

Dear Church Family

Can it be that we **really are** going to have Christmas this year? In prayerful hope I want to believe we can. Whilst we are planning to sing our familiar and much missed carols, the tinsel seems to be out in force. Even in September it was creeping onto the shelves, not to forget those naughty elves. The shops making sure they don't miss out again! There is money to be made from the glitz. But Jesus didn't come into glitz, he was born in a stable in a strange land.

It seems everywhere is lit up now from the end of summer. People decorating windows and homes, with fake snow and multi-coloured flashing lights. But Jesus didn't come into light, he was born in a dark cold stable. He is the light. The light that darkness cannot extinguish.

All the money that flows through the tills on presents and food, most of which we would not normally eat. Money we wouldn't normally spend. Why do we do it? Jesus is the real reason for this Season.

Our God calls aside from all the twinkling lights, the tinsel and the rich food, to be **Still**. He calls aside to experience his **Peace**. He calls us aside to **Come and Adore Him**. To, once again, open our hearts and minds to hear the true message of Christmas. He challenges us to hear it again afresh, to truly listen to this miraculous story, and then spread the good news of Christmas in words and action.

As we count down the days, let us remember God is with us, whether we celebrate as we did years ago, or experience something new the message is the same God so Loved us he sent his only Son to save us.

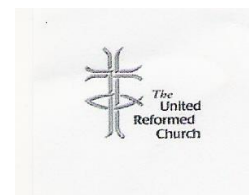
Whatever your plans are for Christmas may they bring you joy and happiness. With much laughter and smiles. May Jesus light up your life and embrace you with his love.

Christmas Blessings
Lynne

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS TO YOU ALL



The Church in Hope Street LEP



CHURCH NOTICES

DECEMBER 2021



*The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.
We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only,
who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

John 1:1-14

Mission Statement

*Our mission is to help all people understand and respond
to the depth of God's love for them*

**Sunday 5th December
Advent 2**

Morning Service 10:30am Traditional Stephen Morgan

Friday 10th December

Coffee Morning 9:30am-11:00am Coffee Shop
Sewcially Crafternoon Tea 1:30pm Coffee Shop

**Sunday 12th December
Advent 3**

Morning Service 10:30am Holy Communion Kathy Gambell



Evening Service 6:30pm **Carol Service 6:30pm** Lynne Le Masonry

Thursday 16th December

DEMENTIA SUPPORT CAROL SERVICE

Afternoon Tea 1:00pm followed by Carol Service at 2:30pm in the Church
All welcome, please let Janet know if you hope to join us

**Sunday 19th December
Advent 4**

Morning Service 10:30am On Screen Lynne Le Masonry

**Saturday 25th December
Christmas Day**

Morning Service 10:00am Lynne Le Masonry

**Sunday 26th December
SORRY, NO SERVICE TODAY**

MESSAGES

Harry, Marilyn, Maureen and Heather M would like to thank you all for the lovely birthday cards, good wishes, telephone calls and singing on their birthdays. November is a busy month for birthdays!

BIRTHDAYS

Diana	10 th December	Stephen	28 th December
Brian	27 th December	2022	
		Lynne	24 th January

Notices for January 2022 should be available from Sunday 2nd January 2022
please let me know if you would like something included. Heather

Dates for your Diary

Taketime is a series of relaxing guided meditations
based on the stories of Jesus and the tradition of St Ignatius

Taketime Together  is now meeting on Fridays at 11:15 in Church

Living with Dementia

Meetings are on 1st and 3rd Thursdays. Contact Janet for more information.

Contributions welcome for the FOOD BANK & COMMUNITY BUS

We are now collecting food items - packets, tins etc. and toiletries
for the Food Bank and the Community Bus.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY TEA

Thursday 30th December 2:00pm-4:00pm

You are all invited to a Special Birthday Tea for a very special person.

Please talk to Janet for more information
and let her know if you hope to come along.



CHRISTMAS CARDS

If you would like to save yourself a lot of writing, there will be a large Christmas card in the Church for you to write your Christmas message to everyone on.
There will be a donation pot if you would like to donate something for a charity which will be chosen at the Church Meeting on January 17th 2022.

CHURCH MEETING

The next Church Meeting will be in the Church at 2:00pm

On Monday 17th January 2022

You are all invited to attend this meeting