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### SERVICES FOR THE MONTH

#### DEC

6TH	10.30	Revd Claire Simpson Communion
13th	10.30	Christmas service led by our young people
20th	10.30	Tracy Cooper
	18.00	Revd Claire Simpson - Carol service
22nd	15.00	Christingle
24th	23.30	Christmas Eve Communion
25th	10.30	United Reformed Christmas Day
27th	10.30	Breakfast 9.30 followed by café service

#### JAN

3rd	10.30	Revd Claire Simpson Family Communion
19th	10.30	Mrs Milly Aquilina-Gray
17th	10.30	Fareham Team All age
24th	10.30	Rev Les Judd
	18.00	United Service
31st	10.30	Rev John Mills

#### FEB

7TH	10.30	Revd Claire Simpson Communion
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### LOCAL PREACHER'S AND TEAM APPOINTMENTS

13th Dec	Andrew Wilcock	10.45	Havant
27th Dec	Andrew Wilcock	10.00	Emsworth
24th Jan	Andrew Wilcock	10.30	Portchester

Dear friends,

The Christmas story is to be predominantly found in the gospels of Matthew and Luke. Mark's gospel makes no reference to Jesus' birth. John's gospel does but in a very different way. The opening to John's gospel is one of my favourite parts of the Bible. I remember growing up in church and traditionally hearing the words at the end of the annual carol service and wondering what they were all about! Even now, their poetry contains an element of mystery that I like.

As I write this, it is a wet and gloomy November morning and my thoughts turn towards many of you who have had a difficult year for a variety of reasons. The shootings and explosions in Paris that claimed over 130 lives have just happened. Gloomy and distressing times indeed. Sometimes the season of Christmas can heighten loss, ill health, worries and difficulties and really bring them home to us again. The stress on being happy and joyful at this time of year can be difficult to live up to. However, the words of the opening verses of John's gospel provide comfort for us for they talk of Jesus coming into the world as 'life' and 'light'. A light which will not be extinguished by darkness of any kind. Jesus is also described as 'full of grace and truth'. So, amidst death and destruction; He brings life. Amidst darkness and gloom; He brings light. Amidst intolerance and division; He brings grace. Amidst confusion and worry; He brings truth.

May you know his light, life, grace and truth with you and yours this Christmas season and as we begin 2016.

With love, Claire



"I'm sorry Michael – even if you HAVE changed your ring-tone to 'Away In-A-Manger', it's still ALL mobiles OFF!"

## CHURCH NEWS

### Vestry Jottings

Many thanks to all who have worked so hard to make the Christmas Tree festival a success.

As we approach the Christmas holidays I would like to ask everyone to think about whether they would like to offer as a steward next year. At the Annual Church meeting we will be electing the team for next year and would love some volunteers to come forward, please talk with one of us if you are interested.

On behalf of the stewards team I would like to wish everyone a peaceful Christmas. If we can be of any help please contact us.

Maggie

### **An Edict from Her Majesties Revenue and Customs**

From the 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016, following a change in rules by HMRC, any Gift Aid Declaration Forms issued by a charity will need to include the phrase:

"I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference"

This affects all of our Churchgoers who make donation to our Fareham Methodist Church by Standing Order and the Gift Aid Envelope Scheme.

The Gift Aid Secretary of Fareham Methodist Church, Mr Patrick S Watson, is required to ask all of those affected to complete a new Declaration Form which includes this new phrase.

Beginning on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> of January 2016, after the service has ended Patrick Watson & Mrs Rae Shepherd will have a table at the back of Church for you to fill in one of the New Forms. We will be setting up each Sunday if required, after that until all of our New Declarations Forms are completed.

I would like to thank Garry, Jill, Barbara and all their helpers for the wonderful film night. The film and the food were excellent. I can't wait for the next one.

Brenda Bennett

### Mini Market

Janice and I would like to thank the kind person who has been leaving lots of cardmaking articles for us to sell. They have generated lots of money for the church. If you could make yourself known to us we would like to thank you personally.

Also, we have had good sales lately and would therefore welcome more items of bric-a-brac. Thank you

Janice and Brenda

### Thursday Coffee Morning

Dec 3 Christmas Tree Festival

Dec 24 - Closed

Dec 31 - Closed

Re-opening - Thursday 7 January. Penny Garrett

### Holiday Quiz

Once again we have a quiz for you to solve during your Christmas and New Year break. It concerns all things wintry and cold and is in

Roxanne and Christopher Garrett would like to say a huge thank you to everyone involved for making their Wedding Service so wonderful, special and personal to them.

### House Moves

Harvey and Gwen are settling into their new home at 16 Faregrove Court, Grove Road, Fareham PO16 7AS Telephone number 01329 283027. *We normally have a policy of no addresses in Focus, however this is a securely gated complex so please telephone before visiting.*

(and see Lynda Young page 13)



At: Fareham  
Methodist Church,  
King's Road,  
Fareham PO16 0NU

**Wednesday December 9th 2015**

**Lighting up the World!**

**3.30pm to 6pm**



**Everyone is welcome to come and join us for games, craft, worship and a meal. Come and join in.**

**CHRISTMAS SUNDAY LUNCH 13<sup>th</sup> December at 12.15**

**p.m.approx.**

This is open to all members of the congregation and all family and friends. There is no set charge for the meal we just ask for donations to Action for Children. If you would like to make a festive pudding of your choice and bring it along that would be very good – thank you.

**The Menu**

**Starter:** Greek salad or Melon

**Main Course:** Roast turkey, sausages, Roast Potatoes, Selection of Vegetables.

**Puddings:** Variety

**SUNDAY LUNCH 17th JANUARY at 12.15 p.m.approx.**

This is open to all members of the congregation and all family and friends. There is no set charge for the meal we just ask for donations to a charity. If you would like to make a pudding of your choice and bring it along that would be very good – thank you.

**The Menu**

**Starter:** Soup or Egg Mayonnaise

**Main Course:** Baked Ham, cheese or parsley sauce, sausages, Roast Potatoes, , Vegetables

**Puddings:** Variety

## Junior Church Pantomime Outing

This will be held on Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2015

The pantomime this year is the Nutcracker and the Mouse King at Titchfield Festival Theatre at 2pm at St.Margaret's Lane, Titchfield. The performance should finish around 5pm/5.15pm. The cost is £5 but is free to all junior church children. Anyone else is welcome to attend but may I have names and £5 by 6<sup>th</sup> December please so that I can book the seats?

The theatre is having a central heating system installed now which is exciting news!

Alison Humby  
01329 234882

*Ruth and Tony are planning to move to Clanfield early in the new year. It is not too far away (just South of Petersfield), so we will keep worshipping at Fareham for the immediate future. I plan to keep producing Focus for the time being, however, it would really help if someone could volunteer to empty the post box every month and type the contents into a word document, which could then be emailed to me as an attachment.*

*If you have the skills to do this and are interested in becoming part of the Focus team , please let me know.*

*Thank you*

*Ruth Elvery - Editor*

## Holiday at Home—Wednesday February 17th , 11.00 till 16.00

Come and spend a day with us “cruising the Mediterranean” on the mv Friendship. More details will follow in the February Focus.

You will be entertained with quizzes and deck games and well fed, with morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea. We promise no sea sickness! All we ask is for a donation towards the food.

## **Wednesday Fellowship**

Our meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday and commence at 2.15 pm with tea available at 2.00 pm unless otherwise stated.

27th Jan                    A musical afternoon with Linda and Carol in  
The worship area.

24th Feb                    Quiz and get together in the Wickham Room

23rd March                Easter Service. Commencing at 2.00 pm in the  
Worship Area followed by tea and hot cross buns  
in the Wickham Room.

## **Shoe Boxes**

Thank you to all who have donated boxes/contents this year. The Brownies donated 10 of the 40 that we have filled .

Your support is greatly appreciated.                    Una Peters

## **Access to the Church**

Two months ago we asked everyone who needs access to the Church, to complete a form enabling us to set them up under the new key fob system, which we hope to go live early in January 2016.

There are currently about 95 Church keys issued to people, but so far only about 50% have completed the form! Does this mean everyone else does not need a key? Please urgently complete the form in the welcome area or request one on [access@farehammethodist.org.uk](mailto:access@farehammethodist.org.uk)

Thanks

Peter Moody

**Healing Prayer Group:** The dates of the next healing prayer group are: December 2nd and January 6th to be held at Joan and Jeff Padley's house, starting at 10am.  
Rita Jackson



**Trinity Pre  
School**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2015  
Christmas Open Day  
10am till noon  
in the Large Hall**

Delicious cakes for sale, face painting,  
games,  
children's craft table, Tombolas for  
Adults and Kids,  
a Human Fruit Machine



**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE FOR SOME FESTIVE FUN**

Greetings from Nuneaton

Imagine my surprise, while waiting for a train to take me to Oxford from Southampton Airport station, I was greeted with 'well fancy seeing you here'. I turned round to see Lynn Matthews about to climb on the same train. We spent the next hour 'catching up'. Penny and Lynn seem to have settled well into their new lives in Nuneaton. Penny is looking after three churches, one in the town and two others in local villages. Lynn was describing her 'life of leisure' which involves baking cakes, supporting Penny and walking the dog! The dog is an 11 year old Jack Russell with odd eyes and a 'mean look'. Lynn still gets back to our area to visit her mum and when I met her was returning from one such visit. She was interested in catching up on church life at Fareham and I did my best (probably not that good!) to provide the relevant details. We parted company at Oxford and she asked me to pass on her best wishes<sup>10</sup> and love to everyone at our church.

Mike Petter

## TOPICS OF INTEREST

### Prayer II

### Being and Doing

There is great pressure in our society –and church- to do things and there is always something to do. We also get a certain satisfaction from knowing that we have done something. We can, as it were, cross it off our list of things to do. Yet, if prayer is, in any sense, a conversation then at least for some of the time we have to be still and not do anything otherwise a dialogue has not taken place.

Prayer, for me, is not calling upon God to bring to God's attention a situation that he already knows about. It is opening oneself up in the presence of God to the myriad number of possibilities that could happen and the possibility of discerning one's role in a future course of action. Prayer is not talking to God *but being with him*. Prayer is an awareness of being loved. For this to happen I think that we have to be silent in the presence of God rather than present him with a tirade of words. We are therefore, not thinking about anything but concentrating on the presence of God.

In the Old Testament there is the text 'in quietness and trust shall be your strength' (Is 30:15) but there is also the well known verse in psalm 46. Amidst all the noise and tumult of war and associated calamities the psalmist closes with the verse 'be still, and know that I am God'. (Ps 46: 10) The Jerusalem bible has, 'pause a while and know that I am God'. The old Latin version has, 'empty yourself and know that I am God'. This notion of emptying ourselves is much more helpful because there is no room for God until we are empty.

Another biblical example is the story of the prophet Elijah. He feared what Queen Jezebel would do to him after her prophets had been humiliated by Elijah on Mount Carmel. He fled into the wilderness and sat down under a 'solitary broom tree' and asked that God might take away his life. (1 Kings 19: 4) He then travelled for forty days and nights until he came across a cave on Mount Sinai where he spent the night. It was here that Elijah heard the voice of God, not in a great wind, nor in an earthquake or a fire but in 'a sound of sheer silence'. (1 Kings 19: 12).

Try spending a few minutes each day just doing nothing. Allow yourself to look at God and God to look at you. Somebody once described prayer as wasting time with God. Is time spent with God ever wasted? There is no need to try very hard, no stress or strain, just be. In a very real sense, for Christians, being must always

And in the looking; And the listening; And the being; Find Me.  
(Ann Lewin, Watching for the Kingfisher)

### Prayer III Meditation

The best time for meditation is first thing in the morning or last thing at night – perhaps for 10 minutes each time. If there are likely to be interruptions use a more convenient time. Don't attempt to overdo things at first. The important thing is to be regular and not just meditate when you feel like it. You may vary the times but try not to make up an excuse for missing a session!

It is preferable to sit alone because the presence of another person may well be distracting unless you are meditating together. There is no need to sit in a cross legged position! Sit on a chair with feet together or a few inches apart. Try to sit upright with your back straight and your hands resting on your knees, or thighs or held loosely together in your lap. Hold your head erect or slightly tilted and close your eyes.

It is important to be comfortable because if you aren't your mind will find your discomfort a source of irritation and keep telling you! The reason for keeping upright is that if you don't there is a tendency to slouch and you may find yourself going to sleep! This can happen anyway so try not to meditate after a heavy meal.

The hardest thing to combat in meditation is the racing mind. Our thoughts are always on hand to distract us. We are all familiar with this so there is no need for me to elaborate. One way of controlling your thoughts is to simply concentrate on your breathing. Breathe normally but be aware of inhaling and exhaling. When you find your thoughts wandering, focus again on your breathing. Another suggestion would be to spend time focusing on your body – Where are the pressure points? Feel your feet on the ground and your back against the chair etc. Have you any aches and pains? These are both ways of bringing us into the present moment, which is where God is. The only reality is now.

Finally, some people find it helpful to focus on an object – a candle, a picture, an icon etc. These are aids to concentration. As always, you meditate in ways that are helpful to you. The aim of Christian meditation is to make ourselves accessible and open to God. Of course, we cannot control God but, at least, we are giving him the opportunity to speak in the depths of our being. As the hymn writer says:-

Breathe through the heats of our desire  
thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still small voice of calm!        (Hymns and Psalms 495)

Malcolm Rothwell

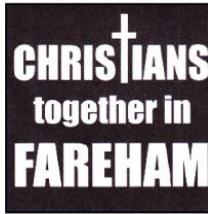
### Social Responsibility

The last Church Council approved the appointment of Sarah Brooks as Social Responsibility Secretary. I had held this position for some years and was delighted to find someone keen to take over this job which although not very demanding is necessary in bringing connexional information to the attention of the wider church. It has been a great joy to find someone so willing to take over and I hope you will feel able to talk to her about any aspect of social responsibility which you feel the church should be considering as part of its discipleship.

In addition to this, I have handed over the distribution of the Magnet magazine to Pat Croker, the mission secretary . I am very grateful to find someone to take this job on so willingly.

Joan Padley

Lynda Young anticipates moving in Mid December to temporary accommodation. She can still be contacted on her mobile number: 07771964314 until further notice. Many thanks



On Monday 21st December between 4pm and 8pm with some young people and their leaders from the Muslim community, we are offering a free Gift Wrapping Service. Here we can do with people who enjoy wrapping and have some experience in the field!!

If you would like to join the team for an hour, or more, please contact Paul Bedford (01329 234401, 0770 3388 075, [paulmbedford@bopenworld.com](mailto:paulmbedford@bopenworld.com)) soon, so that we can know who is helping, specifying which hour(s) of the shift you would like to offer to attend.

## Tea and Tiffin with Christians Together in Fareham

Join us for Fun, Food & Fellowship as we celebrate the week for Christian Unity

**Thursday 21st January 2016 2:30—4pm**

**Fareham Methodist Church**

Tea, Cake and Musical Quiz



## Enough is enough

Major UK Churches (including the Methodist Church) are warning that the government's Welfare Reform and Work Bill marks a dangerous shift away from a core principle of the Welfare State and will make poor people even poorer.

A YouGov survey commissioned by the Churches has also revealed that 61% of UK adults believe that welfare benefits should be set at a level that allows families with children to cover their basic costs. In contrast, only 25% of those polled said they thought that benefits should be set deliberately low to encourage families to find work or get more work.

“No child should be left without enough in order to motivate their parents,” said Paul Morrison, Public Issues Policy Adviser for the Methodist Church and author of the report. “If children live in a family which doesn't have enough money, they are more likely to die young, do worse at school, and experience worse health. Many of these families are already in work and working very hard. Any policy that claims that taking £1,000 from a family will enhance the life-chances of its children, as the Bill does, is not only supremely questionable but morally flawed.”

The report, *Enough: Our responsibility to meet families' needs*, highlights how the Bill threatens to undermine a founding principle of the Welfare State: namely, that the amount families receive in benefits should be sufficient to meet their basic needs. The Churches say the Bill will break the link be-

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“As Christians we believe all people are made in God’s image,” continued Paul. “We do not believe that we should ever deliberately deprive a person, a family, a child of enough to thrive or to fulfil their God-given potential. We are asking that the Welfare State holds to its founding principles, and seeks to provide enough so that every child can have the best chance in life.”

The Churches are asking people to pray, to read the report (along with a short video explaining why *Enough* matters) and [write to their MPs](#).

## **Statement on the Paris attacks**

The Revd Steven Wild, President of the Conference, and Dr Jill Barber, Vice-President of the Conference have issued the following statement about the attacks in Paris:

“We, and all the Methodist people, pray for all the victims of the attacks in Paris on Friday night. We hold in our prayers all those who seek to offer comfort and support in the days and weeks ahead.”

□

You can also read statements from the World Methodist Council and United Methodist Church in Central and Southern Europe on the Methodist Church website

For those looking for hymns that reflect on the recent events in Paris and elsewhere around the world, [To the dark place bring a candle](#) by Richard Lucas (sung to the tune Scarlet Ribbons) and Andrew Pratt’s [Hopeless to help in this violence, this crisis](#) are both on the Singing the Faith Plus website..

## My first Christmas in Heaven

*(submitted by Alison thinking especially of Beau and her Mummy Hannah)*

I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below,  
With tiny lights, like heaven's stars, reflecting in the snow.  
The sight is so spectacular; please wipe away that tear,  
For I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear,  
But earthly music can't compare with Christmas choirs up here.  
I have no words to tell you, the joy their voices bring;  
It is beyond description, to hear the angels sing.

I know how much you miss me, the pain inside your heart,  
But I am not so far away, we really aren't apart.  
Be happy for me, dear ones, you know I hold you dear:  
Be glad I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

I send you each a special gift from my heavenly home above;  
I send you each a memory of my undying love.  
After all, "LOVE" is the gift more precious than gold;  
And always most important in the stories Jesus told.

Please love and keep each other, as my Father said to do,  
For I can't count the blessing and the love he has for you.  
So have a merry Christmas and wipe away that tear;  
Remember - I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

***This poem was read at the Naomi House Carol Service in 2006.  
Naomi House is our local children's hospice, and during the service  
Candles were lit in memory of the children who had died there.***

# ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN

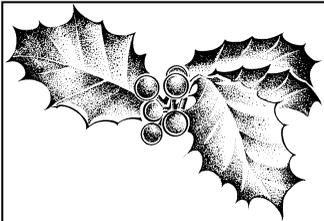


## HOLLY

We sing about the 'Holly and the Ivy' and prickly green leaves and red berries are everywhere in Christmas decorations.

In Scandinavian countries the holly is even known as the 'Christ-thorn' and it seems that the name of the holly actually came from the word 'holly'.

The holly reminds us of the death of Jesus – the sharp prickles on the leaves are like the crown of thorns that Jesus was forced to wear on the cross. The red berries remind us of the drops of blood that came where the thorns hurt his head.



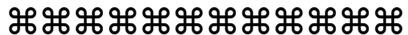
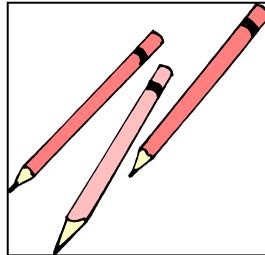
Holly is an evergreen, which means that it does not lose its leaves in the autumn, but keeps them all year round. And because its leaves are always green it is a symbol of eternal

## SHARP PRESENTS

A quick way to make little presents for all your class and friends.

You will need nice pencils, glue (spray glue is best) and Christmas wrapping paper with a small pattern on it. Choose round pencils rather than the hexagonal type.

Cut a strip of wrapping paper wide enough to wrap around the pencil and as long as the pencil. Put glue on the back of the paper and wrap it around the pencil. When the glue has dried; trim away any excess paper with small scissors.



**What did the werewolf write on his Christmas cards?**

Best vicious of the season.

**What do elves sing to Santa?**

Freeze a Jolly Good Fellow!

## Christmas Sounds Express Concert

A concert featuring the tingling vocal harmonies of Solent Sounds Chorus and the banjo-pickin', honky-tonk Americana band, The Papertrains.

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2015  
7.30pm (doors open 7pm)

Salisbury Green Community Centre, The Green, Salisbury Green,  
SO31 7AA

£7.50 full price; £6.50 concessions (under 16 or over 60)

For tickets, please contact Peter Humphreys,  
07968 096054 or email [pxh\\_jive@hotmail.com](mailto:pxh_jive@hotmail.com)

<http://www.solentsoundschorus.org>



### Christian Aid Quiz and Ploughman's Evening

The total sent to Christian Aid following this event in November was £1,309.20.

The Government have agreed to CA being part of the UK Aid match scheme for its Christmas Appeal from 6<sup>th</sup> November, so the money sent following the Quiz will be doubled for projects in Nigeria as will any other donations to the Christmas Appeal.

Many thanks to all who supported the event. It was a really enjoyable evening for about 100 people of which over 20 were from our own church community.

## CHRISTMAS WISHES

I want to wish my church family a very happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year. My donation has gone to the Macular Society.  
Brenda

Wishing everyone a happy Christmas and a good New Year our donation will go to Action for Children  
Colin & Edith

Bobby and Patrick wish a Happy Christmas and a healthy and peaceful New Year to all our Church friends and will be making a donation to Action for Children.



With loving wishes for peace and joy this Christmas. In lieu of individual cards we are making a donation to Action for Children.  
Una & Scott

Jean and Gerald Everitt would like to wish all our friends in the Fareham Methodist Church a Very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. Instead of sending cards, this year we are making a donation to the Crisis at Christmas charity.

A Happy Christmas to all of our friends at Fareham. This year we are supporting "All we Can" (MRDF)

In lieu of sending cards this Christmas we will be making donations to Crisis and Christian Aid. We wish everyone a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas and New Year.  
Meg and Nigel

Vic says thank you for church flowers and many kind cards and wishes following his recent operation.  
We wish everyone a Happy Christmas and healthy New Year. We are giving a donation to Action for Children this year.  
Vic and Janice

## FLOWER MINISTRY

## FLOWER ROTA

The day a hard stone floor comes crashing up to meet you - and you spend the next 4 hours in A & E waiting for 2 (albeit very comely) young men to reassemble your dislocated shoulder - is never going to come very high up your list of days you'd like to repeat. So thank you for all the concern and good wishes, and the stunning scarlet gladioli delivered by Mary Bailey. I really appreciated every gesture. Thanks! Judith

December	6th	Joan Moore
	13th	Flower fund
	20th.	"
	27th.	"
January.	3rd.	Lynda Hay don-Jones
	10th.	Flower fund
	17th.	Pam Mullins
	24th.	Irene Russell
	31st.	Flower fund
February.	7th	Mary Bailey

Thank you for the flowers handed to me by Dennis on Sunday. I wish everyone a very Happy

Many thanks for the lovely red Church flowers brought to me on Remembrance Sunday in memory of my dearly loved brother who was killed when the plane he was in was shot down

Christmas especially all those supporting many charities this year.

Thank you very much for the flowers you brought me last Sunday, they were lovely and still blooming. It was very nice of Liz to call in and chat for a few minutes her visit would be appreciated any time.

Thank you for the lovely flowers delivered to me in October by Mary Bailey.

Jill Groom

May we remind you please, that the 2016 diary for Church Flower providers is displayed in the corridor. Thank you to those who have already promised flowers for next year. Remember, that if you are unable to arrange flowers yourself, we have a few volunteers who will do this for you. Mary Bailey

## DIARY DATES FOR DECEMBER

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<b>30</b> 9.30 Mini- Market	<b>DEC 1</b> 9.45 Par- ent & Toddlers	<b>2</b> 10.00 Healing prayer grp	<b>3</b> Christmas Tree Festival 10.00 17.30 Brownies 19.30 Singing	<b>4</b> Christ- mas Tree Festival 10.00	<b>5</b> Christ- mas Tree Festival 10.00
<b>7</b> 9.30 Mini- Market	<b>8</b> 9.45 Parent & Toddlers 10.15 Snug HG	<b>9</b> 14.00 Wed. Fellowship - Advent Service 15.30 Messy Church	<b>10</b> 9.30 Coffee 17.30 Brownies 19.30 Singing	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 10.00 Pre- School Open Day
<b>14</b> 9.30 Mini- Market	<b>15</b> 9.45 Parent & Toddlers	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 9.30 Coffee 17.30 Brownies Singing at Home Fayre	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 14.00 Panto- mime outing
<b>21</b> 9.30 Mini- Market 16.00 present wrapping -precinct	<b>22</b> 15.00 Christin- gle Ser- vice	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 23.30 Christ- mas Eve Commu- nioun	<b>25</b> 10.30 Christmas Day Service at URC	<b>26</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>JAN 1</b>	<b>2</b>

The diary dates as displayed are presented in the same format as the Church website. They are as accurate as the information provided at the time of going to press, but should only be used as a guide, which can be updated with information from the weekly notice sheet..

## DIARY DATES FOR JANUARY

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<b>4</b> 9.30 Mini-Market	<b>5</b> 9.45 Parent & Toddlers	<b>6</b> 10.00 Healing prayer grp	<b>7</b> 9.30 Coffee 10.00 Transport Enthusiasts 17.30 Brownies 19.30 Singing	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
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<b>18</b> 9.30 Mini-Market	<b>19</b> 9.45 Parent & Toddlers	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 9.30 Coffee 14.30 CTiF Tea party 17.30 Brownies 19.30 Singing	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>25</b> 9.30 Mini-Market	<b>26</b> 9.45 Parent & Toddlers	<b>27</b> 14.00 Wed Fellowship	<b>28</b> 9.30 Coffee 17.30 Brownies 19.30 Singing	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
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## DOOR STEWARDS

DEC	6th	Lynda Young and Mary Bailey
	13th	Brenda Bennett and Janice Collins
	20th	Pat Croker and Keith Sargeant
	20th	18.00 Carol service, 22nd at 15.00 and 24th at 23.30 (to be arranged)
	27th	Judith Bramall and Alan Sargent
JAN	3rd	Bobby and Patrick Watson
	10th	Margaret and Bob Temple
	17th	Liz Haigh and Lynda Hayden-Jones
	24th	Liz Avison and Irene Russell
	24th	18.00 Eric Wheeler and Bobby and Patrick
	31st	Brenda Bennett and Sally Bland
FEB	7th	Bessie and Daniel Taabu

## REFRESHMENT ROTA

DEC	6th	Liz Haigh and Liz Avison
	13th	Pat and Walter Metcalf
	20th	Marilyn Woodrow, Janice and Alan Sargent
	27th	Lynda Young and Elizabeth Wilcock
JAN	3rd	Pat and Tony Pickering and Una Peters
	10th	Jean and Mike Petter and Anne Isom
	17th	Brownies and Guides
	24th	Irene Russell and Tony Emberson
	31st	Lynda Haydon-Jones and Rae Shepherd
FEB	7th	Sheila Dyer, Sarah Brooks and Meg Cox

## PRESS DATE

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