

Buxton Methodist Church

'The Church on the Market Place'

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Weekly Notice Sheet

Sunday 19th December 2021

Upcoming Services

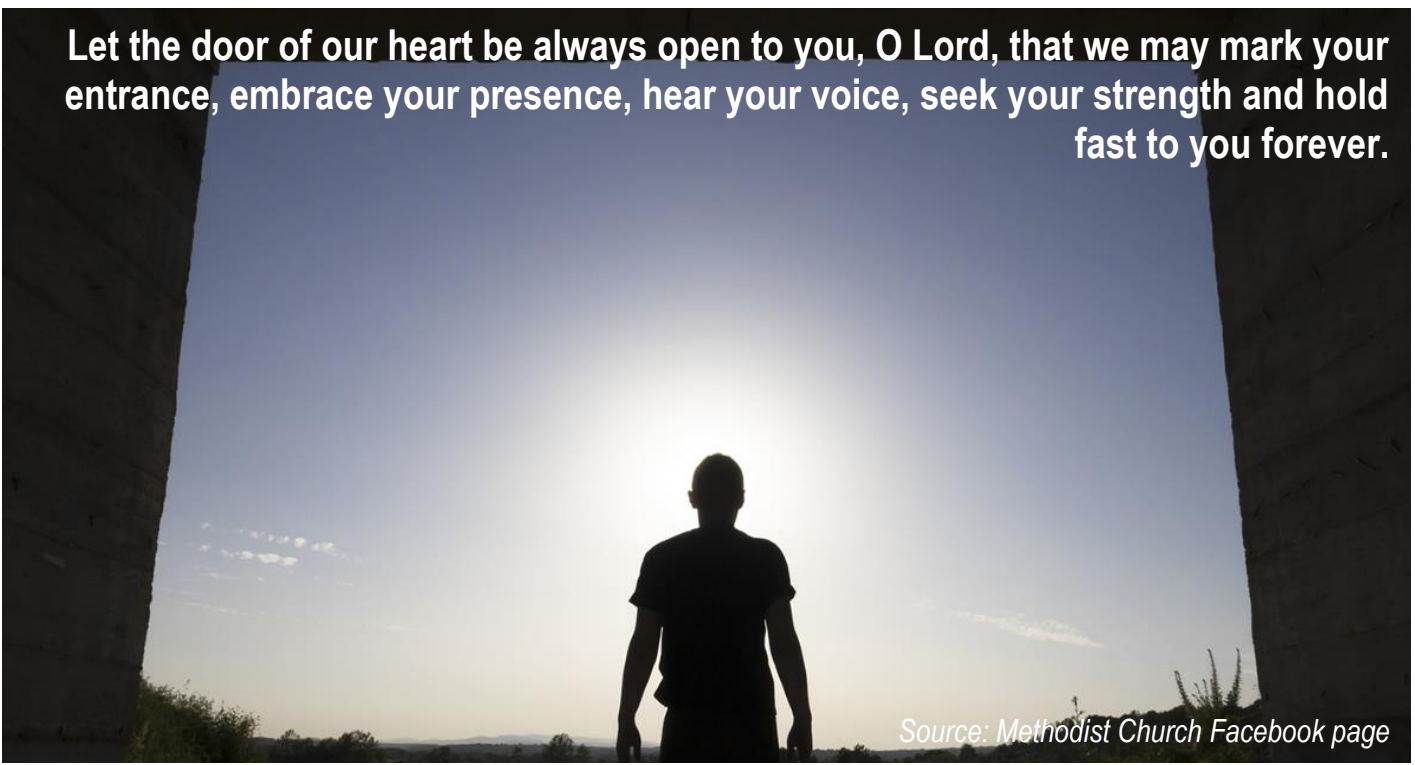
In church and Partnership Service on Zoom, 10.30am

19th December – Impromptu Nativity Service

25th December – All Age Family Worship Service for Christmas Day

2nd January – Covenant Service & Holy Communion with Rev Andrew Parker

Please enter via the front entrance.



Let the door of our heart be always open to you, O Lord, that we may mark your entrance, embrace your presence, hear your voice, seek your strength and hold fast to you forever.

Source: Methodist Church Facebook page

If you need help, prayer or simply want to chat, please contact Rev Andrew Parker.

ADVENT: A SUSTAINABLE CHRISTMAS

More tips to make your Christmas kinder to the environment:

Make your own decorations

Those of us with primary school-age children or grandchildren will be familiar already with the idea of homemade decorations. But handmade isn't the exclusive reserve of the under 11s. I've still not made our door wreath; that's on my list for this week. There are lots of natural decorations you can make with offcuts from the garden. You could make table decorations by filling small jars, glasses or pretty dishes with pinecones, nuts, berries or arrangements. Little sprigs of hardy herbs or berries/rosehips look great tied around the necks of jars and bottles of homemade jams, drinks or sweets. You can even use plants as cake decorations, though best to avoid poisonous species! Go on. Have a go. You might well surprise yourself.



Reconsider Christmas Crackers

Christmas crackers are a fun tradition, but ask yourself: do you really need a small plastic toy? And will you just be tossing them into the bin at the end of the day? Many elements from Christmas crackers are non-recyclable or just downright wasteful (and useless), but if you don't want to eliminate them altogether, why not opt for more eco-friendly versions such as reusable or recyclable ones? You could even get creative and make your own DIY crackers with toilet roll tubes and old wrapping paper. You can buy the snappers to give them an authentic 'bang' and include whatever you like inside them – bad dad jokes, handmade paper hats and little edible treats usually go down well in our house.



I realise I'm preaching to the converted, but I hope you can see that there are many ways – simple yet effective – in which you can have a more sustainable Christmas.

Happy Prepping!
Jenny Parker

CHURCH NOTICES

Christmas Services & Café

On Sunday 19th December at 10.30am, we hold our Impromptu Nativity Service. We will be singing favourite carols and telling the Christmas story. Please come dressed as a character from the story – you can choose who you would like to be.

We hold an All Age Family Worship Service for Christmas Day on Saturday 25th December at 10.30am.

There will be no morning worship service on Sunday 26th December.

Saturday Café will not be open on 25th December or 1st January 2022.

Our Covenant Service will take place on 2nd January.

Church Family

Richard and Mary Morten thank all who sent kind thoughts by card, email or in person after the death of Steve, their son-in-law, and wish all their Church friends Season's Greetings.

The Bryant extended family would like to express their thanks for the prayers and support they have received over the past three months. A service of thanksgiving for Brenda will be held at our church on Thursday 30th December at 11:30am.

DEC Launches Afghanistan Crisis

Leading UK aid agencies have launched a joint fundraising appeal as a catastrophic rise in severe hunger sweeps Afghanistan, where eight million are at risk of starvation during the harsh winter months. Children are already dying, and a million more are at risk. Find out more at www.dec.org.uk/. The church Leadership Team has decided to make the DEC Afghanistan appeal the main charity collection for the Christmas services and a box will be at the back of church for the next three weeks if you would like to make a donation.



Weekly Notice Sheets

There will be no weekly notice sheet for the next two weeks (Andrew has given me some time off!). Thank you for all your contributions for the sheets and magazines this year. Notices can be sent in for the 9th January sheet by 1pm on Thursday 6th January. I hope you all have a lovely Christmas. See you in 2022! Ali in the office.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service – 23rd January

The service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be held at Buxton Methodist Church on Sunday 23rd January at 6pm.

LOCAL NOTICES

Buxton Field Club – 8th January

The next talk in Buxton Field Club's Autumn/Winter Programme 2021/2022 is 'Much Ado About Nothing' with James Lowen, 7pm-8pm on Saturday 8th January. The talk will be on Zoom for members and live-streamed on the Club's YouTube channel for non-members.

THE METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

The Methodist Podcast

Christmas is a busy time for ministers everywhere. Rev Jenny Pathmaraja chats about this most wonderful time of the year with friends and colleagues. Listen at www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/news/podcasts/ or call 0808 281 2478.

Action for Children: Secret Santa

There are children all over the UK who face Christmas without food, warmth or love. Please be a Secret Santa. To give a gift, visit www.actionforchildren.org.uk/support-us/make-a-donation/appeals/secret-santa/.



The Methodist Blog

Holly Adams, Evangelism & Contemporary Culture Officer reflects on the gift of unconditional love. Gail Adcock reflects on Twixtmas. Read them at www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/news/the-methodist-blog/.

Circuit Conversations About God for All

The Evangelism & Growth Team would love to Zoom into your Circuit in the year ahead – to offer a short introduction to God for All and to explore questions together. Contact them at evangelism@methodistchurch.org.uk to invite them.

Global Relationships Newsletter

The latest edition of the Global Relationships newsletter is available with Christmas greetings, interviews and Mission Partner updates. Download a copy at www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/our-work-worldwide/global-relationships/world-church-relationships-news-archive-and-blog/global-relationships-e-newsletter/

Positively Rural: Family Engagement Webinar – 18th January

Explore ways in which we can engage families and work with them in rural contexts at a webinar on Tuesday 18th January, 7:30pm. Register on [Eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk).
