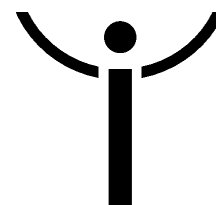


West Bridgford Methodist Church

December 2017 “At a Glance”

A Diary of Worship Services and Other Events



Where “details below” is shown next to a diary entry please see the general notices at the end of “At a Glance” for more information.

Please note that it is our policy NOT to include contact details in the WEB version of “At a Glance”, where this information has not been included the phrase “see print version” will be found.

Advent Sunday		
Sunday 03 December	10.30 am	<p>MORNING WORSHIP (including Holy Communion) conducted by Revd Rach Ward.</p> <p>With SUNDAY CLUB offering faith, friendship and fun for children and young people.</p> <p>Flowers donated by Margaret and John Munn.</p>
	Midday	Rehearsal for Journey to Bethlehem
	3.00 – 5.00 pm	<p>Faith and Light meeting (Sunday Group).</p> <p>Christmas Worship and Party for people with special needs, their families, carers and friends.</p>
Monday 04 December	2.00 – 4.00 pm	Memory Lane Café : Come and enjoy reminiscence, activities with music & singing, make new friends and enjoy tea & cake!
	5.30 pm	<p>Epperstone Court : the drama “Annie”.</p> <p>Admission £5 including a cuppa.</p>
	6.00 pm	Open House : we meet together this evening for our Christmas meal.
Tuesday 05 December	11.00 am – 1.30 pm	<p>Helping Hands : Your opportunity to help the running of the church by joining others to tackle the myriad of small maintenance and cleaning work needed. Newcomers are ALWAYS welcome. As a reward for your efforts, please stay for our soup lunch.</p>
Wednesday 06 December	10.00 am - Midday	<p>Meeting Point at Epperstone Court :</p> <p>A warm and friendly group. Come for a cuppa and biscuits, a natter and a laugh. Look forward to meeting you.</p>
	1.30 – 3.00 pm	Parent, Baby and Toddler Group.
	6.00 pm	Meeting Point : Christmas meal at “Grannies”.
Thursday 07 December	<p>Shortlisting for Youth Engagement Worker.</p> <p>Please continue to hold the applicants and the working party in your prayers as we discern God’s will and way forward.</p>	
	6.00 pm	<p>Epperstone Court : Entertainment by the Community Choir.</p> <p>Singing and Readings for Christmas. All are welcome to join the Community Choir for this evening.</p>
	12.30 pm	Women’s Fellowship : Meal out at the Willow Tree.
	2.30 – 4.00 pm	Singing Together : Further details below.

Saturday 09 December	8.30 am	Men's Prayer Group : see below for further details.
	9.30 am - Midday	Community Coffee Morning in the Community Hall, in aid of "Notts Refugee Forum".
	7.00 – 9.00 pm	Mahjong and games evening (in Community Hall).
Sunday 10 December	Comments on the Photocopier proposal to John Heard by today (details can be found in the general notices at the end of this document).	
	10.30 am	MORNING WORSHIP conducted by Peter Curtis. With SUNDAY CLUB offering faith, friendship and fun for children and young people. Flowers donated by Georgina & Allan Youdell.
	2.00 pm	Dress Rehearsal for Journey to Bethlehem – for all cast members please.
	5.30 pm	Soul Café : Café-style contemporary worship service for all ages providing refreshment for the soul. Come and join the Celebration – led by the Music Group.
Monday 11 December	2.30 – 4.00 pm	Monday Afternoon Fellowship (meeting at Ann Latham's home). A warm welcome is assured at our closing tea, with tea, cakes, prayer, friendship, discussion and a few laughs. The meeting expresses thanks to Ann for her hospitality over the past year and we all look forward to meeting again in the new year. All are welcome.
	9.15 am	Journey to Bethlehem Schools visits.
	7.00 pm	Open House : Christmas Celebration and Reflection.
Tuesday 12 December	9.15 am	Journey to Bethlehem Schools visits.
	10.00 am	Coffee and Chat - Details from Fiona ☎ see print version.
	6.30 pm	Journey to Bethlehem for local uniformed organisations.
Wednesday 13 December	Toddlers Party this week at church.	
	10.00 am - Midday	Meeting Point : at Jeff & Angie's (see print version) this week. A warm and friendly group. Come for a cuppa and biscuits, a natter, a laugh and a buffet lunch. Look forward to meeting you.
	1.30 – 3.30 pm	Woolly Wednesday – a time for craft, care and cake. A time to share skills and learn new ones. Details from Jane Everett and Monica Heard.
	7.00 – 9.00 pm	Faith and Light meeting (Wednesday Group). Christmas Celebrations. Fellowship and Worship for young people with special needs, alongside their families and friends.
Thursday 14 December	9.15 am	Journey to Bethlehem Schools visits.
	10.00 am – 2.00 pm	Friends Together : A time to socialise with others over a cup of tea.
	2.30 – 4.00 pm	Singing Together : Further details below.
Friday 15 December	9.15 am	Journey to Bethlehem Schools visits.

Saturday 16 December	9.30 am – 4.00 pm	Community Coffee Morning in the Community Hall, in aid of “Notts Refugee Forum”.
	10.30 am	Journey to Bethlehem – open to visitors.
	2.15 pm	Journey to Bethlehem – performance, all are welcome. The finale – please come and join us.
	6.00 pm	Epperstone Court : Entertainment by the Brownies.
Sunday 17 December	10.30 am	Nativity Service conducted by Revd Rach Ward. All age worship, including the commissioning and distribution of Christmas angels. Flowers donated by Karen Hobdell.
Tuesday 19 December	Deadline for contacting John Thurston if interested in the BMW walk on 6th January.	
	11.00 am - Midday	Storytime : Bible based story and activities for pre-school children and parents/carers, finishing with lunch.
	2.30 – 4.00 pm	WOMEN’S TUESDAY GROUP. Christmas Celebration and Afternoon Tea. Entertainment by the “Singing Together Group”. Meeting in the Community Hall and all are welcome.
	2.30 – 4.00 pm	Singing Together : Entertaining Women’s Tuesday Group.
Wednesday 20 December	10.00 am - Midday	Meeting Point : A warm and friendly group. Come for a cuppa and biscuits, a natter and a laugh. Look forward to meeting you.
	3.30 – 6.00 pm	Messy Church. All are welcome all to join us for this intergenerational family time as we think about “Jesus is the Good Shepherd” Please bring your friends and family as we ‘get messy’, we worship, and we share a meal together.
Saturday 23 December	9.30 am - Midday	Coffee Morning (Coffee and Cake) in the Community Hall, in aid of “Notts Refugee Forum”. Today there are no Dancing Classes and Christingles will be made during this Coffee Morning (details from Sandra Morrey).
	5.00 pm	Family Carol Concert at Royal Concert Hall. Details from Audrey Nicholson (approximate cost £12).
Sunday 24 December	Christmas Eve	
	10.30 am	Service of Lessons and Carols conducted by Monica Heard. Flowers donated by Ellie Connors.
	4.00 pm	Christingle Service conducted by Revd Rach Ward. An all age time of worship during which we shall light the Christingle candles (with great care) as we prepare ourselves for the Celebration of Christmas and the birth of Jesus. All are welcome – family and friends galore.
	11.00 pm	Midnight Communion Service conducted by Revd Rach Ward. A time of quiet reflection and worship as we gather on this Holy night and share in the gift of communion to welcome our Lord and Saviour.

	Christmas Day	
Monday 25 December	10.00 am	Christmas Morning Worship conducted by Revd Rach Ward. Please bring your favourite gift as we rejoice in the gift of the Christ-child on Christmas morning. Everybody is most welcome to join us. (Please note the earlier time for this service).
Wednesday 27 December	Meeting Point : to be arranged, see Jane Everett for details.	
Saturday 30 December	9.30 am – 11.30 am	Coffee Morning (Coffee and Cake) in the Community Hall, in aid of “Notts Refugee Forum”. Today there are no Dancing Classes.
Sunday 31 December	Deadline for the January issue of “At a Glance”	
	10.30 am	MORNING WORSHIP conducted by Revd Mark Roberts. With SUNDAY CLUB offering faith, friendship and fun for children and young people. Flowers donated by Jane Cresswell.
	Midday	Working party to restore church furniture to usual arrangements - please give a hand.
Wednesday 03 January	10.00 am - Midday	Meeting Point : A warm and friendly group. Come for a cuppa and biscuits, a natter and a laugh. Look forward to meeting you.
Thursday 04 January	2.30 pm	Women’s Fellowship : TBA.
Saturday 06 January	BMW Walk - Rushcliffe 100 section 1: Wilford to Barton in Fabis. We plan to cover the whole 100km of the 'Rushcliffe 100' over 2018 and 2019 and start with a 4.5mile section to Barton. Please contact me, John Thurston (see print version), by 19th Dec if you are interested in joining us.	
	8.30 am	Men’s Prayer Group : see below for further details.
	9.30 am – Midday	Coffee Morning (Coffee and Cake) in the Community Hall, in aid of “Notts Refugee Forum”. Today there are no Dancing Classes.
Sunday 07 January	10.30 am	Covenant and Communion Service conducted by Revd Rach Ward. With SUNDAY CLUB offering faith, friendship and fun for children and young people. Flowers donated by Joyce Lingard and Lesley Stone .
	3.00 – 5.00 pm	Faith and Light meeting (Sunday Group). Fellowship and Worship for people with special needs, their families, carers and friends. Today the leader is Revd Marian Crawford.
Monday 08 January	2.00 – 4.00 pm	Memory Lane Café : Come and enjoy reminiscence, activities with music & singing, make new friends and enjoy tea & cake!
Tuesday 09 January	11.00 am – 1.30 pm	Helping Hands : Your opportunity to help the running of the church by joining others to tackle the myriad of small maintenance and cleaning work needed. Newcomers are ALWAYS welcome. As a reward for your efforts, please stay for our soup lunch.
Wednesday 10 January	7.00 – 9.00 pm	Faith and Light meeting (Wednesday Group). New Year Meal at the Wolds (no meeting at church). Fellowship and Worship for young people with special needs, alongside their families and friends.

Storage Cupboards at Church :

The Property Team is reviewing the use of storage cupboards at church to ensure they continue to meet all our needs. We are aware that some Church Groups need additional storage - but before finalising plans, we want to give all Church Groups the opportunity to re-assess their needs so our solution covers everyone. Therefore if you lead any church group, please can you review how you use the precious storage space at church... If you are able to reduce your storage to free up space for others or if you are able to rationalise your use of space please let us know. Equally if you know that you will need additional storage in the near future - say for a new initiative you are planning - please let us know about that too so we can try to address your needs at the same time. If either of these apply, please can you respond by email to John Thurston (see print version) before Saturday 10th December. (No response will be taken to mean your needs are unchanged). Thanks.

Men's Prayer Group (meeting in Room 4) :

Anyone who wants to join is welcome and should contact Charles Rayner (☎ see print version) for further details.

Flower Mission :

Thank you to all the donors who ensure that we have flowers every Sunday. I should like to assume most of you would like to continue in 2018. If circumstances have changed, please let me know. If anyone would like to contribute to this important part of our worship and community involvement, please tell me.

Grateful thanks go to, to the regular arrangers and if anyone would like to expand that list of workers please let me know.

Thanks to you all for the joy your gifts bring to enhancing worship and to those who receive the flowers after our service in their joy or sorrow.

Georgina Youdell

Ukelele Group :

The church Uke group continues to meet usually twice a month for details please contact Myke Blackburn.

Church Photocopier :

As mentioned in the November At A Glance, our present, small, black and white photocopier has reached the end of its lifespan, having produced over a quarter of a million copies for us in the past seven years, and the Property & Finance Team is planning for a replacement.

As in all areas of modern life, technology has moved on apace, and are now considering the purchase of a very efficient colour photocopier with many additional features including the ability to produce folded and stapled booklets.

As we prepare for installation of the new machine it would be ideal to involve as many of you as possible who use the current photocopier, so this is an **urgent request** for you to contact John Heard immediately to express an interest in being trained by the supplier on it's facilities.

We believe that we are making a decision which demonstrates good stewardship of church funds and will provide us and the Circuit with a useful tool for future mission and ministry, but we need to hear from users before Sunday 10th December.

John Heard

Friary Drop-in :

As well as Friary needing men's and ladies clothes, and toiletries as always there is a specific request for the following items, which our Harvest Festival may provide the opportunity to give these things. Amongst items needed are foodstuffs to restock the Friary kitchen such as : Coffee, Sugar (castor and demerara), Flour, Jams and Lemon curd, Desiccated coconut, Tinned mushrooms, tinned fruit, Milk powder, evaporated milk, custard powder, Chocolate chips. Also needed are drinks, snacks, chocolate bars and crisps for their non-cook food parcels (around 75 are issued each week).

Thanks, and hope this will give people ideas of items that Friary would really appreciate!

Christian Aid :

A big THANK YOU to everyone who supported the 'Afternoon Tea with Social Singers' on Sunday 19th November - £350 was raised to support the work of Christian Aid

Christian Books in Church :

We have a selection of new books from the Methodist Book Shop on a sale / return basis and they are priced on the back. Please leave a note in the red book provided if you take one and Let Myke Blackburn have the money when you see him. There are also usually a separate selection of sale books available for a donation.

Information about West Bridgford Methodist Church :

We send out a regular email with information about worship services and other events in the life of the church. If you'd like to receive a weekly update, please send your full name and contact details to info@wbmethodist.org.uk and you will be added to the mailing list.

Singing Together :

Singing Together, is a friendly group being led by Gill Cubitt. We meet on a Thursday afternoon from 2.30-3.30, followed by refreshments. There's a small charge of £3.00. All welcome - no previous choral experience necessary. For further details, contact Jane Everett or Gill Cubitt (see print version).

The next edition of "At a Glance" :

This will cover January (the period Sunday 7th to the 28th January 2018). The absolute deadline for submissions is Sunday 31st December 2017 ALL submissions MUST be by e-mail (see print version) or in writing (to Brian Horler – can be placed in the appropriate "pigeon hole" at Church). Please ensure that you use this email address – the old one no longer works, due to the change of email address I shall send an acknowledgement to each email I receive, if you have no acknowledgement within a day or so please speak to me as it will mean I've not received your message (☎ see print version). Brian Horler (Editor of "At a Glance").

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