



THE UNITED CHURCH

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(Methodist and United Reformed)



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Building community through the love of Christ

Welcome to Worship:

If you are a newcomer or a visitor, please make yourself known to us by name. The Crèche (available from 10.30) and Junior Church meet downstairs after the first part of our Morning Service; please ask if you would like directions.

Sunday 22nd December 2019 - Advent 4

- 9.00am** SUNDAY CELEBRATION (S): Revd Dr Howard Mellor
- 10.30am** MORNING WORSHIP: Revd John Archer
- 4.30pm** CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE: Revd Tim Searle
followed by Christmas refreshments



Christmas Day 2019 at 10 am

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION: Revd Tim Searle
*We celebrate Christ's birth
& invite you to bring a present to show*



We wish you a joyful Christmas and a peaceful New Year

Sunday 29th December 2019

- 10.30 am** MORNING WORSHIP: Revd Sue Keegan Von Allmen

S = Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

At the 10.30 am Service hymns, songs and readings are on the screen. Hymn books and Bibles are available from the Stewards at the doors to the Sanctuary.

RECORDINGS OF SERMONS are available on our website - ucw.org.uk

SUNDAY, 22ND DECEMBER

ADVENT 4: 'God With Us'. Please write a Christmas thought or prayer you would like to share on the star you have been given to hang on the tree.

AT 4.30 PM:

Candlelit Carol Service

followed by Christmas tea.



Join us for a special service of readings and carols



EXTRAORDINARY CHURCH MEETING today, 22nd, after the 10.30 am service to request acceptance of the transfer of membership to the United Church of Pauline Hughes, John Lander and Pat Lander.

MONDAY 23 DECEMBER 10 am - 2 pm

Christmas Craft Drop-in

Wondering what to do at the beginning of the school holiday before the excitement of Christmas Day? Why not come to our drop-in craft morning? We aim to provide a range of activities, so whether you are three or eighty-three, or anywhere in between, we hope you will find something to enjoy doing. (Children must bring an adult with them).



'DOWN TO EARTH': During Advent we have been reflecting on the Christmas story through a display of nativity scenes, and the Christmas trees decorated to represent Christmas carols, as well as a short video offering food for thought on the wonderful mystery at the heart of the Christmas story. ***Open on 23rd, 25th, 29th December.***

CHRISTMAS CLOSURE:

- ✳ **The Coffee Bar** will be closed on **24 December** and will reopen on **Monday 6 January 2020.** (*new Coffee Lounge floor being laid on 2 & 3 January*)
- ✳ **The Church Office** will be closed on **24 December** and will re-open on **Thursday 2 January 2020.**
- ✳ **Tim Searle** will be on leave from **26 Dec - 8 Jan inc.** If any pastoral concerns arise while Tim is on leave, please contact Helen McTiffin

CHRISTMAS POST BOX & CARDS:

- ✳ There is a notice board in the Hall for those who wish to display a card to the whole Church Fellowship – *a good way to go 'Green' this Christmas!*
- ✳ There will be a postbox in the Hall for those who wish to send individual cards to members of the congregation.

- * There will be a money box adjacent to the postbox and you are invited to make a donation to the WAG Mission Project in lieu of postage costs.

TIDYING UP FOR NEW YEAR: A big thank you to everyone who lent nativity scenes or decorated trees for Christmas. *Please take home anything you lent, or dismantle the tree you were responsible for on Sunday 5th after the service, or on Monday 6th.* Many hands make light work. After that anything left will be disposed of or packed away; we want to avoid the muddle last year, when things were packed randomly. If you cannot manage either of those dates, please speak to Pat so your belongings get back to you safely.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2020

Sunday 5th January 2020 – Epiphany

Jeremiah 31: 7-14; Ephesians 1: 3-14; John 1: 10-18

9.00 am	WORD & WORSHIP: Mrs Beth Sharratt
10.30 am	MORNING WORSHIP: Revd Dr Howard Mellor



Sunday 12th January 2020 – Covenant Sunday

Isaiah 42:1-9; Acts 10: 34-43; Matthew 3: 13-17

9.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION: Revd Sue Keegan Von Allmen
10.30 am	MORNING WORSHIP: Revd Tim Searle

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

- **COFFEE BAR** open Mon-Fri, 10am-2pm & Sat 10am-12noon – **NB: reopens on 6 January.**
- **COFFEE PLAYTIME**, in Room 1, resumes on **9th January, 10 – 12.30pm.**
- **FRIDAY WORSHIP** in the Sanctuary, resumes on **10th January, 11–11.20 am.**
- **BABY AND TODDLER GROUP** resumes on **Tuesday 14th January, at 2 pm.**
- **FAIRTRADE SHOP** open on **15th January, 10 am – 2 pm**
- **WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP** resumes on **15th January at 2.30 pm.**

MESSY CHURCH: 9th January, 3.30 pm (straight from school) – **5.15 pm.** *Fun, games, craft, DVD, Bible stories and a shared meal. Children must bring an adult with them. (NB Messy Church is being held on the 2nd Thursday and not the 1st Thursday this month.)*
Future dates: 1st Thursdays - 6th February, 5th March.



YOURS MAGAZINE FOR FEBRUARY 2020. Items should be with the editorial team by **Monday 13th January.** Please send them to yours@ucw.org.uk
 Thank you. Barbara & Sophie.

**SPACE IN THE CITY (NEW YEAR 2020), at The United Church, 12.30-1pm
29th January; 5th February; 12th February.**

Canon Angela Tilby: 'The Problem of Sin – our fault or our circumstances?'
Angela Tilby will address the idea of sin in the Bible and the Christian spiritual tradition, and what sense can we make of spiritual warfare?

PRAYERS

ADVENT 4: 22 DECEMBER & CHRISTMAS DAY 2019

The time draws near the birth of Christ:
the moon is hid; the night is still;
the Christmas bells from hill to hill
answer each other in the mist.
(In memoriam, Alfred Lord Tennyson)

We give thanks for this Christmas season, for the joyful message of the angels, that a baby has been born who will be the Saviour of the world.

We give thanks for the opportunity to spend time with families and friends, and pray that we will find ways to bring the message of joy to all whom we meet as we share our love and gifts at this time.

We remember and pray for all for whom Christmas is just another day of fear and hardship: for the bereaved, the refugees, those caught up in war, and those struggling with debt or addiction. We ask that something of the Light of Christ will break into their lives.

Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer. Amen

29 DECEMBER 2019 & 5 JANUARY 2020

Lord God at the beginning of this New Year: we look back in thankfulness for all the blessings of the past year & for the times when we felt your presence very close to us; we look forward in hope not knowing what lies ahead but trusting that you will be with us in every situation.

We pray for our world where so many are suffering from conflict, hunger, sickness and homelessness. May we not be overcome by the scale of these problems but help us to find ways to show your love to all whom we meet who are in need.

We ask in the name of Jesus who came to show us how to live. Amen.

Prayer Bowl in the sanctuary is for people to place their confidential prayers in. The bowl is brought forward during the service and prayed over but not read out.