

Welcome!

Are you new to our church or just visiting?
Please make yourself known to a Steward.
After Morning Worship please stay for refreshments
in Century Hall, through the door behind the pulpit

We do not take collections during services.
If you wish to make a gift, please use the collecting
boxes which are at various points around the church.

Large print Hymnbooks & Notices are available; there is
also a hearing loop.

Prayer after Worship
If you would like someone to pray with you or for you
after the service, please see the steward on duty.
Please do ask them.

Sunday 3 December 2017

First Sunday In Advent



- 10.30am Worship led by Fiona Green
Isaiah 64:1-9 Mark 13:24-37
Powersource groups meet as usual
- 6.30pm Worship led by Tom Parkinson
- 6.30pm Mustard - discussion *in The Cornerstone*

The week ahead...

Sunday 10 December 2017

Monday 4 December
10am Housegroup at Gareth and Val's (344948).
12 noon ACT noon prayers
2 - 4pm Craft & Chat *-in the Cornerstone*
7.30pm Housegroup at Cherry & Mike's (370908)

Tuesday 5 December
9 - 11am kids@cornerstone *in The Cornerstone*
10am Housegroup at Betty's (346068)
6.15pm Minister's Vestry Hour (*enter via ramp*)

Wednesday 6 December
9.30am Walk & Talk - *meet at Chris & John's (345280)*

Thursday 7 December
9.30am Time for Prayer *in the Vestry*
10am-3pm The Cornerstone Coffee Shop
7.30pm Housegroup at Tim & Becky's (343494)

Friday 8 December
10am-3pm The Cornerstone Coffee Shop
From 5 pm Late night shopping events In the town
see over for details

Saturday 9 December
10am-4pm The Cornerstone Coffee Shop

- 9:15** Café style worship for all *in the Century Hall*
- 10.30am Worship including Holy Communion
led by Rev Tim Morris
(Powersource meets after 9.15 worship)
- 6.30pm Worship led by Peter Dawson
- 6.30pm Mustard - discussion *in the Cornerstone*

Prayer topic for the week

We thank you Lord for Your gifts & talents of many
people who have put together our Christmas Displays.
May they help us to focus on Your precious gift to us,
Jesus.

Sister Merle Wilde died peacefully at home on
Tuesday, 14th November, 2017, aged 96.
A Service of Thanksgiving to celebrate and
rejoice at her extraordinarily long and fruitful life
will be held at Ashbourne Methodist Church on
Monday 11 December at 11.00 am

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Please Pray for

All the preparations for the Advent activities and late night shopping events on Friday

Stars of Christmas

Advent Displays will be in Church from November 30 to December 26. Thanks to all who have worked so hard to prepare the Church so beautifully

The church will be open throughout this period and will also be open for late night shopping on Friday December 8th

Christmas in Ashbourne your help is needed!

This Friday 8th Dec 5pm – 9pm

Please help our witness of the traditional meaning of Christmas by supporting our activities:

- Serving soup & hotdogs 5.30 to 9pm - see Richard Odell
- Lantern Procession Marshalls 6 to 7pm – see Ian Marsh
- 100 Lantern carriers required 6 to 7pm, bring your friends and family – see Jacqui Marsh
- Nativity characters in the town 6 to 9pm – see Jane Bowley
- Serving drinks in Century Hall (note – not in Cornerstone) 5 to 9pm – see Pat Fielding

Please offer to help as you are able and do come along to this special event in our town!

Special Service - On Friday 15 December at 10am in Church to bless the Craft & Chat (& Ashbourne Churches) Christmas craft project. Led by Rev Maggie Rode. Followed by refreshments. Everyone welcome. For more information ask Clare (342321) or Fiona (343011)

Help Needed please!

Craft & Chat are looking for early risers willing to help them with a special project at 7.30am on Saturday 16 December. Reward: toast & hot drink. Contact Clare or Fiona (as above)

Shoebboxes

447 Shoebboxes were sent from Ashbourne, Brailsford & Kniveton to Derby Warehouse to begin their journey to Eastern Europe. Many thanks to all who filled, loaded & transported them. Special thanks to the three people from Ashbourne who helped out with checking in Derby. Just imagine those smiles when they are opened!

Have a Fairtrade Christmas!

Food, drinks, Christmas cards, gifts & crafts from Traidcraft's latest range of fairly traded goods will be on sale at the Cornerstone on Thursday 7, Friday 8 & Saturday 9 December from 10am to 3pm. Please come along & have a look. *Clare Sales*

Christmas CDs Christmas CDs and a few other Christian CDs will be for sale in Century Hall after church this Sunday in aid of the Link project. They are used, but have been very carefully handled *Lorraine Hawkins*

The Link newsletter

The Christmas edition of our community newsletter will soon be ready for delivery to houses around the town. If you can help, please let me know ASAP. *Stuart Green (300338)*

Gateway Centre We welcome the 1st Oakwood Guides to stay in Gateway next weekend from Friday Dec 8

Thanks

A big Thank You to Clare, Fiona and Carole (any maybe others!) for arranging the card-making session last Monday afternoon at Craft and Chat. It was a very enjoyable time appreciated by all.

Susan and Ken McKeown would like to thank the Reverend Tim Morris and Jonathan Webb for making their daughter Kirsty's wedding to Gary Rackstraw at Tissington Chapel such a happy occasion. Thanks also go to all who sent their best wishes to Kirsty and Gary and the family.

Ruth, Joy and Christian would like to say a big thank you to all who supported the coffee morning for the children at the Arunima Hospice in Kolkata. £167 has been raised with the added bonus of a nice social time together.

Ashbourne Circuit Directory and Prayer Diary

The new edition of the Prayer Diary will shortly be produced so this is your last chance to have any errors corrected or changes made. Please contact Carole Thorpe on cethorpe@hotmail.com or telephone on 346535 with any alterations. Thank you

Church Christmas Cards

Please take a few Christmas cards to give to friends & neighbours. The cards include greetings from our church and details of our Christmas services.

The Flower Rota

The flower rota for 2018 is now on the notice board as you go to Century Hall. If you would like to remember a special date would you consider donating flowers in remembrance? You may like to arrange the flowers yourself or donate some money. The Church is very generous to the Flower Fund. For help or information please contact Enid (342810 or 07968654285). Thank you.

Mary's Meals - Margaret Hasler recently wrote an article in Connexions about meeting some of the people who run the charity Mary's Meals, which we as a Church support through Pennies for Lent. I have a book which tells the story of the founding of the charity and the work it does, an interesting and inspiring read! If anyone would like to borrow it, do let me know. *Pat Fielding 345695*

The Leprosy Mission gifts & cards - I am still taking orders for Christmas cards, gifts, Christian books etc from the TLM catalogue. Orders are arriving quickly. *Stuart Green (300338)*

Diary dates

Friday 8 Dec 10am-12.30pm Careline Christmas Coffee Morning in St Oswald's Hospital Foyer Everyone is welcome

Tuesday 19 Dec - Church Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 20 Dec - Messy Church

Circuit Weekend Away 2018

Make a note in your new diary of the Circuit weekend away at Swanwick planned for September 21st to 23rd. Full details of the weekend and how to book will be out in January! If you are interested in joining the weekend planning team please talk to Helen Walker, Elizabeth Hurfurt or Rev Tim