

## CHRISTMAS INFORMATION

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 10:00am Decorating the Church

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December Lucinda Drayton

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 6:00pm

Churches Together in Sheppey Advent Service at Hope Street

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 10:00am Decorating the Hall

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 7:30pm Concert in the Church Sheppey Singers - Tickets £6

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 3:00pm Dementia Carol Service in the Church.  
All welcome

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 3:00pm Church Carol Service in the Church

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 10:30am Morning Service "Cloth for the Cradle"

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December 10:00 Christmas Day Service

Dear Friends

I was asked today November 20<sup>th</sup>, if I was ready for Christmas? Really!! I thought about the question, later, did they mean had I done my research, shopping, wrapping and hiding? – yes I still have to hide things.

Or did they mean our plans when we are visiting and when we are being visited, and were the groceries in the cupboard and freezer yet? Did they mean is your Tree up and decorated like some are? Well the answer to those questions is a NO. It is only NO-vember !!!

If they meant was I ready to receive the best gift that anyone can receive that of our baby Saviour then the answer is YES. I look forward to singing and celebrating his birth anew. I am excited and eager for him to be reborn into my life again. To nurture and walk with renewed baby steps into a new year, to grow and learn as I follow him wherever he will lead me.

Are you ready for Christmas?

May it be a Blessed One, full of Joy, Peace and Hope.

With Love, Lynne

## The Church in Hope Street LEP



## CHURCH NOTICES

### DECEMBER 2023



*The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.  
We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son,  
who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.  
John 1 : 14*

#### Mission Statement

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

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Morning Service 10:30am  
CTiS Advent Service 6:00pm

Rev Andy Coyne  
Tim Foreman + Lynne le Masonry

### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December

Prayer & Care 9:30am – 10:00am **All welcome**  
Coffee Morning 10:00am – 11:30am

Church  
Alec Stride Hall

**Decorating the Hall 10:00am onwards**

### CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 9:30am – 11:00am

In the Alec Stride Hall

**CAKES CARDS TOYS BOOKS RAFFLE WHITE ELEPHANT**

**REFRESHMENTS and much more**

**ALL WELCOME Admission FREE**

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Morning Service 10:30am

Lynne le Masonry

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Prayer & Care 9:30am – 10:00am **All welcome**  
Coffee Morning 10:00am – 11:30am

Church  
Alec Stride Hall

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Dementia Carol Service 2:00pm

Church

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December

#### HOLY COMMUNION

Morning Service 10:30am  
Carol Service 3:00pm

Lynne le Masonry  
Church

### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Prayer & Care 9:30am – 10:00am **All welcome**  
Coffee Morning 10:00am – 11:30am

Church  
Alec Stride Hall

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November

**"Cloths for the Cradle"**

Morning Service 10:30am

Lynne le Masonry

### CHRISTMAS DAY

Morning Service **10:00am**

Lynne le Masonry

### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December

**"PROMISES"**

Morning Service 10:30am

Lynne le Masonry

## 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** *take some time* **is meets on Fridays, 11:15am in Church**  
**Please speak to Margaret for more information**

### Living with Dementia

Meetings are on 1<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> and any 5<sup>th</sup> Thursdays every month.  
Please contact Janet for more information.

### "RENEW HOPE"

A QUIET SHARED SPACE WHERE IT IS OK NOT TO BE OK  
Next meeting

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 2:00pm**

Hoping to meet weekly very soon  
Please see Lynne for more details

### UNITED SERVICE at SITTINGBOURNE Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

There will be a United Service with Newington, Bearsted and Sittingbourne  
Methodist Churches at Sittingbourne to which you are invited 10:30am start  
There will be mince pies and other Christmas treats after the service.  
Some lifts are available.

### Contributions welcome for FOOD BANK & COMMUNITY BUS

**Thank you** for donating food items - packets, tins etc. and toiletries  
for the food bank and the Community Bus.

### BIRTHDAYS

25<sup>th</sup> December

Wenda

### MESSAGES

**Heather** would like to thank everyone for the lovely cards, messages,  
phone calls and beautiful singing - "Happy Birthday to You" 5 times!!

**Maureen and Marilyn** would also like to thank everyone for their cards,  
messages and phone calls.

Notices for January should be available from Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December

**Contributions not later than Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December please**