

Buxton Methodist Church

'The Church on the Market Place'

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Weekly Notice Sheet

Sunday 12th January 2025

Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday Services

12th January, 10.30am – Morning Worship with Ruth Hayter & Sunday Club

12th January, 6pm – Praise@6

19th January, 10.30am – Morning Worship with Ian Stubbs & Sunday Club

19th January, 3pm – CTiB Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service

We pray that world leaders will forget their differences and come together to take what drastic and radical measures are necessary to combat climate change.

#PrayforLA

Source: The Methodist Church Facebook page

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

WORSHIP AT HOME

A Prayer for the end of Christmas

Almighty God, as this season draws to a close, we give thanks for all those who have given their time and energy over Advent and Christmas. We celebrate all the creative, prayerful, joyous ways we have "hushed the noise" together, and for each new and continued opportunity to hear the love song of the angels. We pray that each of us will have experienced a sense of your peace this Christmas, and that as we enter this new year and new season, we will continue to join the love song the angels are singing over us every day. Amen.

Bible Reading – Luke 3

When Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Hymn

When Jesus came to Jordan, to be baptized by John,
He did not come for pardon, but as his Father's Son.
He came to share repentance, with all who mourn their sins,
To speak the vital sentence, with which good news begins.

He came to share temptation, our utmost woe and loss,
For us and our salvation, to die upon the cross.
So when the Dove descended, on him, the Son of Man,
The hidden years had ended, the age of grace began.

Come, Holy Spirit, aid us, to keep the vows we make,
This very day invade us, and every bondage break.
Come, give our lives direction, the gift we covet most:
To share the resurrection, that leads to Pentecost.

Fred Pratt Green

CHURCH NOTICES

High Peak Partnership: 'Buy a Brick' Fundraiser

Townend Methodist Church in Chapel-en-le-Frith has launched their 'Buy a Brick' campaign which aims to raise £175,000 for their project to convert unused rooms into a holiday let, to ensure the continued use of their church building. If you would like to support the project, you can "buy" (sponsor) a brick for £10 online on their GoFundMe page: www.gofundme.com/f/Build-Chapel-Connexion-Hub.



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CHURCH NOTICES cont'd

Church Family

This week, we learnt the sad news that Eirawen Wilmot has passed away. Eirawen was a very faithful member of Fairfield Methodist Church and very proud of her Welsh background: she loved to Sing 'Guide me' in Welsh! Her funeral service will be at Buxton Methodist Church on Wednesday 22nd January at 2pm followed by a committal at Macclesfield Crematorium. In our prayers, we give thanks for Eirawen and her faithful service, may she rest in peace and rise in glory.



CTiB: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – 19th Jan

Churches Together in Buxton's Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is on Sunday 19th January, 3pm at Buxton Methodist Church.



Church Council Meeting – 21st Jan

All are invited to attend our Church Council meeting on Tuesday 21st January, 7pm in the church. We will be discussing the challenges we face due to declining funds. If not addressed, the church will run out of money by 2028.

JPIT: Constituency Action Network webinars – 29th Jan

Last Lent, we used material published by the Joint Public Issues Team to explore how the church can engage in Politics for the Common Good, and we were proactive in the run up to the General Election. JPIT commented that churches can play a vital role in connecting their communities with their MPs, facilitating conversations about issues such as peace and justice. Perhaps we, at BMC, could consider whether there's a role for us in this. JPIT is hosting three monthly Constituency Action Network webinars, starting with 'Building a relationship with your MP as a church' on Wednesday 29th January at 12.30pm or at 7pm. I have signed up for the 7pm session. Would anyone like to watch it with me? See jpit.uk/can/can-webinars for more information. Kate MacLean



LOCAL NOTICES

BDL Panto Tickets – Jan/Feb

Buxton Drama League will be performing 'Puss in Boots' at Burbage Institute on Fri 31st Jan (7.30pm), Sat 1st Feb (2.30pm & 7.30pm), Sun 2nd Feb (2.30pm), Fri 7th Feb (7.30pm) and Sat 8th Feb (2.30pm & 7.30pm). Tickets are available online via www.buxtondramaleague.co.uk/puss-in-boots however, I can take your order (adults £12, children £7) if you don't want to buy them online. Christine Hodgkinson.

THE METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

The Methodist Youth President for 2025/2026 will be Genesis Padgett, a member of Emmanuel Methodist Church near Barnsley. Genesis has been attending a Methodist Church since they were three and is currently attending Cliff College to study theology. Read more at www.methodist.org.uk/about/news/methodist-youth-president-for-20252026/.

Lent 2025

In the wilderness, Jesus reminded us that people don't live by bread alone. Our Lent 2025 campaign is called 'Soul Food'. Each week during Lent, we'll be reflecting on what sustains us, based on the Sunday lectionary Gospel passage. Find out more and sign up for daily reflections at www.methodist.org.uk/churches/soul-food/.

Christian Aid: Global Poverty – 13th Jan

Christian Aid is hosting a series of monthly online sessions to help people understand more about the causes of global poverty and how they can help create change. The first session is on Monday 13th January, 7pm-8pm. Find out more and register at www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved/campaigns/faith-action-drop-session.



Working out Worship – 15th Jan

Working out Worship is a four-week series to help anyone who is looking to resource worship in their church at Local Arrangements, creative worship or intergenerational worship. Sessions start Wednesday 15th January 2025, 7pm-9pm, online. Find out more on Eventbrite.

Beyond Bronze – 20th Jan

What effect does it have on a church and its community when they take steps venturing beyond the Ecochurch bronze award? Find out from two churches which have done just that. Monday 20th January at 7:30pm-9pm, online. Book via the Methodist Learning Network's channel on Eventbrite.



Who Cares? Book Club – 5th Feb

An online monthly book club for people passionate about pastoral care which will reflect together on Michael Hopkin's guide to pastoral care. Starts on Wednesday 5th February at 7:30pm. Find out more and register on Eventbrite.

No change for the offertory plate? Give via debit card using the CollecTin device at the back of church or donate online via GiveALittle – scan the QR code

