



Buxton Methodist Church

'The Church in the Market Place'

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Weekly Notice Sheet

Sunday 17th December

10.30am Carol Service & Sunday Club

Rev Andrew Parker

6pm *no service*

Sunday 24th December

10.30am Morning Worship & Sunday Club

Rev David Hall

5pm Christingle

Quiet prayers - the choir area at the front of the church is available after the service for quiet prayer and reflection. You are invited to use it for as long as you need. If you would like someone to pray with you feel free to ask the minister.

Fairtrade tea and coffee are served after Morning Worship.



Mid-week Communion Service

Tuesday, 10.30am-11am.

Led by Rev Andrew Parker.

Morning Cafes

Tuesdays and Saturdays, 10am to 12noon. All welcome.
Fairly-traded tea & coffee, toast, tea cakes, cookies, soup.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Sunday 17th December - **Sunday Club Party** - 10.30am, BMC.

Sunday 17th December - **Carol Service** - 2.30pm, Flagg Methodist Chapel.

Sunday 17th December - **Carol Service** - 6.30pm, Earl Sterndale Chapel.

Monday 18th December - **Inbetweeners Trip** - to Hathersage to sing local carols. 9pm, Millstone Pub, leaving Buxton 7.15pm. For more info, please contact Kate MacLean.

Tuesday 19th December - **Messy Church** - from 3.30pm.

Tuesday 19th December - **WI Carol Service** - 7.30pm, Harpur Hill Chapel.

Thursday 21st December - **Coffee Morning** - 10.30am, Harpur Hill Chapel.

Sunday 24th December - **All Age Christingle Service** - 5pm, BMC.

Monday 25th December - **Family Service** - 9.30am, Harpur Hill Chapel.

Monday 25th December - **Christmas Day Celebration Service** - 10.30am, Buxton Methodist Church.

Wednesday 3rd January - **Coffee Morning** - 10.30am, Earl Sterndale Chapel.

Friday 5th January – **Community Café** – 5-7pm, United Reformed Church.

Saturday 6th January - Epiphany.

Saturday 13th January - **Family New Year's Party** - 3.30-7pm, BMC.

Saturday 20th January - **First Aid Training** - see below for more information.

Sunday 21st January - **CTiB Service** - for the week of prayer for Christian Unity, 6pm, Buxton Community Church.

FIRST AID TRAINING

The training session is now confirmed for Saturday 20th January, 2-4pm at Bath Road Centre. Those signed up, please could you confirm your availability. If you are unable to make it, we will be running another session in a few months' time as well. Kind regards, Jennie Parker.

JMA CAKE SALE

Thank you to everyone who braved it out in the snow last Sunday and supported our JMA cake sale. Some recipe plans were changed the day before so that cakes were easier to carry in snowy conditions! I am pleased to tell you that we raised a grand total of £137.10. Catherine Whelpton.

THE GIFT TREE

A lot of gift tags this year - 49 in fact! Thank you to everyone for their kindness and generosity who took a tag, particularly the people who were 'encouraged' to pick one or two of the latter labels! The presents brought back last Sunday and the ones returned today, were and will be taken to the Volunteer Bureau next door when they are collected by Social Services to be given to the young people named. Grateful thanks on their behalf.

NEW YEAR'S PARTY

You are invited to a Family New Year's Party at Buxton Methodist Church on Saturday 13th January 2018 from 3.30pm to 7pm. There will be something for everyone with a bring-and-share buffet, games, quizzes, country dancing and a sing-a-long. Let's start the New Year off together as one big Church Family by having fun.

EASYFUNDRAISING

If you do any of your Christmas shopping online, please remember to take a look at Easyfundraising. Obviously, we hope you will pick Buxton Methodist Church! We have done our 'due diligence' to ensure that all is 'above board'.

WINTER QUIZ

For the next few weeks I will be selling our latest quiz in aid of the church organ. This time the answers are all books, plays or films. Only £1 but you could win £10! The answers don't have to be in until Wednesday 10th January, so plenty of time over Christmas to annoy your family and friends! Why not give them a quiz in their Christmas card? Christine Hodkinson.

HIGH PEAK FOODBANK

Thank you to everyone who has generously donated to High Peak Foodbank in this Christmas period to enable to us to address and prevent poverty in our community. Donations to help this work to continue can be made online at: www.highpeakfoodbank.co.uk. Alternatively cheques can be posted to High Peak Foodbank, United Reformed Church, Hardwick Square East, SK17 6PT. We hope to see you at our next Community Café (formerly Superkitchen) on 5th January 2018, serving 5.30-6.30pm at Buxton United Reformed Church.

ALL WE CAN ROHINGYA REFUGEE APPEAL

A BIG Thank You for supporting this appeal. We raised £747.68.

THE METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

Presidential Christmas message

The President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference have released their 2017 Christmas message. To see it, please visit www.methodist.org.uk > About us > News > News releases > All News > Christmas Message.

Homeless Jesus in Glasgow

Vice-President Jill Baker has written a new blog post regarding the installation in Glasgow city centre of a sculpture depicting Jesus as a homeless man. To read it, visit: <http://methodist-presandvp.blogspot.co.uk>.

Methodist Publishing

Midday on Wednesday 20th December is the deadline to order gifts from Methodist Publishing for delivery in time for Christmas. To see the gifts available, visit www.methodistpublishing.org.uk > Features > Christmas Gifts. Use the code WEEKAHEAD to receive a 10% discount off 2018 diaries.

PRAYER BOX

We pray for and remember those who are no longer able to come to church and those in nursing homes.

A prayer for Advent: So little time, so much to do, will we be ready? We want to be prepared for anything and everything so that all will go well. But will it make any real difference? As we prepare for Christmas this year, buying presents and sending cards, preparing food and decorating our homes, may we not lose sight of the Christ of Christmas. Help us to make Jesus the focus of all we do, to sing of his coming in carols, to show his love in charity, to find space in our busyness to think of Him and one another. Amen.

If you have any prayer requests to include here please pass them to Rev David Harrison (07745 571655) or Rev Andrew Parker (01298 23556).

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