

Welcome!

The **Methodist Church**
Ashbourne Circuit





Sunday 14th December

Worship in Ashbourne

10.00am Muddy Church at Biggin by Hartington *

10.30am Church with Choices
with Holy Communion

at Hilltop School & at home  

led by Revd John Hellyer, Jonathan Webb
Lorraine Hawkins & Catherine Green

This week is the third Sunday of Advent in which we continue to explore the theme of "Gifted." The symbol is a Poinsettia which has long been associated with Christmas and is a reminder of the hope that comes into the world because of Jesus' birth, death and resurrection. In the main hall, John and Jonathan will be looking at God's gift of hope and the hope we can offer to others. In Seek and Share, Lorraine and Catherine will be working out how we can help to bring 'joy to the world' with Lego and paper.

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Worship around the Circuit

10.45am Holy Communion at All Saints

Angel Festival open 1.00 - 3.30pm with refreshments

2.30pm Carol Service at Kniveton
Led by Revd Chris Briggs

5.00pm Parwich United Service at St Peters

6.30pm Worship at Kirk Ireton
Led by Andy Cockayne

Worship at Home

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

Private Prayer

Tissington & Milldale Chapels are open daily for private prayer.

The week ahead...

Monday 15 December

2-4pm Craft & Chat at St Oswald's Hall

7.30pm Housegroup at Helen & Tony's

Tuesday 16 December

9.30-11am Welly Club at the Town Hall *

9.30-11.30am Brailsford Coffee Shop in the Chapel
with bake sale and singing by Brailsford School at 9.30am

10am Housegroup at Anne's

2.30pm Housegroup at Susan & David's

7.00/9.00pm Carols at Cornerstone

Wednesday 17 December

Thursday 18 December

9.30am Time for Prayer

in St Oswald's small meeting room

1.30pm Christmas Calm at Cornerstone *

6.30pm Brailsford Carol Service

Led by Revd Nicola Briggs

7.30pm Housegroup at Sue & Jeff's

Friday 19 December

11.00am Angels Blessing Service, St Oswald's

7.30pm Housegroup. Details from Catherine G

Saturday 20 December

7.00pm Tissington Carol Service at St Mary's

4.00pm Brailsford All Saints Carol Service

Tuesday to Saturday



8.30am-4pm Cornerstone Coffee House open

Please note that Cornerstone will close at 2pm on Christmas Eve and will re-open on New Year's Eve at 8.30am.

* see reverse for more details

Sunday 21st December Advent 4

10.30am Altogether Worship

at Hilltop School & at home  

led by Diana Whitmill and Stuart Green

10.30am Worship at Brailsford, Holy Communion
led by Revd Nicola Briggs

6.30pm Praise at St Oswald's Hall, Carol Service
led by Paul Taylor

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

We pray for all who find Christmas a difficult time, for whatever reason.

May all be assured that God's gift of Love in Jesus, will

bring comfort & His Peace as you rest & reflect on His Love for you.



Prayers Many people are in need of our prayers this week for different reasons. Please continue to hold in prayer: Vera B, Gwen F, Dennis F, Brian H, Margaret He, Ruth L, Kay O & Elizabeth S. We also pray for the family and friends of Beryl P who sadly died this week.

Family news We send our best wishes to Sue and Ken on their house move to Nottinghamshire.

Thank you for the lovely church flowers I received which are very much appreciated. *Gwen Foster*

Gifted This year, we are following the Methodist Church's campaign, Gifted. This is to celebrate us as a gifts from God; our church as a gift to the community; and Jesus as the ultimate gift at Christmas. If you go on the Methodist Church website: <https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/christmasresources/> you will find some great advent resources, including a video and a new version of Joy to the World. Last week, we asked people to give a gift card to a friend, neighbour or family member to show your appreciation for them. There are still some left over to pick up and send, or you can tag people on our Facebook page. There are spare copies of the booklet Special Delivery to give away as a free gift. This week you can also take a church Christmas card to give out, demonstrating our love for those in our community and advertising services to invite people to.

Opportunity to remember loved ones

Ashbourne Methodist One Church Circuit is hosting a memorial service for people to remember loved ones who they will not be able to celebrate Christmas with. This year we will be holding this at Brailsford Methodist Church, on Tuesday 23rd December at 7pm, the service will include music, readings and prayers and there will be an opportunity for loved ones to be named and for people to light candles in their memory during the service. There will be refreshments available after the service and space to talk if that is helpful.

We all encounter grief at some time in our lives. Christmas can make this more acute and poignant as we realise there will be an empty chair at the table. Sharing together in this Christmas Memorial Service can bring some comfort, peace and space to reflect and honour in a safe environment. If you are unable to join us on this occasion but would still like a loved one remembered please contact me with their details at nicola.briggs@methodist.org.uk or 01335 702174.

Christmas cards & gifts from The Leprosy Mission Shop I have catalogues available with a lovely selection of items. Your shopping supports people affected by leprosy, and we receive a commission which is donated to The Link Project
Stuart Green (01335 300338)

Photocopier new home

The photocopier is now based at the Marsh's house. Please email printing@ashbournemethodist.org.uk or contact *Jacqui or Ian* to use it.

Brailsford Book club next date is 18th December and it's the Christmas fuddle. Looking forward to seeing everyone when we will be reviewing our book, eating some food and singing some carols. If you would like to come along get in touch with Tracy Dawson for more information. All are Welcome. *Tracy*

Muddy Church

10am-12pm, Sunday 14 December. Christmas themed games, crafts & challenges for children from reception to year 6 in a barn near Biggin-by-Hartington. muddychurch@ashbournemethodist.org.uk

Carols @ Cornerstone

Our annual evening of Christmas carols, with Jonathan and Tim, will be on **Tuesday 16 December** from 7-9pm in Cornerstone, We will be serving a range of hot and cold drinks and bar snacks. There is no need to book - just come and enjoy some carols and get in the Christmas spirit.

Christmas Calm

In the busyness of Christmas come & take a few moments of calm, 20 minutes once a week to come & relax, reflect & switch off from the pressures of Christmas preparations. Calm will be led by Paul & Anne, in Cornerstone, on the following dates: Thursdays 11 & 18 December, all at 1.30pm; Enjoy a drink & eats while you take some time to recharge.

Available Free to a good home Table-top freezer, white. Tel. 01335 342859 *John Hurfurt*.

Party on Christmas Day

Each year Ashbourne Churches Together provide a full Christmas Day lunch and a party, this year being hosted at St Oswalds Hall from 12pm. This is for EVERYONE - young and old, families and those who might be on their own, rich and poor. Simply call 01335 664159 to book. One of the most important jobs we need help with is to sit at tables and engage in conversation with our guests to make them feel welcome. If you can do that please book to join the party.

Carols at Dove House will be at 1.45pm on Sunday 21 December. Remember us in prayer as so many there will be reminded of hymns sung over the years.

Lenovo Ideapad 330S laptop for sale. 7 years old but upgraded to run Windows11 with an SSD. Office 2024 included. High specification. All profit from refurb going to Link Project. Details from *Gareth on 07761 625940*.

Christmas Angels in Ashbourne

A big thank you to everyone who has made angels. Please give any final contributions to Jean, Clare or Craft & Chat by 15 December. If you would like to help to distribute the angels around the town please contact *Clare 07814 192924*.

Ashbourne Christmas Angels Blessing service

Everyone is welcome to a short angel celebration service at St Oswald's Church on Friday 19 December at 11am. Refreshments provided. A chance to see our heavenly host alongside the glorious Christmas trees on display in the Church. *Clare*

Visit to CRS in Kolkata

I am all set for my ten-day trip to visit to our mission partner CRS in Kolkata. I flew out last Thursday. Thank you for the encouraging messages & prayers. *Crispin*

Connections Deadline for January Connections is teatime this Sunday 14th December. cliffelewer@aol.com or by hand.

Foodbank Many thanks to all of you who have donated to the Ashbourne foodbank in whatever way you have. As we approach Christmas this year, those using the foodbank will be receiving a Christmas hamper in addition to usual food. We are particularly in need of shower gel, shampoo, tinned main meals, tinned fruit and veg and also coffee. Many thanks to everyone. *Mary*

Cornerstone Christmas Hampers will be available

We use small & local producers to create our menu, & we'd like to let you share their products with others. *Paul & Beth*

Notices for the next Notice Sheet:

Please e-mail items to noticesamc@gmail.com, or phone Eric on 01335 346155 by noon on Thursday. Thank you.

Please be aware that anything that appears in the Notice Sheet or in Connections is publicly available (including on the internet) for anyone to read. If you do not wish that to happen but would still like subscribers to the notices to receive your information, please specify that your information is for the email only.