



CHRISTCHURCH NOTICEBOARD

This Week

Look at the stars
Luke 1, 26-56

09:00am

Interactive Worship
Led by: Michael Noble
Contemporary Carols

10:45am

Preacher-led Worship
Led by - Mrs Margaret Cook

6:00pm

Carol Service



24th December Christmas Eve

◆ 4:00pm – Christingle

◆ 11:30pm—Midnight Communion

25th December Christmas Day

◆ 10:00am – Christmas Morning Service



30th December

Into Egypt
Matthew 2, 13-23

09:00am

Interactive Worship
Led by the Worship Team

10:45am

Preacher-led Worship
Led by – Rev Rita Armitage

23rd & 30th December

Christchurch, The Grove, Ilkley
www.christchurchilkley.org.uk

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

10:30am Friday

A twenty minute time of reflection

28th December

No Service

4th January

Liz Huddleston

Office Closed

Within his musty and frost-bound office, our administrator glanced up hopefully from his desk as the radiator groaned faintly.

He stretched out an eager gloved hand to see if it had finally begun working again after such a long time of chilly inactivity, but it remained resolutely cold to the touch.

He withdrew his hand and continued to try and gain warmth from the single, sickly candle that guttered in sooty flickers upon his desk.

“At least,” he mused, “at least I have a few days off now and won’t be back until the 3rd of January” the thought made him smile, “God bless us everyone!”

Have you checked to see if you have any cards waiting for you in the transformed Wider Horizons trays?

If you have used our “Christmas Card Postal Service” why not make a donation to Mediterranean Hope, one of the charities Christchurch is supporting this year? Please place a cheque (labelled Mediterranean Hope on the back) or cash in an envelope marked ‘Mediterranean Hope’ in either a Sunday collection plate, or at the Church office.

Thank you.

The Methodist Internship Programme
Developing the Intersection between
Faith and Work

The Methodist Church is seeking young adults who want a unique opportunity to develop their careers and their faith.

The exciting opportunity for 21-26 year olds offers a year exploring faith and personal development alongside a paid employment with a range of professional organisations across a variety of business and charity sectors.

The Methodist Internship Programme runs from mid-September 2019 - August 30th 2020. Details on the Café noticeboard.

The Methodist Church



Exploration Days for Those Interested in Exploring a Call to Ordained Ministry

- Is God calling you to be an Ordained Minister in the Methodist Church?
- Has anyone ever suggested to you that you would make a good minister?

Hosted by the Ministries: Vocations and Worship Team at Methodist Church House and Cliff College. Dates confirmed are:

2 March 2019 - Cliff College & 4 May 2019 - Methodist Church House

Visit www.methodist.org.uk for more details



Sunday Lunches—On Sunday 6th January we will be at the Craven Heifer, Addingham and on February 3rd at the Wells Café.

Sign-up list now in the foyer

Large print hymn books or word sheets of the hymns and songs are available at our morning service. Please ask a Steward.

A big Thank You – To everyone who supported the fundraiser party for Mission Direct at Carols for Cambodia.

All the money goes to support building a school in Cambodia, and will give children an education.

Thank you, from Bridget, Lynnda, Lynda, Diana, and Chris.

Cambodia Project

Why not occupy and entertain visitors and family over Christmas with a traditional family jigsaw?

We have a choice of over 150 jigsaws awaiting construction in time for the 6th annual Jigsaw Festival in October 2019.

See Pam Harris, John Sayers, Brian Scott or Geoff Halsall to choose your jigsaw and construction board



Christchurch is fitted with an induction loop system. Hearing aids should be set to “Telephone”. You may need to adjust the volume.

Prayer Opportunities at Christchurch

Our **Prayer Table** at the entrance to the Sanctuary offers helpful leaflets for private prayer.

The **Red Book** in the foyer is always available for written prayer requests.

Text your prayer concerns to the Christchurch Prayer Team on:
07562 343622

Informal Prayer Meeting—
Thursday Mornings
9:30am to 10:00am

Join us, you will be very welcome!

Please contact the **Prayer Chain** for urgent or special prayer needs:

Val Worrall (01943 831779)

The Meditation Group meets on Tuesday mornings at 10:30am in the Worship area. Join us for 25 minutes of silence and learn about Christian Meditation. All are welcome.



Prayer Topics for This Week

This Monday night please pray for:

- We pray for worship leaders, preachers and musicians and those who do audio visuals and steward in this time of many extra services.
- That we all may be ready to receive the great gift that is Jesus and may love be born anew in our hearts.
- For those places where there has been a natural disaster and it may be very difficult to celebrate. Those places affected by climate change.

On Monday 31st December, our prayer topics are:

- Pray for young people who so often have exams early in the New Year and may feel very under pressure.
- We pray in hope that our area may benefit from a mission to young people called "The Higher Tour" that is coming to Leeds in March and put on by The Message Trust.
- We pray for children in war torn areas and those who, like the infant Christ, are forced to flee their homes.

Christchurch Calendar
Didn't get a calendar for Christmas? There are still a few 2019 Christchurch Calendar is available from the Café or Margo Atkinson (£6 each).

Local views captured by our Christchurch photographers



If you are participating in the Reverse Advent Calendar Appeal this Christmas and needs help taking your box to Burley Methodist Church on January 3rd please contact Chris Knamiller (430634) or Merle Collins (600039).

All of the boxes we receive will be distributed to people who need it most by a range of organisations in Leeds and Bradford.

Notices Deadline Information

Send your submissions, preferably by email to:
notices@christchurchilkley.org.uk

before the Wednesday of each week.

In the event of emergency activity or late information, please submit requests to the same email address for consideration.



Registered Charity Number: 1148214

This Week at Christchurch

Further details available from the Church Office and on the website at: www.christchurchilkley.org.uk

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| Monday 24th December | 16:00 | Christingle Service |
| | 23:30 | Midnight Communion |
| Tuesday 25th December | 10:00 | Christmas Celebration |
| 26th December 2018 to 2nd January 2019—Church and Café closed | | |
| Wednesday 2nd January | 08:30 | Wednesday Wizards |
| | 10:00 | Weekday Welcomers |
| Thursday 3rd January | 09:30 | Prayer Fellowship |
| | 10:00 | Weekday Welcomers |
| Friday 4th | 10:30 | Pause For Thought |

A Trip to Palestine and Israel—7.30pm on Saturday 26 January at Christchurch

Helen Singleton and Chris Mannall will give an illustrated talk about their visit to the Holy Land in June 2018. The evening will include a taste of the food and music of the region.

Do invite any friends along who may be interested.

The event will be free with a retiring collection for the Amos Trust.

Please let Helen or Chris know if you can come to help them plan refreshments. chrismannall@live.com



How to use the arts in Worship

Saturday 26th January, Wesley Hall, Crookes, Sheffield S10 1UD. 10:00am - 3:30pm

Come and join us for the second of our How-To days.

Ric Stott will be giving the keynote on how the arts leads us into a deeper relationship with ourselves and with God. Workshops on stitching as a way of journaling, poetry, drama, praying, singing.

The day is free and lunch is provided.

Book with Sian Henderson 01904 786 275 or admin@yorkshirenemethodist.org.

Wharfedale & Aireborough Methodist Circuit in partnership with Christians Against Poverty is looking to appoint a CAP Debt Centre Manager.

Closing date: 31st December 2018, Interviews: 7th January 2019. Start date: March 2019. £8,985pa/16 hours per week

Further details on the noticeboard in the Café.

Save the date: Circuit Vision Event

Sunday 20th January 4 pm at Yeadon Methodist Church followed by a "bring and share" tea.

Our Chair of District, Rev Dr Roger Walton, has been speaking inspirationally about what it means to be a Christian in the modern world and how we can develop our way of life.

We will be building on this and exploring what it could mean for our circuit.



On 20th January we will begin with a short service at 4:00pm and then engage actively with the issues.

We will end with a final act of worship and expect to share food together around 6 pm. Please do come along and, if you can, bring some sandwiches or cake or fruit or crisps to share.

Thank you.

The Café will reopen on Wednesday 2nd January. We wish all our customers a very Merry Christmas!



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