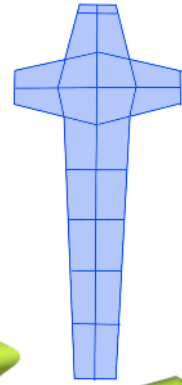


# ST ANDREW'S METHODIST CHURCH

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I will tell  
of the decree  
of the Lord:  
"You are my son;  
today I have  
begotten you".

Psalm 2: 7



## MAGAZINE

DECEMBER 2024 &  
JANUARY 2025

## MINISTERIAL TEAM LETTER

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Dear Friends,

By the time this magazine is in your hands, we will have entered the seasons of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany.

As part of my reflections, I was reminded of a prayer event I attended a few years ago where the facilitator drew our minds to the question on our face book pages. For anyone who wants to send a post, the question you are asked is: "What's on your mind?"

I wonder what was on the minds of the following people when they encountered the Lord or an angel: Zachariah at the temple, Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, the innkeeper, Herod and the wise men.

I may speculate that for Zachariah, he was bogged down with his work as a priest to the extent that he did not want to talk about his childlessness. Maybe God knew that the priest had been thinking about the problem, so he had to tackle it when Zachariah was at his best moment at work. Secondly, I may not be able to know what was on Mary's mind when she encountered the angel but the after effects of having a baby without a biological father must have played on her mind. As for Joseph, I need not remind you of how he could have accepted a woman who was pregnant with someone else's baby. I believe the angel Gabriel did a good job on him. Talk of the innkeeper who rejected the first family but then offered them the manger. I don't know what was on his mind as a businessman, but he showed compassion on a heavily pregnant woman and her fiancé. For Herod, I believe power grabbing was on his mind because when he realised that the wise men did not come back to give him the feedback of the Saviour's birth he decided to kill all babies in that region. What a wicked character! But some of us sometimes are like Herod – power drunk and willing to step on the toes of others to get what we want. But I wonder if you can also pause and think of those parents who lost their children because of Herod's actions. People still grieve at Christmas, and it is our responsibility to support them.

For the shepherds on the field, if you have faced many rejections at your workplace and in the community, I wonder what would be on your mind on that cold winter night on the fields – freezing and hungry. But they quickly responded to the call of the angel to go and find the Saviour born to the world. One may say that they wanted to get away from work and be in a warmer and cosier place. But I wonder if a countryside manger is cosier than a sheep pen or a cow's kraal on the field. For the wise men, I believe that when they heard the news of the birth of the Saviour and King of the world I could predict that they thought of seeing the child at the palace. No wonder they visited Herod and broke the news unconsciously to him. Likewise for some of us, we treat some news with predictable solutions without looking critically at the issues at stake.

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I wonder if I can ask you to think about this question this Christmas season: “what’s on your mind?” – gifts, family, holiday, relationship, finding God, anniversaries, and so on.

For me, I can tell you what’s on my mind this Christmas. I have come to a circuit that is new, and I wonder if I can spur people on to see God in a better perspective. I want to do so through the study of scriptures, prayer and people relating with each other. I wonder if more people can be encouraged to be involved with church and community life so that we can spur each other to love God and the world better.

For a start, we will celebrate the work of volunteers at our covenant service on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Secondly, we will continue with the prayer walks on the third Saturday of January, March, May and July. As mentioned in another forum, if you cannot walk, nothing prevents you from sitting at the chapel and praying with others on that day. Another point is that, in the course of the year, there will be membership classes and services to celebrate those who intend to join the fellowship of the church. If you are not a member and are considering to be one, kindly contact a steward or myself for a conversation. Simple steps can take you into the fellowship of believers.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy Christmas and a blessed new year. May you grow in faith and the knowledge of the almighty God.

Yours sincerely,  
Frank

### **Blue Christmas!**

Pause, friend!!

Not everyone has fun at Christmas.

For some, it is a painful reminder of abuse or a loved one leaving home.

For others, it is an anniversary of the loss of a loved one.

Whatever your reason, I wonder if you can find time to come and reflect on the afternoon of **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December at St. Andrew’s Methodist Church at 2.00 to 4.00 p.m.**

You can listen to meditative music, readings, and / or light a candle.

You may call it ‘Festival of Lights’ or ‘Remembrance Service’.

You may choose to stay for a few minutes or the whole period of the service.

Come and let’s comfort each other.

Frank

**PLEASE HELP THOSE IN NEED**

**BRING TO OUR TOY AND YOUTH CHURCH SERVICE**

**ON SUNDAY**

**8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

**NEW TOYS for children  
at the Harlow Refuge  
and NEW TOILETRIES  
for ladies at the Refuge.**

**NEW UNDERWEAR  
& WARM SCARVES,  
HATS & GLOVES for the  
men at Streets2Homes.**

# QUOTABLE QUOTES

Let us give according to our incomes lest God make our incomes to match our gifts.

The world provides enough for every man's need but not for every man's greed. – Gandhi

An hour with your grandchildren can make you feel young again. Anything longer than that, and you start to age quickly. – Gene Perret

The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.

When we are out of sympathy with the young, then I think our work in this world is over.  
– George MacDonald

Age doesn't always bring wisdom. Sometimes age comes alone.

Nothing is often a good thing to say. – Will Durant

It is easier to renounce worldly possessions than it is to renounce the love of them.  
– Walter Hilton

Nothing influences a man so much as that which he calls his own. – C H Spurgeon

To some people, religious freedom means a choice of churches to stay home from.

The best way to succeed in this world is to act on the advice you give to others.  
– Mother Teresa

The great thing is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving.

Suffering with truth decay? Brush up on your Bible.

## WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

**Emmanuel Asiedu-Offei who died 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

Our thought are with Patience and the family at this time.

**Father in heaven,**

**A Baby! Your holy Son. Given in love. We worship. We wonder. We pray.  
Holy Jesus, Lord of all that is and shall be - we pray for forgiveness.**

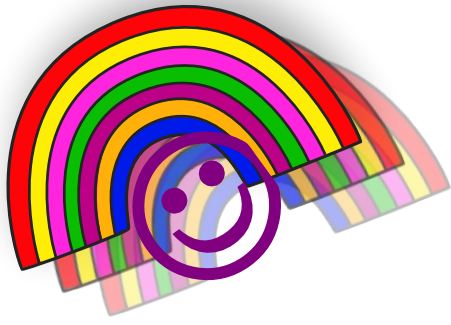
**Holy Spirit lead us into all truth. May we give our lives and follow the  
way of faith.**

**A Baby, a risen Lord Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour - we worship you.**

**In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**



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With thanks to Parish Pump  
For this page and other  
contributions in the Magazine

One night as Christmas approached, some friends decided to go carol singing. A man answered the door of one house, and gasped as they launched into the opening lines of the first carol. Within half a minute, he looked stricken. Soon tears were welling up in his eyes. The carolers sang and sang, and the man looked very moved by what he heard. One caroler ventured: "I understand – our singing reminds you of your happy childhood Christmases."



The man looked at her with misery in his eyes. "No," he whispered back. "It's just that I'm a musician!"

The Sunday School Christmas play was in full swing when the teacher prompted: "And what was it that guided the Wise Men from the East?" Right on cue, the pre-schoolers turned their large white letters to face the audience. However, the last four children in the lineup had somehow reversed their sequence, and so the answer was: C H R I S T M A S R A T S.

"Here's a king!" announced the five-year-old as he unwrapped a figurine from the Christmas decorations box. "Here's a donkey!" he added a moment later.

Then he removed the tissue from another figure, finding the infant Jesus moulded permanently into the little manger. The child exclaimed, "And here's Baby Jesus in his car seat!"

An old country preacher wanted a sign that told people driving on the nearby dual carriageway about the miracle of Christmas. So he sent a short message to the general store in the village.

This story picks up at the sign-making company and the astonished clerk who received the message. The message that she read was: "Unto us a child is born, 6 ft long and 3 ft wide."

How much did Santa pay for his sleigh? Nothing. It was on the house.

You can tell a lot about a person by the way they handle three things: a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights.

No God – No Peace. Know God – Know Peace.



## **BIBLE READING - Matthew 2: 1 - 5. tPt The Passion Bible**

Jesus was born in Bethlehem near Jerusalem during the reign of King Herod. After Jesus' birth a group of spiritual priests from the East came to Jerusalem and inquired of the people, 'Where is the child who is born king of the Jewish people?

We observed his star rising in the sky and we've come to bow before him in worship.'

King Herod was shaken to the core when he heard this, and not only he, but all Jerusalem was disturbed when they heard the news. So he called a meeting of the Jewish ruling priests and religious scholars, demanding they tell him where the promised Messiah was prophesied to be born.

'He will be born in Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,' they told him.

### **Carols Service readers**

**Can you read a poem, bible passage or a verse.**

This is an opportunity to be part of this year's Christmas Carols service at St. Andrew's Methodist Church on **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 6.00 p.m.**

**Kindly get in touch with a steward or Rev. Frank by the close of Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December.**

### **DEADLINE FOR NEXT MAGAZINE -**

**Paper copy by Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January, email copy by  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January, to [magazine@standrewsharlow.org.uk](mailto:magazine@standrewsharlow.org.uk)**

All updates on church information are on our  
**CHURCH WEBSITE** [www.standrewsharlow.org.uk](http://www.standrewsharlow.org.uk)  
What you see may be an old version, press the F5 key to refresh.

*I've managed to squeeze in this late email!*

The Castle family would like to wish everyone a lovely Christmas and a happy new year.

Thank you to all the Youth Leaders that give up their time to lead Youth Church throughout the year it is very much appreciated and an asset to have a Youth Church at St Andrews.

The Youth Leaders would also like to wish all the parents and children a very Happy Christmas and great New Year.

**On 1<sup>st</sup> September  
Our Area name changed  
From HAEBEA  
To HAEBC  
(Herts and Essex Border Circuit)**

**We are also part of  
Herts and Essex Border Ecumenical  
Partnership**

**ST ANDREW'S  
FACEBOOK PAGE**  
If you use FACEBOOK do look at our  
page,  
updated by Joanne regularly.  
Just search for St Andrew's Methodist  
Church on FB

# EDITOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,



A CHRISTMAS STORY - how it might have happened - by Hazel Taylor  
Bethlehem was crowded. It was because of the census that the hated Caesar Augustus had ordered. The whole of the Roman empire was involved. And Judea was part of it now. Every time he wanted to put our taxes up, he called a census. The few inns in Bethlehem were overflowing and we all had relatives staying who had come back to register in their birth town.

My husband was killed when the Romans invaded Judea. He had joined the underground band that tried to fight the invasion. But today, my tiny house is overflowing. My two sons have come back to register with their wives and children. It's lovely to see them but the journey took its toll on Maria and Rachel.

Old Jacob and Hannah who live next door have a big family. Their house was crowded already when Joseph arrived. And he had a young girl with him. She looked all in, and as though she would give birth at any moment. I've known Joseph all his life. He would come south from Galilee every few years to see his parents. He's a skilled carpenter, and so in much demand in Nazareth where he lives.

Hannah told me, while we threshed the wheat together in our shared yard, that she was really shocked when he turned up with a girl in that state. It seems they are betrothed and Joseph loves her. They did try to stay at the inn on the other side of town, so as not to disgrace the family, but as you know, everywhere is full.

Hannah said they will have to bed down in the house centre with the animals, as she's full up already indoors. She just hopes Mary doesn't give birth in the night. Joseph says he will sign the state papers as soon as he can and they'll leave, so as not to disgrace his family further. Joseph was always the steady son. And now this!

I'd put the bar on the door and was going to my bed when I heard a cry. It was late but I opened the door again and went out into the yard. And I heard it again. A woman crying out in pain. I realised it must be Joseph's woman. Her time must have come. 'Poor girl,' I thought. In a house with strangers and the animals all around.

I locked up again and went to bed. I woke suddenly to light streaming into my room. It wasn't daylight or moonlight and not even lightning, but something strange, coming from above the hills to the north. I pulled back the awning. It was awesome. Beams of the brightest light shining down onto the hill and the sound of a thousand voices chanting together.

It was as though something wonderful had come to Bethlehem. And then I heard a voice nearby singing words the prophet of old wrote -

From Bethlehem  
One will come  
He will arise  
and shepherd his flock.  
In majesty  
in the name of God.

Then I saw the new mother cradling her baby, and she continued to sing, something I'd never heard before -

I overflow with praise for God, my Lord.  
A humble servant-girl who's blessed by him.  
His name will be forever holy,  
his mercy is for those who love him,  
his promises for ever sure.

And she looked down at her baby and kissed him.

**Wishing you peace and joy,  
Hazel Taylor.**

### **70th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY**

On the weekend of 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> October we celebrated our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The Mojzes family and a band of helpers prepared and served a three course dinner, with three choices for the main course. The hall was decorated and the tables each had fresh flowers. There was also an Anniversary cake, large enough to cut for the sweet course for about 40 guests and then for the congregation on Sunday.

Rev John Buxton had set up photo displays of past special events and Anniversaries at St Andrew's, in the foyer and also took our service on Sunday. Our church was decorated with special floral displays for the occasion.

We thank God for his continued provision and guidance as we Worship him in this place. *H.T.*



*With thanks to  
Margaret Moutsteven and  
Hazel Taylor for  
providing the photos.*







## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year  
to all my friends at St Andrew's Church.  
With Christian love from Andrew Proctor.

To our church family,  
wishing you all God's richest blessings at  
the time of our Saviour's birth.  
Eddie and Margery

Wishing all our friends at St Andrews a  
Happy Christmas and Peaceful New  
Year. From Mike and Gill Church.

Christian Greetings.  
Thank you to everyone for their kindness  
and friendship. May I wish all a very Merry  
Christmas and happiness and peace in the  
New Year. Yvonne Jones.

To wish everyone at St Andrew's a  
Very Merry Christmas, and thank you  
for your prayers. Love Barbara B.

Christmas and New Year Greetings. Jesus is  
the reason for the season. Thanks for the  
fellowship of the church. Arthur.

Beth and John Hutchings wish all our  
friends in the St Andrew's congregation  
Peace, Joy and Love this Christmas and  
throughout the coming year.

Wishing all our friends peace and joy  
this Christmas, and New Year blessings,  
from Hazel and Bob.

A very joyful Christmas and a happy  
and healthy New Year to all the Church  
family at St Andrew's. From Gisela.

Wishing everyone at St Andrew's a happy  
& peaceful Christmas and a blessed &  
healthy New Year.  
Love and best wishes from Kay & Andrew.

Happy Christmas and a happy New Year  
to all at St Andrew's.  
From Audrey Cessford.

Wishing everyone at our church a  
Very Happy Christmas and Good  
Health in 2025. Nesta and Family

Wishing everyone a Joyous, Healthy  
and Peaceful Christmas;  
And may those wishes continue  
through the New Year. From Ian.

I wish all my brothers and sisters in  
Christ a happy and holy Christmas  
and God's blessings for a peaceful  
New Year. Margaret T

Wishing all friends in church a  
Happy Christmas and  
happy and healthy New Year. Gay.

## FOOD BANK

So far this year the congregation of St Andrew's Methodist Church has managed to send £620 to Harlow Food Bank to help with the vital work of providing essential short-term relief to individuals and families who have fallen upon hard times and have no means to buy food. Usually we are able to send about £1000 or more but we have lost one of our generous donors recently and we may well fall short of this amount unless we can raise more in the next four weeks.

Will you please consider making a donation of money as a Christmas blessing to those who have to rely on Harlow Food Bank at this time? The easiest way to do this is to put cash in an envelope with your name and email or postal address and give it to Hazel Taylor. She will then pass all donations to me and I will bank them in the Food Bank account and acknowledge all your donations through Hazel. If you prefer to make a donation by cheque (more work for me, but I don't mind) it should be made out exactly to Michael Roberts Charitable Trust.

The congregation of St Andrew's Church has been supporting Harlow Food Bank since 2009 when Rev. Jim Gill, our minister at that time, asked Beth and me to organise the collection of food and money on behalf of our church. The Food Bank was then a fairly new venture and people were keen to participate and give huge amounts. Maybe we have become so used to a problem that is always with us. (The poor you will always have with you. Matt 26:11) In fact, the numbers in need of the Food Bank have more than doubled over the years but our support has weakened. Please consider this as one of our Christian priorities and continue to give as generously as you can.

*John and Beth Hutchings*

## ANSWERS TO LAST MAGAZINE'S ANAGRAMS

With thanks to Arthur Revels

Nicer Road (Coriander)

Rule James (Jerusalem)

Whale or Tomb (Bartholomew)

A Tram (Tamar)

Heel the BM (Bethlehem)

Posh Grasper (Grasshopper)

A Sad Scam (Damascus)

I'm A Rim (Miriam)

Ha Ha! Manic Rush Hits

Clip Liars (Priscilla)

Warden (Andrew)

Real Big (Gabriel)

Ace Areas (Caesarea)

Throne (Hornet)

Slow Awl (Swallow)

The Sage Men (Gethsamane)

Do A Crime (Mordecai)

As Mule (Samuel)

Like Zee (Ezekiel)

To Chain (Antioch)

Sadly, we weren't able to start the **Monday Warm Space** in November as planned, as we only had two offers of help. We need another four people, minimum, to run it. The only consolation is that Moot House have Warm Space activities each Monday to Thursday. But they don't have the Christian input. We will start in January if we get enough helpers, so you can still offer to Rev Frank.

## CHRISTINA ROSSETTI

by Arthur Revels

The name Christina Rossetti may not be familiar but she was a poet of Italian descent but born in England. She is the author of the words of two carols, *In the Bleak Midwinter* and *Love Comes Down at Christmas*. Both are included in *Singing the Faith*. She also wrote poems for children.

I was struck by the words of *Love Comes Down at Christmas*, it neatly and concisely sums up the Christmas message.

Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, Love divine;  
Love was born at Christmas, star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead, Love incarnate, Love divine;  
worship we our Jesus: but wherewith for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token, love be your and love be mine,  
love to God and all the world, love for plea and gift and sign. CCL497045

The carol has at least six different tunes unlike *'In the Bleak Midwinter'* which has two. I have not heard *'Love Comes Down'* in Christmas services recently. I remember that Rev. Kathryn included it regularly when I was at Trinity URC.

The birth of Jesus is the ultimate act of love and hope to a broken world. It was God's love for the world that sent us his Son to restore our relationship with him. God did not have to send his Son but he did. Jesus was born to save us from our sins and bring love, peace and hope to the world. We don't have peace in the world but Jesus can give us inner peace with ourselves and God. The poem links love with the Christmas message. The impact of God's love is not for Christmas but for our lives all year round. There are many that have Christmas without Jesus or forget about him for the rest of the year. Angels announced the birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph and a star guided the wise men.

The Christmas message cannot be separated from the cross. Jesus came to die and atone for our sins. The greatest act of love is to lay down your life for others. Jesus did not have to suffer on the cross but he did for us, to carry out the will of the Father. One of the most well known verses of scripture is John verse 3.16: *'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life'*.

*In the Bleak Midwinter* is more well known than *Love Comes Down*. But remembering its words - it rarely snows in the holy land, with December temperatures averaging 18°C at mid day, although we don't know when Jesus was born. Snow may represent the Dickens image of Christmas. Snow at Christmas in our country is rare although two years ago, following the New Age Singers Christmas concert at St. Andrews, it snowed and we had an icy week. Perhaps Christina thought it was symbolic of the harsh conditions surrounding the birth of Jesus under Roman occupation. The final two lines of the hymn summarise our relationship with Jesus - *'yet what I can I give him - give my heart'*.

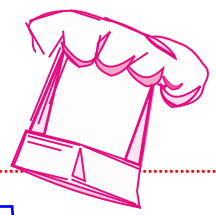
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AND FIND THE ODD ONE OUT

Please remember that Rev Frank's day off is **FRIDAY**.  
So no phone calls or emails please.

**SPUD & PUD LUNCHES**  
**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December**  
**& Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January**  
**at 12 noon.**  
**Cost = £5.**  
**Please book.**



**POP-IN PRAYERS**  
prayers in the chapel from 11 - 11.30 am.  
On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday each month  
**21<sup>st</sup> December & 18<sup>th</sup> January**  
Followed by Spud and Pud at 12 noon.

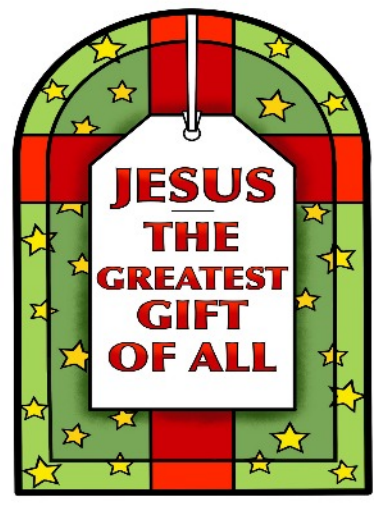
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**PRAYER WALK**  
**18<sup>th</sup> January 10-30 - 11.30am**  
Followed by Spud and Pud at 12 noon.

*ALL WELCOME*



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



**JESUS**  
**THE**  
**GREATEST**  
**GIFT**  
**OF ALL**

**A MESSAGE FROM ANDREW PROCTOR**

Hello to all my friends at St Andrew's Church. These last eighteen months have been very difficult for me. For many years I have had mental health problems. But Jesus has been good to me. Though I have not been to church for a long while, I have not left. I have been able to return to our Tuesday Bible Study and will eventually return to other events and services.

Thank you for all your love and prayers, and your help and concern, and your support for me. I really appreciate it.

With Christian Love,  
Andrew Proctor.



# SUNDAY COFFEE

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
We still need help on the  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays  
each month.

## Sunday Coffee - Alison Brand

- week 1      Gay Brown & helper needed
- week 2      Margaret T. & Maureen Etchells
- week 3      Hazel Taylor & helper needed
- week 4      Alison Brand & Louise
- week 5      Margery Collier & helper needed

## STARS

Each Tuesday in term time @ 10am  
Contact: Alison Brand



- First Tuesday      Gay Brown
- Second Tuesday      *CAN YOU HELP?*
- Third Tuesday      Gay Brown
- Fourth Tuesday      *CAN YOU HELP?*

*HELPERS*



## DECEMBER

- 1<sup>st</sup> Patience Asiedu-offei
- 15<sup>th</sup> Maureen Etchells
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Margaret Torkildsen



## JANUARY

- 5<sup>th</sup> Beth & John Hutchings
- 19<sup>th</sup> *offer needed please*

**Flowers: contact Margaret Mountsteven  
or Hazel**

Please let one of the above have the money and any colour preferences  
**two weeks** before your flower date.

# DECEMBER DIARY

**Our Sunday service  
is also on ZOOM**

## YOUTH CHURCH

**Sunday 10.30am**

**During school term time**

### BIBLE STUDIES

#### NOTE - ALL CLOSED CHRISTMAS WEEK

MONDAY - Eat your lunch as you share in a Bible discussion.

IN THE CHAPEL, led by Rev Frank.

TUESDAY - 7.30pm - Led by Fred Arthur, IN THE CHAPEL - studying Isaiah, but note

7.15pm on 17<sup>th</sup> at Hazel & Bob's home in Ladyshot, starting with refreshments.

THURSDAY - 12 NOON - ON ZOOM - led by Arthur Revels - studying Daniel.

THURSDAY - 7.30pm - Led by Fred Arthur. ON ZOOM, studying 1 & 2 Timothy.

SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> 10.30am Morning Worship and Holy Communion  
on the FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT - Rev Dr Frank Okai-Sam

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> 7.30pm Church Leadership Team (face to face)

SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Morning Worship and Toy and Youth Church Service  
on ADVENT TWO - Rev Dr Frank Okai-Sam. **See page 2 for information**

NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE FOR TOY SERVICE

SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Morning Worship - on ADVENT THREE - Rev John Buxton  
2 - 4pm Reflection Service. **See page 2 for information**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> t.b.a. Church Leadership Team (get-together)

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> 12.30pm *Friendship Group at the home of Hazel in Ladyshot*

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> 11.00am Pop-in Prayers for Christmas  
12 noon Spud & Pud - £5 - please book your place

SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> 10.30am Morning Worship - on ADVENT FOUR - Mr Arthur Revels  
6.00pm Christmas Carol Service - Rev Dr Frank Okai-Sam

### **CHRISTMAS DAY**

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Morning Family Service - Rev John Buxton

SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Morning Worship - Rev Dr Frank Okai-Sam  
12.15pm St Andrew's Ghanaian Methodist Fellowship

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> 11.15pm Watchnight Service - Rev Dr Frank Okai-Sam



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**YOUTH CHURCH**  
**Sunday 10.30am**  
**During school term time**

# JANUARY DIARY

## BIBLE STUDIES

**NOTE - ALL RESTART AFTER NEW YEAR**

MONDAY - 12 NOON Eat your lunch as you share in a Bible discussion.

IN THE CHAPEL, led by Rev Frank

TUESDAY - 7.30pm - Led by Fred Arthur, IN THE CHAPEL. We continue in Isaiah.

THURSDAY - 12 NOON - ON ZOOM - led by Arthur Revels, studying Daniel.

THURSDAY - 7.30pm - Led by Fred Arthur. ON ZOOM, studying 1 & 2 Timothy.

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SUNDAY	5 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Morning Worship & Covenant Service with Holy Communion Rev Dr Frank Okai-Sam
Monday	6 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Church Leadership Team on ZOOM
SUNDAY	12 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Morning Worship - Mr Fred Arthur
Thursday	16 <sup>th</sup>	12.30pm	<i>Friendship Group at the home of Margaret T in East Park</i>
Saturday	18 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Prayer Walk led by Rev Frank - all welcome
		11.00am	Pop in Prayer
		12noon	Spud & Pud - <i>please book</i>
SUNDAY	19 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Morning Worship - Mr Michael Dyer
SUNDAY	26 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Morning Worship - Rev Marcia Tull
		12.15pm	St Andrew's Ghanaian Methodist Fellowship
Monday	27 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Church Leadership Team on ZOOM
Thursday	30 <sup>th</sup>	12.25pm	<i>Friendship Group meet at the Toby Carvery</i>

### **FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

CHURCH Council Meetings  
 Sundays @ 2.30pm  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> July.

17 <sup>th</sup> April @ 6.00pm	Maundy Thursday Service
18 <sup>th</sup> April @ 10.30am	Good Friday Service
20 <sup>th</sup> April @ 10.30am	Easter Sunday Service
18 <sup>th</sup> May @ 2.30pm	Annual Church Meeting

CHURCH Leadership Team on Zoom - Mondays at 7.30pm - 17<sup>th</sup> Feb; 10<sup>th</sup> March; 31<sup>st</sup> March; 28<sup>th</sup> April; 12<sup>th</sup> May = in church; 2<sup>nd</sup> June; 23<sup>rd</sup> June; 21<sup>st</sup> July; 11<sup>th</sup> August = Get Together.