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can grow, all are sent out to serve  
local and global communities.

## News Sheet

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2024  
HAPPY NEW YEAR

**A warm welcome to all who join us at ZBC**

**Church life,**

**Pack down form 10:30am 3<sup>rd</sup> January.** We will be packing away Narnia and our Christmas decorations on Wednesday any help would be appreciated.

**Sip & Seek from 10<sup>th</sup> January.** A weekly Coffee and Prayer Gathering on Wednesday mornings 9:30am, term time only.

**Deeper - 14<sup>th</sup> January.** A conversational study group to meet after the Sunday morning service giving those interested a chance to look 'Deeper' at the Bible – bring your own sandwich!

**Bible Fellowship Groups -25<sup>th</sup> January.** Our small group of church friends and members that meet at a church members home to share life, the bible and grow in faith together. If you would like to join a group, please speak to Rev Jason.

**Soup Sunday and church meeting – 28<sup>th</sup> January** All are welcome to join us for a simple soup, bread and cheese meal and a chance to spend time together getting to know one another. You are welcome to stay to our meeting, but voting is reserved for church members only.

If you are interested in becoming a church member or Baptism, please see Rev Jason.

**Pray with us...**

Remember that God is with us in every transition and change, as we enter into this new year with excitement and even some anxiety, remember Gods deep compassion, presence, and abounding love for us.

Thank Him for the gifts, talents, and skills He has given us and all the experiences that have brought us to this moment.

Give thanks for the work of others that gives breadth and depth to our church and Christian family.

Ask God to be with us as we move forward, rejoicing and supporting one another.

Amen



## **Diary for the Month**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Pack down form 10:30am  
7<sup>th</sup> ZBC@10.30 – Communion
- 10<sup>th</sup> Sip & Seek: Coffee and Prayer Gathering 9:30am  
11<sup>th</sup> Music group - 7pm  
14<sup>th</sup> ZBC@10:30 and Deeper
- 17<sup>th</sup> Sip & Seek: 9:30am  
18<sup>th</sup> Music group - 7pm  
21<sup>st</sup> [ZBC@10.30](#)
- 24<sup>th</sup> Sip & Seek: 9:30am  
25<sup>th</sup> Bible Fellowship Groups  
28<sup>h</sup> ZBC@10:30 Guest speaker- Rev'd Dr. Helen Paynter  
Soup Sunday followed by Members meeting.
- 31<sup>st</sup> Sip & Seek: 9:30am

## **Birthdays this month:**

January 3<sup>rd</sup> Roger Wright  
January 9<sup>th</sup> Kiran Suleman  
January 13<sup>th</sup> Sofia Deik  
January 21<sup>st</sup> Abigail Suleman  
January 30<sup>th</sup> Tabitha de Vaux

**Online Giving** – weekly/monthly offerings can be made online using:

Account name: Zion Baptist Church  
Sort Code: 20 17 19  
Account Number: 00999660

An offering basket is available at the front of the church for those who wish to donate this way.

## Happy New Year!

As we step into 2024, I am filled with excitement and gratitude for the incredible journey we've shared as a family of believers. Our small but growing Church is like a sprouting seed, and together, we are witnessing the amazing ways God is nurturing and expanding His kingdom through us.

In the past year, we've seen dreams taking root and budding into reality. The love and unity within our community have been nothing short of inspirational. Each one of you is a vital piece of the puzzle, contributing to the beautiful tapestry that is ZBC. Your faith, dedication, and passion for God's work have been the driving force behind our growth.

Now, as we stand on the threshold of a new year, let's look ahead with anticipation and faith. Our dreams are big, but our God is even bigger! The Bible tells us in **Ephesians 3:20, "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us."** What an amazing promise!

God is calling us to step out of our comfort zones, to trust Him more deeply, and to share His love with even greater fervour. Our dreams may seem audacious, but they are birthed in prayer, nurtured by faith, and grounded in the truth of God's Word.

As we embark on this new chapter together, let's remember that we are not alone. God is with us every step of the way, guiding, empowering, and blessing our endeavours. Let's celebrate the victories, learn from the challenges, and grow stronger in our commitment to the mission set before us.

In the coming year, may our church be a beacon of hope, a source of joy, and a testament to the transformative power of God's love. Let's continue to reach out to our community, welcome newcomers with open arms, and be a lighthouse for those navigating the storms of life.

Wishing you a year filled with divine favour, unprecedented growth, and the realization of dreams that surpass all expectations. Together, let's make 2024 a year of abundant blessings, extraordinary encounters, and unshakeable faith.