



# Welcome!

## Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December

### Worship in Ashbourne

10.30am Altogether Worship  
at Hilltop School & at home    
led by Diana Whitmill and Stuart Green

On the 4th Sunday in Advent we will be celebrating the gifts of love we receive from God.

1.45pm Carols at Dove House \*

6.30pm Praise at St Oswald's Hall, Carol Service  
led by Paul Taylor

## Advent 4

### Worship around the Circuit

10.30am Worship at Brailsford, Holy Communion  
led by Revd Nicola Briggs

### Worship at Home

The 10.30am service from Ashbourne is live streamed on Facebook & YouTube.

### Private Prayer

Tissington & Milldale Chapels are open daily for private prayer.

## The week ahead...

### Monday 22 December

2-4pm Craft & Chat at St Oswald's Hall

7.30pm Housegroup at Helen & Tony's

### Tuesday 23 December

9.30-11am Welly Club Check with Clare

9.30-11.30am Brailsford Coffee Shop Closed until January

7.00pm Memorial Service at Brailsford \*  
Led by Revd Nicola Briggs



### Wednesday 24 December

4.00pm Worship at Milldale, Carol Service  
Led by Revd Nicola Briggs

11.15pm United Service at Brailsford, Carol Service  
Led by Revd's Bex Allpress & Nicola

Briggs

### Thursday 25 December

10.30am Altogether Worship at Hilltop School & at Home with Revd Nicola Briggs  

### Friday 26 December



### Saturday 27 December

### Tuesday to Saturday

8.30am-4pm Cornerstone Coffee House open  
Please note that Cornerstone will close at 2pm on Christmas Eve and will re-open on New Year's Eve at 8.30am.

\* see reverse for more details

## Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Dec 1 of Christmas

10.30am Circuit Service, Altogether Worship  
at Hilltop School & at home    
led by Revd Nicola Briggs & Cathy Stubbs

## Everyone is Welcome!

Are you new to this Church or just visiting?  
We are very pleased to see you.  
Please make yourself known to a Steward & take this sheet home with you to learn more about our activities. To receive this notice sheet electronically, please contact us at [noticesamc@gmail.com](mailto:noticesamc@gmail.com)

## Prayers for the next two weeks

### Prayer for 21<sup>st</sup> December

Beneath the paper wrappings,  
there's an open stable door.  
Beneath the fir tree trimmings  
there's a Welcome for All.  
And there's more.  
A child who comes to change the future of our lives,  
our homes, our world.  
Come, & celebrate His gift of Love.

### Prayer for 28<sup>th</sup> December

We thank You for Christ's coming that has left us in **no doubt** about Your love & mercy.  
We praise You that He has opened the way to real life now & forever.

**Please Pray for** those who are unwell, especially Brian H, Jean H & Diane P in hospital. Also, for Vera B, Gwen & Dennis F, Margaret He, Derek H, Kay O & Liz S. We continue to pray for Sue L & family following the sudden passing of Rev David, and for the family of Beryl P, who died last week aged 99.

**Thank you** for the lovely church flowers I received which are very much appreciated.

Gwen Foster

**Gifted** This year, we are following the Methodist Church's campaign, Gifted. This is to celebrate us as a gifts from God; our church as a gift to the community; and Jesus as the ultimate gift at Christmas. If you go on the Methodist Church website: <https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/christmasresources/> you will find some great advent resources, including a weekly reflection, video and a new version of the song Joy to the World. Please pick up a Gifted gift card, Christmas card or booklet to give to a friend, neighbour or family member to show your appreciation for them.

#### Carols at Praise

This month's Praise will be a celebration of Christmas in an informal setting. You are invited to arrive from 6.00 pm for coffee and mince pies. The service will start at 6.30 pm and will be cafe style. There will be traditional carols, choir items, a quiz and some discussion around tables. Please join us and bring a friend.

#### Opportunity to remember loved ones

Ashbourne Methodist One Church Circuit is hosting a memorial service for people to remember loved ones who they will not be able to celebrate Christmas with. This year we will be holding this at Brailsford Methodist Church, on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 7pm, the service will include music, readings and prayers and there will be an opportunity for loved ones to be named and for people to light candles in their memory during the service. There will be refreshments available after the service and space to talk if that is helpful. We all encounter grief at some time in our lives. Christmas can make this more acute and poignant as we realise there will be an empty chair at the table. Sharing together in this Christmas Memorial Service can bring some comfort, peace and space to reflect and honour in a safe environment. If you are unable to join us on this occasion but would still like a loved one remembered please contact me with their details at [nicola.briggs@methodist.org.uk](mailto:nicola.briggs@methodist.org.uk) or 01335 702174.

#### Photocopier new home

The photocopier is now based at the Marsh's house. Please email [printing@ashbournemethodist.org.uk](mailto:printing@ashbournemethodist.org.uk) or contact *Jacqui or Ian* to use it.

#### Party on Christmas Day

Each year Ashbourne Churches Together provide a full Christmas Day lunch and a party, this year being hosted at St Oswalds Hall from 12pm. This is for EVERYONE - young and old, families and those who might be on their own, rich and poor. Simply call 01335 664159 to book. One of the most important jobs we need help with is to sit at tables and engage in conversation with our guests to make them feel welcome. If you can do that please book to join the party.

**Carols at Dove House** will be at 1.45pm on Sunday 21 December. Remember us in prayer as so many there will be reminded of hymns sung over the years.

**Lenovo Ideapad 330S laptop** for sale. 7 years old but upgraded to run Windows11 with an SSD. Office 2024 included. High specification. All profit from refurb going to Link Project. Details from *Gareth* on 07761 625940.

**Foodbank** Many thanks to all of you who have donated to the Ashbourne foodbank in whatever way you have. As we approach Christmas this year, those using the foodbank will be receiving a Christmas hamper in addition to usual food. We are particularly in need of shower gel, shampoo, tinned main meals, tinned fruit and veg and also coffee. Many thanks to everyone.

Mary

#### Editor's Note

This is the final edition of Notices for 2025, the next issue will be 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026. The editorial team, Clare, David and Eric, wish you a very Happy Christmas and New Year

#### Notices for the next Notice Sheet:

Please e-mail items to [noticesamc@gmail.com](mailto:noticesamc@gmail.com), or phone Eric on 01335 346155 by noon on Thursday. Thank you.

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