Buxton Methodist Church

'The Church on the Market Place'

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Weekly Notice Sheet[®]

Sunday 14th December 2025

Third Sunday in Advent

Sunday Services

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

14th December, 6pm – Praise@6

21st December, 10.30am - Carol Service with Rev Andrew Parker & Sunday Club

O God, since without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Source: The Methodist Church Facebook page



WORSHIP AT HOME

for the third week of Advent



Bible Reading - Matthew 11: messengers from John the Baptist

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

Hymn

- ¹ On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry, announces that the Lord is nigh. Awake and harken, for he brings, glad tidings of the King of kings!
- ² Then cleansed be every life from sin: make straight the way for God within, and let us all our hearts prepare, for Christ to come and enter there.
 - ³ We hail you as our Savior, Lord, our refuge and our great reward. Without your grace we waste away, like flowers that wither and decay.
- ⁴ Stretch forth your hand, our health restore, and make us rise to fall no more. O let your face upon us shine, and fill the world with love divine.
 - ⁵ All praise to you, eternal Son, whose advent has our freedom won, whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Spirit, evermore.

Charles Coffin (1837), translated by John Chandler

Prayer Request

Regg has asked for prayers for his daughter, Shirley, after the sudden death of her partner, Dave. We remember in our prayers all those who mourn and pray that in their sorrow they may find the comfort and peace of God. Rev Andrew Parker.

CHURCH NOTICES

JMA: Cake Sale

Thank you very much to everyone who so generously supported our JMA Cake Sale last Sunday. The selection of cakes and goodies on offer was impressive! I am delighted to tell you that we raised £262.10. Catherine Whelpton.

CHURCH NOTICES cont'd

BMC: Saturday Café – 27th Dec

Please note, there will be no Saturday morning café on 27th December, as our team are having a well-earned Christmas break. There is also no Repair Café. We will be starting up again on 3rd January. Thank you, Mary Davies.

BMC: Christmas Notices – 28th Dec

There will be no weekly notice sheet for the service on 28th December so please send in any notices for that service by Thursday 18th December. Notices for the service on 4th January should be sent in by Thursday 1st January. Ali in the office.

CTiB: Alison Darby

Dear friends, we received the sad news that our Vice Chair, Alison Darby, passed away peacefully last week. Alison had pneumonia, which was too much for her. Although frail for some time, she attended our last CTiB meeting in October in her usual spirit of courage and optimism. Alison had a strong faith and she will now be at peace with the Lord. Please remember her and her family in your prayers, Aileen Warneford.

LOCAL NOTICES

Zink: Christmas donations

Donations to Zink and High Peak Foodbank made via Crowdfunder for life & work until the end of the year will be matched penny for penny by Aviva Community Fund. Donate at www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/winter-foodbank-appeal.

A Christmas Feast – 14th Dec

Buxton Musical Society invites you to join them for a feast of Christmas music, from the modern to the traditional, on Sunday 14th December, 7pm at St John's Church. In the first concert with their new Musical Director, Sam Hayes, they are joined by the Classic Brass Quintet and a choir of youngsters. Richard Silson also performs Alan Bullard's *A Feast for Christmas*. Tickets are available from the Opera House Box Office and on the door. Elizabeth Haggis.

THE METHODIST CHURCH NOTICES

For the third week of Advent, the President and Vice-President unwrap the gift of joy. Watch on the Methodist Church YouTube Channel.

THE METHODIST CHURCH NOTICES cont'd

The President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference have joined other senior faith leaders in celebrating the removal of the two-child limit on benefits. Read more at www.methodist.org.uk/about/news/.

JPIT: Child Poverty Strategy

The government's long-awaited Child Poverty Strategy was released on 5th December. JPIT's Paul Morrison has written a reflection, setting the strategy in context. Read it at jpit.uk/child-poverty-a-step-forward.

<u>District: Online Worship</u> – 14th Dec

Our next Online Worship is taking place on Sunday 14th December at 6.30pm. For the Zoom code, email prayer@nwedmethodists.org.uk.

JPIT: Constituency Action Network (CAN) - 16th Dec

JPIT's webinars introducing CAN are now monthly. Come along to the next one on Tuesday 16th December, 1pm-1.45pm. Find out more and register via jpit.uk/can/can-webinars.

All We Can: All We Canuary - Jan

2026 is fast approaching and, with it, another *All We Canuary*, the monthlong fundraiser for All We Can. The idea is simple: do all the *something* you can in January 2026, and fundraise for All We Can in the process! Find out more at www.allwecan.org.uk/get-involved/fundraise/all-we-canuary/.

Wholehearted Monthly - 13th Jan

Cole Arthur Riley will be the guest speaker for Wholehearted on Tuesday 13th January, 7pm-9pm. Cole is a young poet, writer, and storyteller and will be speaking about prayer, contemplation, and spiritual practice that is embodied, open to wonder and lament, and integrated with justice. Register via Eventbrite.

Arthur Rank Centre: Rural & Wild – Feb

Are you keen to experience God in the wild, to gather and learn with others exploring faith outdoors? Join the Arthur Rank Centre on their new *Rural & Wild* weekend course over 6th–8th February at Cliff College in Derbyshire. Find out more and register at arthurrankcentre.org.uk/ruralandwild/. A bursary is available for Methodists, contact Sarah Hulme, Rural Mission and Ministry Officer, for details at hulmes@methodistchurch.org.uk.



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