

Buxton Methodist Church[✚]

'The Church on the Market Place'

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Weekly Notice Sheet[✚]

Sunday 7th December 2025

Second Sunday in Advent

Sunday Services

7th December, 10.30am – All Age Worship with Rev Andrew Parker on the theme of 'Christmas Around the World' & JMA Cake Sale

7th December, 6pm – Memorial Service

14th December, 10.30am – Morning Worship with Ruth Hayter & Sunday Club

14th December, 6pm – Praise@6

God, whose life dances in and beyond all creation, whose song resounds throughout the universe and beyond, you call us to add our voices to your harmony and long all voices to be part of your song of infinite grace.

Source: The Methodist Church Facebook page

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



WORSHIP AT HOME

for the second week of Advent



Bible Reading – Isaiah 11

A new king will arise from among David's descendants. The spirit of the Lord will give him wisdom and the knowledge and skill to rule his people. He will know the Lord's will and honour him, and find pleasure in obeying him. He will not judge by appearance or hearsay; he will judge the poor fairly and defend the rights of the helpless.

Hymn

God has spoken by his prophets, spoken his unchanging Word;
each from age to age proclaiming, God the one, the righteous Lord!
In the world's despair and turmoil, one firm anchor still holds fast,
God is on his throne eternal, he alone the first and last.

God has spoken by Christ Jesus, Christ the everlasting Son,
brightness of the Father's glory, with the Father, ever one:
spoken by the Word incarnate, God, before all time began,
light of light, to Earth descending, Man, revealing God to man.

God is speaking by his Spirit, speaking to the hearts of men;
in the age-long Word declaring, God's own message, now as then.
Through the rise and fall of nations, one sure faith is standing fast:
God abides, his Word unchanging, God the first and God the last.

George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959)

CHURCH NOTICES

BMC Quarterly Magazine

The Winter 2025 edition is now out! Pick up your copy today. Feel free to take an extra one from the spares box for a friend or family member. Ali in the office.

JMA Cake Sale – 7th Dec

Our annual JMA Cake Sale takes place after our All Age Worship Service this morning. Please support us by buying something. Catherine Whelpton.



Memorial Service – 7th Dec

This evening at 6pm, we host our annual Memorial Service, a service to remember those who have died and whose memory we cherish. All are welcome.



CHURCH NOTICES *cont'd*

Advent Readings & Hymns – 9th Dec

All are invited to an informal Advent hour with readings and music, hosted by our two House Groups. Tuesday 9th December, 10.30am in the Lower Room, followed by refreshments. Look forward to seeing you, Glynis Leyland.



Funeral – 9th Dec

The funeral service of Jonathan Sutcliffe will take place in this church on Tuesday 9th December, at 2pm.



Folk Carols & Readings – 10th Dec

St Mary's Church on Dale Road is hosting an evening of folk carols and readings on Wednesday 10th December at 7pm. Free admission, charity collection, refreshments available, all welcome.



HPP: Chapel Tearooms – 14th Dec

Next weekend is the last chance to enjoy a festive afternoon tea at Chapel Tearooms Hollinsclough, £25pp. Call B.463648 to book a table.



LOCAL NOTICES

Zink: Christmas donations

Thanks to Aviva Community Fund, donations to Zink and High Peak Foodbank made via Crowdfunder until the end of the year will be matched penny for penny! You donate £20, Zink gets £40, up to a maximum £250 per donation. To make a donation, visit: www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/winter-foodbank-appeal.



Tai Chi at BMC

Enhance your balance, build internal strength, and keep your body supple through the flowing movements and gentle stretches of Tai Chi. Suitable for all levels, everyone is welcome. Classes are Tuesday mornings at 10:30am and Wednesday evenings at 7pm, both in the Upper Room at BMC. Contact Bob Chiang for further information: 07971172055; contact@bobchiang.com.



Buxton Rotary: Fundraising Concert – 7th Dec

Buxton Rotary Club is hosting a Christmas Charity Concert on Sunday 7th December, 2pm-5pm at St John's Church. Tickets are £10pp, available on the door (cash only). All proceeds will go to local charities.



THE METHODIST CHURCH NOTICES

The Methodist Church in Britain has launched its national Advent and Christmas campaign with a first-ever outdoor advertising promotion, taking our message to the streets of London. Read more at www.methodist.org.uk/about/news/.

Our new version of *Joy to the World*, crafted in collaboration with various churches and featuring Ruby Le Masurier and Rev Heather Simmons, is now out! Watch the official lyric video on the Methodist Church YouTube Channel.

Each week of Advent, the President and Vice-President unwrap a gift. This week they consider the gift of justice. Watch on the Methodist Church YouTube Channel.

District: Youth President Visits Wilmslow Methodist

The Bramhall & Wythenshawe Circuit had the first of their new Quarterly Circuit Services at Wilmslow Methodist Church last week. Genesis Padgett, the Methodist Youth President, attended to share their journey and present the 3Generate Dodgeball Trophy to the winning team from the circuit.



JPIT: Unite the Kingdom rally

Every year, there are calls to 'put Christ back into Christmas'. This year, that call is coming from a rather unexpected place. Following their *Free Speech* rally in London in September, the 'Unite the Kingdom' movement is organising an event in Whitehall next weekend which says it is about 'putting the Christ back into Christmas'. JPIT has published a blog responding to news of the event. Read it at jpit.uk/is-this-love. JPIT has also produced a new resource to help churches respond to the co-option of Christmas by the far right. Access it at jpit.uk/joyforall.



Reflect Quiet Morning – 9th Dec

Reflect is an independent group within Methodism which seeks to promote spirituality and spiritual practices amongst the Methodist people. Join them online for their Advent Quiet Morning on Tuesday 9th December, 9.30am-12.15pm. Email Lynne Tonge at 2tonges317@gmail.com if you would like to attend.

Brian Beck Memorial Lecture – 22nd Jan

You are warmly invited to watch online the second Brian E Beck Memorial Lecture on Thursday 22nd January at 2.30pm. The lecture, 'Perfecting Love and the public sphere', will be delivered by Prof. Dion Forster and focus on how perfecting love might inhabit the public sphere as an expression of Wesleyan social ethics for a fractured world. Find out more and book via Eventbrite.

