



Sunday 1st December 2024

1st in Advent

Worship in Ashbourne

10.30am Church with Choices
at Hilltop School & at home  
led by Diana Whitmill, Gareth Rutledge,
Catherine Green & Anne Payne
Diana and Gareth will be leading worship in the main Hall
In Seek and Share, Catherine and Anne are completing the first
piece of the Advent jigsaw taking Isaiah 9:2 as our Bible reading.

4.30pm Afternoon Tea Service ~ Christingle
in St Oswald's Church Hall,
led by Revd Nicola Briggs

Worship around the Circuit

10.30am All Age Worship with Holy Communion
at Brailsford led by Revd Nicola Briggs

Private Prayer

Tissington & Milldale Chapels are open daily for
private prayer.

Worship at Home

The 10.30am service from Ashbourne is live streamed
on Facebook & YouTube.

The week ahead...

Sunday 8 December 2024

Monday 2 December
2-4pm Craft & Chat in Cornerstone
7.30pm Housegroup at Helen & Tony's

Tuesday 3 December
9.30-11am Welly Club at Ashbourne Town Hall
9.30-11.30am Brailsford Coffee Shop in the Chapel
10am Housegroup at Chatsworth Court
2.30pm Housegroup at Sue & David's

Wednesday 4 December
12.00 noon Ashbourne Churches Together meeting *
7.30pm Local Preachers & Worship Leaders
Meeting on Zoom



Thursday 5 December
9.30am Time for Prayer
in St Oswald's small meeting room *
7.30pm Housegroup at Enid's

Friday 6 December
7.00pm Lantern Parade & Carol Singing in the
Market Place *

Tuesday to Saturday
8.30am-4pm Cornerstone Coffee House open *

* see reverse for more details

Second in Advent

10.00am Muddy Church near Biggin
10.30am Church with Choices with Holy Communion
at Hilltop School & at home  
led by Revd Nicola Briggs, Jonathan Webb
Paul & Jo Taylor
10.30am Worship at Tissington Carol Service
led by Peter Dawson
10.45am Brailsford at All Saints Church
2.30pm Worship at Kniveton
led by Lorraine Hawkins
4.00pm Worship at Brailsford
Christingle United Service

Everyone is Welcome!

Are you new to this Church or just visiting?
We are very pleased to see you.
Please make yourself known to a Steward & take this
sheet home with you to learn more about our
activities. To receive this notice sheet electronically,
please contact us at noticesamc@gmail.com

Prayer for the week

Father, we thank you for the Hope with which You fill
our lives.
We give thanks for Christ's coming.
Lord, come & come again, into our World, into our
lives, that we might find You this Advent season.
In Jesus' name we pray.

Please pray for all those who are unwell or recovering, especially Anne Wa, Anne Wi, Chris D, David He, Gwenda A, Jeff F, Margaret A, Margaret He and Roy A.

Thanks

+Jeff F would like to say 'Thank you' for all the cards, visits, prayers and support, after his recent knee operation.
+I would like say a big Thank you for the flowers delivered to me today, from our Church family. I was so touched at the kindness. Pauline Ward.

School Visits Please pray for this week's school advent visits, which will take place at Elim Church and in some individual schools. We will be reaching 230 children in 9 primary schools. The team will be presenting the nativity story and giving out take away bags to the children. Pray for good health and energy for Tim, Nicola, Ruth, Joy, Sue, Tricia, Joyce, Rosemary, Helen W, Clare, Enid, Judith, David, Helen B, Val and Sally.

Welly Club Christmas Service

Join us for a short, fun service for toddlers & grown-ups with songs & a simple story. On Tuesday 10 December at 10.30am in Ashbourne Town Hall.

Would you like to knit a simple prayer squares for Derby Hospital Chaplains to give out to appropriate patients. Collect a pattern from Craft & Chat or contact Clare 07814 192924.

Muddy Church 10am-12pm on Sunday 8 December.

Games, crafts & challenges for children from reception to school year 6 in a barn near Biggin-by-Hartington.

muddychurch@ashbournemethodist.org.uk

Advent Today, we start the season of Advent as we journey with the nativity characters on an Advent-ure! Each week in Advent, we will be exploring different aspects of the journey. We will be singing an Advent Proclamation and putting together a jigsaw which will be introduced in our worship together and then completed in Seek and Share and pinned to the display board.

The theme of Advent-ure is drawn from 'The Little Book of Advent' which is produced by Lifewords. There will be a copy available for everybody. Please pick up a copy for your use. We have some spares so if you would also like to gift a copy to a friend or neighbour please do so. The suggested pattern for using the book is: Week 1: Waiting (pages 3-9); Week 2: Hoping (pages 10-19); Week 3: Preparing (pages 20-29); and Week 4: Arrival (pages 30-39). We hope you will join us on this Advent-ure! *Tim D*

Lantern Parade 6th December Ashbourne Churches Together help the Lantern Parade that leaves St Oswalds at 6.30pm. The town centre roads are closed from 5pm. Please support the Carol Singing in the Market Place at 7pm if you are able.

Lyrics for the carols are on

<https://ashbournechurchestogether.org.uk/lantern-spectacular-carols/>

Time for Prayer

As this Thursday, 5th December, is the first of the month, we will be focussing our prayers on the Link Project – 9.30-10.30am in the small meeting room in St Oswald's hall. Please come and join us.

Ashbourne Churches Together monthly prayer meeting

On Wednesday 4th December 12.00 noon, we will be meeting, as usual, at Elim church to pray with Christians from around the area. It's so good to join together with other denominations, all worshipping the same God!

Laptops for sale. A Samsung 15" screen laptop, 10 years old but updated to run Windows11 with an SSD. An HP Pavilion X2 mini laptop with a detachable keypad, turning it into a Windows 10 tablet (Google it). All profit from refurb going to Link Project. An old HP 15" laptop running Windows 10 offered free to a good home.

All have MS Office installed. Details from Gareth on 07761 625940.

Connections The deadline for the January 2025 edition is Sunday, 15 December 2024. *Cliff Lewer*

Posada Mary and Joseph and the Shepherds start their journeys today. Many thanks to all who have offered accommodation. There are still a few dates left.

For Mary and Joseph Dec 13, 14, 19, 21, 22, and 23.

For the Shepherds Dec 14, 15, 17, 19, 21, 22, and 24.

Sign up sheets will be available in church today.

Carols at Cornerstone on Wednesday 11 December, from 7-9pm.

Come and sing your favourite carols, have a drink and a snack, and enjoy some good company. Tim Dutton and Jonathan Baker will lead the carols and this is a great opportunity to join us and bring your friends. We had a great time last year and look forward to seeing you this year. *Paul*

Lantern Procession on Friday 6 December, From 6pm Cornerstone will be open till late serving food and drink, supporting Anne and Yvonne selling pulled pork rolls, providing a nativity photo booth and hosting an ad hoc brass band playing carols. Can you help us:

- do you have any nativity costumes for adults and children that we could borrow?
- can you help us on either the food stall or the photo booth?

If the answer to either of these questions is 'yes' then please contact Anne Wareing or Paul Taylor. Thanks.

Cards in Cornerstone - I have had a small collection of cards printed based on some of my paintings, which Paul has very kindly allowed me to put in Cornerstone for sale. The cards are blank for your own message, & cost £1.50 each. All profits made will go to *The Leprosy Mission*. *Anne P*

Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" performance at 7pm, Saturday, 14 December, Brailsford Methodist Church

An exciting performance to take place to raise funds for the church. Do come if you are able. Contact details for tickets are on the flier attached to the email. *Jonathan Webb*

Christmas cards & gifts, plus Advent calendars & candles

I have Leprosy Mission catalogues available, featuring lots of lovely items for Christmas. *Stuart G 01335 300338*

Annual Rotary Club Christmas Tree sale Thursday to Sunday on Shaw Croft carpark. 9.30am-4.00pm

Safety Notice - please note all parts of the church have now been handed to the builder, so there is no access for any reason.

Mission & Outreach Forum There has been an Outreach Team in Ashbourne for some years and, for various reasons, the team has reached a crossroads in its life. Ahead of our Circuit moving to be a one church Circuit (with several worshipping communities and venues), in September next year, this seems an opportune time to open this team to the whole Circuit. This will enable us to work circuit-wide to identify mission and outreach opportunities and the resources that we need to respond. Our next meeting has now been set for 3.30pm-5pm on Wednesday 10 December at 69 Windmill Lane, Ashbourne. We hope that you will feel able to come along to influence how this forum will develop for the benefit of your part of our circuit community.

Please let me know if you intend to join us for this meeting, as we may need to source a larger venue! Jacqui Marsh (Outreach Team/Forum Co-ordinator) 07941 524

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Notices for the next Notice Sheet:

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