

BOBBING CHURCH

Let us gather as a community to celebrate the blessings that surround us



Happy New Year!

Welcome to Bobbing Church's January newsletter. We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and are feeling refreshed and ready for 2026.

December was a fantastically festive month for Bobbing, with Christingle, our Carol's by Candlelight evening, Christmas coffee morning, and Christmas services. As always, the teens did an amazing job leading the Stable Service — a huge well done to them for creating such a fun, welcoming, and inclusive afternoon.

January will see the return of our Bobbing Litter Pickers. Our Youth Group will take place on the fourth Sunday of the month, and we also have a Women's Breakfast to look forward to on the 17th.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with a member of the Bobbing leadership team if you need prayer or support of any kind.

Eco Church

Veganuary: Thousands of people commit to eating only plant-based food for the entire month to reduce their carbon footprint, as cutting meat and dairy from your diet can be one of the single biggest ways to reduce an individual's diet-related environmental impact. Why not give it a try?

Sunday Service

Join us on the 4th, 18th and 25th January for our informal Sunday services. Please bring a mug and stay for refreshments!

Sunday Service

With Communion
11th January

Join us for our Sunday service with Communion at 11am. Please bring your mugs and stay for refreshments!

Coffee Mornings

Every Wednesday

10am at Carol's. Please email for details.

Bobbing Litter Pickers

10.30am-12.30pm
Saturday 24th
Meet outside the Jenny Wren to litter pick at Sonora

Women's Breakfast

9.30am
Saturday 17th
The Bobbing Apple
All welcome!

Jesus declares, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." **John 8:12**

During Advent and Christmas, houses, trees, decorations, and even flashing Christmas jumpers shine colourful lights into our lives, making the season festive. Then it stops. January arrives, work recommences, and winter carries on. Is it any surprise that Blue Monday (19/01/26)—the so-called most depressing day of the year, marked by low mood, fatigue, cold weather, and fading motivation—hits hard? Yet here, in John's Gospel, something breaks through.

Jesus' claim echoes Israel's hope for God's guiding light in dark and difficult times. His words confront fear, injustice, depression, loneliness, and grief that shape human life. Today, we are invited to choose Him—His power, compassion, and light—to bring courage over despair. And for those who feel that bitter, icy sting, know this: darkness does not get the final word. It never has. The Light cannot be overcome; it shines in every darkness.

Let's not simply "push through" pretending everything is fine. Let's shine Jesus' light: check on quieter friends, offer warmth, brighten someone's day, and hold close those feeling winter's weight. And if that someone is you, hear this: you are not a burden, not forgotten, not alone. You are held by the One who calls Himself the Light of the World, and we, His community, stands ready to be beacons of help and hope.

Community

Youth Alpha

Wednesday January 14th
Sittingbourne Baptist Church
6-8pm for secondary school
age children. Join us and learn
more about Jesus

Repair & Friendship Cafe

Fix your broken items!
Bobbing Village Hall
January 10th
10am-2pm

Friendship Cafe

Saturday 31st
10am
Bobbing Village Hall

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Children's and Youth Ministry



Youth Church Sunday 25th

If you are 11-17 years old then why
not join our youth group and help
with youth led services?



Bobbing Children's Church

For children over 3, come and learn
about Jesus with crafts and games!