

Buxton Methodist Church

'The Church on the Market Place'

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Weekly Notice Sheet

Sunday 21st December 2025

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Upcoming Services

21st December, 10.30am – Carol Service with Rev Andrew Parker

24th December, 5pm – Christingle

25th December, 10.30am – Christmas Day Service with Rev Andrew Parker

28th December, 10.30am – Morning Worship with Ian Stubbs

4th January – Covenant Service & Holy Communion with Rev Andrew Parker

Storytelling Jesus,
You invite us to make
your story, our story.
Your story reminds us
God so loves the
whole world.



The Methodist Church newsletter

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



WORSHIP AT HOME

for the fourth week of Advent



Hymn (StF 186)

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word –
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same –
his holy name: the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure:
tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

Timothy Dudley-Smith

A Prayer in response to the attack at Bondi Beach

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe, who grants us light, sustains us in life and guides us in the ways of holiness. On a day when peaceful celebration has been distorted through acts of violence and hatred, we pray for those who have died and been injured in the attack at Bondi beach at the beginning of Hanukkah. Comfort those who have lost loved ones. Strengthen them and grant them peace. Stand close to those who seek answers and with those tasked with understanding and responding to these acts of violence. May the deep darkness of this day be met by responses of respect, compassion and solidarity as we continue to draw alongside our sisters and brothers of Jewish faith in our prayers.

We pray for an ending to all acts of religious or racially based hatred that we may dwell in your light and seek a world in which all may walk safely alongside their neighbour. Amen.

CHURCH NOTICES

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. Notices for the service on 4th January should be sent in by Thursday 1st January. Wishing you all a peaceful Christmas, Ali in the office.

BMC: Covenant Service – 4th Jan

On Sunday 4th January, we hold our annual Covenant Service when we renew our relationship with God. The Covenant Service is a very significant service in the life of the church and aims to help us hear God's offer and God's challenge; to provide space for God to prompt and for people to respond. All are welcome.

LOCAL NOTICES

Zink: Christmas donations

Donations to Zink and High Peak Foodbank made via Crowdfunder 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.



THE METHODIST CHURCH NOTICES

Rev Dr Inderjit Bhogal, one of the founders of the Sanctuary movement, has responded to the violent disorder which took place at a council meeting in Kent last week during a debate for Swale Borough to become a District of Sanctuary.

Rev Dr Adrian Burdon, Methodist Presbyter for almost forty years who currently serves as superintendent minister of the Telford circuit, has been appointed Moderator-Designate of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland.

A report of the Connexional Council meeting on 6th December is now available.

Read more at www.methodist.org.uk/about/news/.

For the fourth week of Advent, the President and Vice-President consider the Gift of God With Us. Watch on The Methodist Church vimeo channel.

Weekly notices by 1pm on Thursday please - written or by email to admin@buxtonmethodist.co.uk.

THE METHODIST CHURCH NOTICES *cont'd*

District: Christmas Card Competition

We received a huge number of entries from right across the District for our Christmas Card Competition this year. We were delighted by the creativity, imagination and Christmas spirit shown in all the entries. The winner was William Brennan from St John's Methodist Church, Colne, Lancashire (*pictured*). Read more at nwedmethodists.org.uk/winner-christmas-card-competition/.



Action for Children: Secret Santa

Award-winning actor and Action for Children ambassador, Anna Maxwell Martin, stars in *Santaland*, a powerful new, short Christmas film shining a light on the devastating reality facing 4.5 million children living in poverty in the UK, the highest number since records began. Watch it on the Action for Children YouTube channel. You can become a Secret Santa and help bring Christmas magic to a child. Donations to Action for Children provide the essentials of warm clothes, a hot meal or a Christmas present for a child who wouldn't otherwise get one. Donate at www.actionforchildren.org.uk/support-us/secret-santa-christmas-appeal/.



All We Can: All We Canuary – Jan

Do all the *something* you can in January for *All We Canuary*, the month-long fundraiser for All We Can. Find out more at www.allwecan.org.uk/get-involved/fundraise/all-we-canuary/.



Prayer Handbook 2026/2027 – 16th Jan

Our prayers hold the sorrows and joys of our lives, churches and communities across this world. For 2026/2027, the words Sorrow and Joy are chosen like grid references on a map or compass bearings. We invite you to respond in prayer, as peacemakers and reconcilers to each other and the world – share prayers that recognise and support Methodist people who may need a boost of joy in the Lord, such as Church volunteers and those who minister in diverse and often challenging circumstances. Submit your prayer by Friday 16th January 2026. Find out more at www.methodist.org.uk/faith/methodist-prayer-handbook/.

