





Sunday 22nd December 2024

Worship in Ashbourne

10.30am All Age Carol Service
at Hilltop School & at home  
led by Robert Sales & Cathy Stubbs

This fourth Sunday in Advent is an all age carol service, with a mixture of traditional and lively more modern carols. We'll be thinking about Arrival in Luke 2 : 1 - 20, with Mary and Joseph arriving in Bethlehem in time for Jesus's birth, and looking at the shepherds experience.

Fourth in Advent

Worship around the Circuit

2.30pm Worship at Kniveton Carol Service
led by Revd Nicola Briggs
6.30pm Worship at Kirk Ireton Carol Service
led by Tom Parkinson

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...

Monday 23 December
2-4pm Craft & Chat in Cornerstone (see over)

Tuesday 24 December
Brailsford coffee shop Closed
4.00pm Christmas Eve Service at Milldale
11.15pm United Communion Service at Brailsford All Saints

Wednesday 25 December
10.00am Christmas Day All Age Circuit Service
At Hilltop School we will be focusing on the greatest treasure of Christmas. Nicola invites you to bring a small gift to open in the service if you would like to.

Tuesday 31 December
Brailsford coffee shop closed

Thursday 2 January 2025
9.30am Time of Prayer St Oswald's Hall

Housegroups have now finished for this year and will be re-starting in the new year.

Cornerstone Opening times over Christmas as in last weeks notices.

Sunday 29th December 2024



10.45am United Circuit Service
At Osmaston Village Hall  
Rev Bex Allpress and Rev Nicola Briggs will be leading united worship for the Brailsford Benefice and the Ashbourne Circuit at Osmaston Village hall. This service will be all-age worship so please do bring family members who are visiting. The service will also be live streamed. Osmaston is not the largest place in the world and we would therefore encourage you to car-share as much as possible. Worship will be café style with drinks and breakfast pastries available..

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

Sunday 5th January 2025 Epiphany

Worship in Ashbourne

10.30am Church with Choices
at Hilltop School & at home  
led by Peter Dawson, Gareth Rutledge,
Stuart Green & Amanda Peers.

10.30am Worship At Brailsford
All Age Covenant Service
led By Revd David Leese.

2.30pm Worship at Parwich Covenant Service
with Holy Communion
led by Revd Nicola Briggs.

4.30pm Afternoon Tea Service at St Oswald's Hall
Led by Tracy Dawson.

Prayer for the week 22 Dec

Three more days 'til He arrives! May our joy explode as we prepare for this day, day of all days.
Make way, Make way to celebrate The Christ Child, Jesus.

Prayer for the week 29 Dec

Lead us Lord into this New Year. We ask for Your wisdom & guidance as we seek to speak Your name to a watching, waiting world for Your Peace, Justice & Love.



Please pray for. Please remember all who are unwell in our prayers especially Anne Wi, Chris D, David He, Margaret He, Pauline W and Roy A.

+Thank you for the flowers, cards, gifts and good wishes on my 80th birthday – all are very much appreciated. *Lorraine*
+Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Upbeat Communities Christmas appeal to help 'Provide a second home for refugees' during their matched funding week. You'll be pleased to know that they made their target! Thank you to everyone who donated and showed an interest in the project. You will have another opportunity to give in the collection at Fish & Chips Christmas (after expenses), Christmas Praise, Memorial Service and Christmas Day.
Catherine

Family News We send our condolences to Robert S and family following the death of his Mum last week.

Craft & Chat

We will be meeting on Monday afternoon from 2-4pm in the neon room at Cornerstone, please come along for some company and a chat if you'd like to. The cafe will be open to customers too, so a big thank you to the Cornerstone team for accommodating us.
Clare

Advance Notice: For those of you who have been scanning the plan you may have noticed that we have The President of Conference preaching at Ashbourne's Covenant Service on 12th January. Although we have asked the District to advertise the YouTube link for this service there is a likelihood that others may join us for worship to see and hear Rev Helen Cameron. We have made arrangements with Hilltop School to use one of the demountable classrooms as an overflow venue and we have already tested that this can work technologically. Communion will be served to anyone in the classroom as it will to everyone in the hall and we encourage those watching online to be prepared with their communion elements too. We hope that as a Circuit we can offer generous hospitality not just to the President and our Chair of District, Rev Andy Fyall, but also to any visitors who join us that morning.

Circuit Directory and Prayer Diary

There is a new edition of the Circuit Directory and Prayer Diary. Your pastoral visitor, housegroup leader or church steward should be giving them out. As old copies contain sensitive information, they should be destroyed by shredding or burning. Please pray for the families listed on each day of the month. Let's cover our circuit with prayer. If you need another copy, please contact Carole Thorpe on circuitadmin@ashbournemethodist.org.uk or 346535.

Foodbank: Thank you all for your generous donations over the year. Could I just ask that you hold fire on the pasta and porridge front at the moment, as we have more than enough!! however tins of corned beef, toiletries, and cereals are in short supply. Thank you always for all that you give.
Anne P

Read the Bible in Year I'm planning to follow the 'Bible in One Year' book starting from 1st January 2025. Each day includes readings from the Old Testament, New Testament and either Psalms or Proverbs, to read the whole bible over the year. Following the same reading plan, there are versions online or by app which include a commentary, and audio versions that may be easier for some than a printed book. The online versions are about 25 minutes a day. If you would also like to follow this plan yourself please contact me for more information.
Richard Barratt 07710 725014

Time for Prayer will not take place on Thursday 26th December. On 2nd January we will focus on prayers for the Link. Please join us if you are able.

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.

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 **This Week 4: Arrival (pages 30-39)**. We hope you will join us on this Advent-ure!
Tim D

Shoe Boxes Ashbourne and the surrounding area donated over 580 shoeboxes! An amazing effort during difficult times for everyone. Your shoeboxes are now on their way to children in Eastern Europe who might otherwise not receive anything at Christmas. Just think of the smiles on their faces when they open the shoeboxes. If you would like to follow updates on the journey of the shoeboxes from around the UK, please ask them to join our Facebook Group: [Ashbourne Shoebox Appeal Supporters Group](#)

Editor's Note – This will be the last edition of Notices for this year, the next edition will be 5th January 2025. From all of us at the editorial team we wish you a very happy Christmas and New Year.
God Bless, Clare, David & Eric

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

Notices for the next Notice Sheet:

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