

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

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December

2021



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Service details for December

5th December

10.30 a.m. Morning Worship – Paulette Furborough

6.00 p.m. Circuit Zoom Service – Rev Judith Lincoln

Duty Stewards Roderick Lay, Hazel Brewer

Welcome Steward Zoe Tur-Ribas

12th December *Café-Church Christingle*

10.30 a.m. Café-Church – Rev Judith Lincoln

6.00 p.m. Circuit Zoom Service – Rev Joy Langford

Duty Stewards Ian Lay, Iris Bown

Welcome Steward Ann Holloway

19th December *Carol Service*

No morning worship

4.00 p.m. Carol Service – Justin Moulder

Duty Stewards Ian Lay, Kerry Sharpe

Welcome Steward Jenny Marsay

24th December *Christmas Eve*

4.00 p.m. Contemplative Christmas

11.30 p.m. Communion Service - Rev Judith Lincoln

2nd January

10.30 a.m. Morning Worship - Sandra Andrews

6.00 p.m. Circuit Zoom Service – Rev Helen Bell

Duty Stewards William & Linda Walmsley

Welcome Steward Ann Lay

DATE	ORGANIST	FLOWERS	CLEANING
5 th December	<i>David Woodward</i>	<i>Christine Bailey</i>	
12 th December	<i>Margaret Silverwood</i>	<i>Ann Lay Rebecca Goldring</i>	<i>Linda & William Walmsley Iris Bown</i>
19 th December	<i>Rebecca Goldring</i>	<i>Janet Forrester</i>	
2 nd January	<i>David Woodward</i>	<i>Iris Bown</i>	
9 th January	<i>Rebecca Goldring</i>	<i>Fran Johnson</i>	<i>Jenny Marsay Roderick Lay</i>

MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

Dear Friends,

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas- the big tree is up in all its splendour on the Green- and we, or younger members of the family, may be getting excited. But for some of us, it may be difficult, if someone we love is no longer here. It may be "the most wonderful time of the year", but it can also be one of the most stressful. Getting everybody's cards posted in time, getting the right presents, making sure lunch is on the table... And let's not get started on last year and the challenges of Tier 4, Zoom etc.... We may blame this on a secular, materialist society, but are we Christians always immune to it?

And yet, into all this chaos, Christ comes. Often very quietly, just when we're least expecting Him. One special memory of last Christmas was in a Midnight Communion service- to which I had gone frazzled from Advent, wired on caffeine (I'm not a natural night owl). I remember the ancient hymn, "Let all mortal flesh keep silence", sung as a beautiful, haunting solo. A reminder to be still before the mystery of God becoming one of us. A God who is with us in all the things we can't get our heads around. A reminder that when we're running on empty, Christ gives us "His own self for heavenly food".

So let us, this Christmas, find amid the chaos, some time to just "be". May we know that as Christ Himself came into the world able to "do" very little, dependent on others just like any other newborn baby, our worth isn't in what we achieve. We are precious to God because we are loved.

With love in Christ,

Judith

DIARY DATES for 2022

FEBRUARY 11TH – QUIZ & PLOUGHMAN'S SUPPER 7 P.M.

(Tickets £8)

MARCH 5TH – ITALIAN BISTRO MEAL & ENTERTAINMENT 4 P.M.

(Tickets £10)

MARCH 18TH – SAXOPHONE RECITAL

APRIL 2ND – SPRING COFFEE MORNING WITH STALLS

(MAY 21ST – CHRISTIAN AID COFFEE MORNING)

JUNE 3RD 4TH 5TH – FLOWER FESTIVAL

(The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration)

JULY 10th - FAITH LUNCH

(Following the morning service led by Rev Steve Clark)

SEPTEMBER 2ND – RECITAL

SEPTEMBER 24TH – HARVEST LUNCH

NOVEMBER 11TH - RECITAL

RENATA RECITAL

All who could come had a wonderful evening, with a very emotional and fantastic performance by Renata of some of Malcolm's favourite pieces, along with a great Q & A session with Kate and questions from the audience, which made it a very personal experience.

What a wonderful evening and tribute to Malcolm.

We made a profit of £621.50

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2021

On **Sunday 12th December at 10.30am** you are invited to our **CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**.

This will be in a **Café-Style** set up as we are hoping that we can attract some of the younger families to join us as they have done before. Rev Judith Lincoln will be leading the service.

Our **Carol Service** this year is on the **19th December at 4pm** led by Mr Justin Moulder, the Circuit Mission Enabler. The choir, which has now started rehearsing, after such a long time, will be offering one or two items as part of the service. We hope as many of you as can will join us for our Carol Service and just to remind you that there will be no morning service on that day.

Christmas Eve Communion will be celebrated at **11.30pm** with Rev. Judith Lincoln. A very special moment as we herald in and celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

There will be **No** services on Christmas Morning or Sunday 26th December.

CHRISTMAS EVE at 4.00 p.m.

'Contemplative Christmas' – led by Karen

A time for us to gather and reflect on the deep message of Christmas.

The service will contain readings, meditative songs (not carols), music, reflections, silence and lots of candles to welcome the light into the darkness. If you need time out from the 'glare' of Christmas, this is the space.

The service will last an hour with time afterwards to stay in prayer until 5.30.

COBS & CAROLS - SATURDAY 18TH DECEMBER

Turkey cobs will be served between 12.30 & 1.15, followed by carols & Christmas music from 1.30 to 2.30. Tickets £5

“SING CHRISTMAS” WITH RADIO LEICESTER

This year “Sing Christmas” will be broadcast between 7 and 8 o’clock on Monday, 20th December.

“Plans for the service, broadcast from Leicester Cathedral, are taking shape. Expect a full and wonderful sound with the organ, brass band, cathedral choir and up to 300 guests.”

The Congregational Community Church will be open for this event so that, if you wish, you can enjoy singing carols in the company of others & stay for refreshments.

MUSIC CAFÉ

We usually meet on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month, however we will only be meeting on 9th December this month. Then in the New Year the dates are 13th & 27th January. Since re-opening we have been able to accommodate “old” & some new members, but it is still advisable to contact Rosie on 01530 244497 to check the waiting list.

PASTORAL CARE

If you are aware of anyone who is ill, in hospital, or had a family bereavement, please contact our Minister, Rev Judith Lincoln, or our Pastoral Secretary, Kerry Sharpe, on 07979 607099.

Please send any items for the January notices to Linda & William Walmsley by

Sunday, 19th December

wllmwalmsley@yahoo.co.uk

DON'T BE ALONE

CHRISTMAS DAY

Come and Join us at

ST MARY'S CHURCH ROOMS



ANSTEY



For

DINNER AND FESTIVITIES

**For people on their own
over 70 in Anstey and surrounding villages**

TRANSPORT CAN BE ARRANGED

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE PLEASE RING Kerry Sharpe – 07979 607099

*There is no charge for the day, we just want everyone to have
the opportunity of being with others on what can be a lonely day*

If anyone would like to donate a chocolate orange/chocolates/biscuits/any non-perishable
treats, there are 2 drop off points – Roy Greens in Anstey, or Markfield Community centre.

Or please call me on 07979 607099.

Thankyou

A CHRISTMAS READING (Based on 1 Corinthians 13)

If I decorate my house perfectly with plaid bows, strands of twinkling lights and shiny baubles,

but do not show love to my family, I'm just another decorator.

If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of mince pies, preparing gourmet meals and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtime,

but do not show love to my family, I'm just another cook.

If I work at the soup kitchen, carol-sing in the nursing home, and give all that I have to charity,

but do not show love to my family, it profits me nothing.

If I trim the tree with shimmering angels and crocheted snowflakes, attend a myriad of holiday parties and sing in the choir's cantata,

but do not focus on Christ, I have missed the point.

Love stops the cooking to hug a child.

Love sets aside the decorating to kiss the husband.

Love is kind, though harassed and tired.

Love doesn't envy another's home that has co-ordinated Christmas china and table linens.

Love doesn't yell at the children to get out of the way, but is thankful they are there to be in the way.

Love doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return, but rejoices in giving to those who can't.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

LOVE NEVER FAILS.

Computer games will break, cashmere jumpers will wear out, golf clubs will get lost. But the gift of love will endure.