



Peasedown St John Methodist Church

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Notices for Christmas 2020

Sunday 13th December

10:30am Morning Worship
Led by Rev David Winstanley
Surname's starting with A - L

Sunday 20th December

10:30am Morning Worship
Led by Mike Honey
Surname's starting with M - Z

Sunday 27th December

10:15am Quiet time of prayer
Please feel free to drop in and out during
that time and pray for the coming year

Sunday 3rd January

10:30am Morning Worship
Led by Rev Dr Anthony Cross
Surname's starting with M - Z

Sunday Worship

On Sunday 6th December a small group of us were able to meet and share a time of worship together again! We will continue meet for worship in groups on alternative Sunday's, as above. You are very welcome to come on the weeks in between, but please do not arrive before 10:25am and we cannot guarantee that you will be able to sit in the Church. There will not be a normal service on Sunday 27th December, we will instead have the Church open for a quiet time of prayer. Please feel free to drop in during that time and pray for the coming year.

Christmas Services

Family Christingle Service, Christmas Eve 4:30pm

Please let Julie know if you are able to come so we can ensure that we safely accommodate everyone within distancing guidelines and Julie can make sure there are enough Christingles for everyone!

Midnight Communion, Christmas Eve 11:30pm

This service is open to everyone, there is no need to book. It will be a quiet service as we meet around the Lord's table to celebrate His birth.

Christmas Celebration Services, Christmas Day 10:30am & 11:30am

There will be 2 short services on Christmas Day, one from 10:30 – 11:10 and one from 11.30 – 12:10, so that everyone who wants to come to celebrate and praise God together with their friends, family and our church family can do so.

To ensure there is no congestion in the entrance those coming to the early service will be asked to leave promptly and those coming to the later service will need to arrive at about 11.25am. We will ensure that the chairs are sanitised between services.

It is with a very heavy heart that we feel we have to ask you to book in for these services to ensure we can do this safely and fairly. We hope that everyone who wants to attend will be able to. **Booking will start at 10:00am on**

THURSDAY 17th DECEMBER:

To book for the 10.30 service please call 01761 432531

To book for the 11.30 service please call 07850 278966

Christmas Cards

Unfortunately, we won't be able to leave Christmas cards in the church this year for people to collect.

A Nativity Journey – Every evening from 1st – 24th December, 5pm

A short piece of the nativity story and a song to follow through advent. These can be found, at any time, on the Children and Family Worker page of the Church website.

Messy Christmas At Home – Friday 18th December, 4pm

Join in the live video broadcast on the Children and Family Worker Facebook page on Friday 18th December at 4pm so we can take part together and comment on how it's going! A box containing everything you will need can be collected from the Church on **Thursday 17th December from 2:45pm – 3:45pm.**

Unlikely Heroes Christmas – Saturday 19th December – Monday 4th January

The "Unlikely Heroes" (A local group of Children and Family Workers) have produced a Christmas session with games, crafts and songs. Register at <https://unlikely-heroes-christmas.eventbrite.co.uk/> before December 11th December and you will be delivered a pack with the things you need for the activities, along with a couple of yummy Christmas treats.

Christmas Carol Trail Bath – From Saturday 5th December

Along with 25 other churches in and around Bath, we are taking part in the Bath Carol Trail. You can sing your way around Bath and see displays based on Christmas carols. Visit the displays and try to guess the carol. Use the QR code displayed to see if you guessed correctly and then sing-along to the Carol at each location. To find out more and see an interactive map showing all the Carol Trail locations visit: <https://bathcaroltrail.wordpress.com/>

SWALLOW Christmas Hampers - Available to order

The team at the SWALLOW Community Café have been working very hard making a selection of items which will be packaged up in hampers to make lovely Christmas presents. A standard hamper containing 5 items costs £15 and a luxury hamper containing 7 items costs £25. Both come in a wicker basket wrapped in cellophane. Please see the accompanying poster and form for more details. Please contact Ian or Jill Souter if you would like to order.

Action for Children

If anyone has an Action for Children collecting box they would like emptied or would like to make their annual donation, then please contact Karen who will be happy to collect boxes.

Julian House Homeless Services

Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions Julian House are unable to receive any donations of goods this Christmas. However, they do have an emergency appeal fund and donations can be made online, passed to Karen or handed into the Meeting Place. The charity would also welcome supermarket gift vouchers or gift cards which they will use to purchase items for the hostel or for individual clients. Julian House are also offering a selection of virtual festive workshops for a donation and details are on their website <https://www.julianhouse.org.uk/>

Somer Valley Foodbank

Somer Valley Foodbank would like to thank all of you who continue to contribute, your donations can still be received at The Meeting Place. The foodbank and the Trussell Trust use many different distribution centres, and it is their responsibility to maintain safety in them while they are open. They are reminding all centres that, during the present Covid 19 emergency, only staff should enter the premises while they are open, and if anyone other than clients need to enter the premises, they must check-in using the Foodbank QR code (not the church one). This enables Check & Trace if needed.

If you would like to donate items, there is a collection point at the Meeting Place. The current list of items required is: Biscuits, Brown Sauce, Chocolates, Corned beef, Custard, Instant mash, Jam, Ketchup, Macaroni cheese, Meat soup, Milk powder, Potatoes (tinned), Sponge puddings and other puddings, Savoury snacks, Spaghetti (tinned), Sweets, Sweet snacks, Toothbrushes (adults & children's), Toothpaste (children's) and Household multi-purpose cleaner.

Steward Changes

Jill will be stepping down as senior steward at the end of this year and handing the baton on to Clare. Our thanks go to Jill for her hard work as senior steward, especially this year during the pandemic. We have a great team of stewards who do a lot of work quietly in the background to enable so much of what we do as a church in the village. Please keep the Stewards, David, Julie, Meg and Chris in your prayers that we will be open to God's direction as we head into the uncertainties of the coming year.

Spare TV?

We need a TV screen to use in the schoolroom on Sunday mornings for anyone not able to sit in the Church. If anyone a spare, large TV which is less than 5 years old they would be willing to let us have, it would be gratefully received. Please talk to Andrew if you can help.

Diary Dates

Sunday 13th December	10:30 Sunday Worship (Surnames starting A – L)
Wednesday 16th December	09:00 Seeds "Grab and Go Bag" 10:00 Church open for private prayer
Thursday 17th December	10:00 Bookings for Christmas Day: To book for the 10.30 service please call 01761 432531 To book for the 11.30 service please call 07850 278966 14:45 Messy Christmas box collection @ Church
Friday 18th December	12:00 Foodbank 16:00 Messy Christmas At Home on Facebook
Sunday 20th December	10:30 Sunday Worship (Surnames starting M – Z)
Wednesday 23rd December	10:00 Church open for private prayer
Christmas Eve	16:30 Family Christingle Service 23:30 Midnight Communion
Christmas Day	10:30 Christmas Day Celebration Service 1 11:30 Christmas Day Celebration Service 2
Sunday 27th December	10:15 Quiet time of prayer
Sunday 3rd January	10:30 Sunday Worship (Surnames starting M – Z)
Friday 8th January	12:00 Foodbank

Next Notices

Please let Nick have anything for the next notices by **Thursday 7th January**.

