and Judith in Japan"

*"You are my God, and I will give thanks Ps 118:28"*

*"...Show forth our thanks not just with our lips but in our lives" (BCP)*



