



Keswick Methodist Church

I lift up my eyes to the hills.....

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Notices for week commencing 17 December 2017



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Lord Jesus,
as we await your coming,
help us to look for you in the
hoodie on our estate,
the beggar on the street,
the outcasts in our society and
open our hearts
to love others as you do. .

Amen.

(Methodist Church: Advent Prayers)

Sunday 17 December : Advent 3

10.45am Worship led by Rev Joyce Ellis

Preparing for the Coming of the Light

Psalm 27 | Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 | John 1:6-8, 19-28

Coffee and tea will be served after the service.

We'd love you to join us.

3.45pm Hymns at Millfield with Rev Sue Edwards

This Coming Week:

Tuesday 19 December:

8pm Carols at The Farmers Arms in Portinscale

Wednesday 20 December:

7.30pm Singing Group at Holly Bank

Thursday 21 December:

9.30-9.45am Vision21 Time to Pray : where you are

9.30-10am Prayer Group in the Parlour

10-11.30am Jubilate: join us for coffee in the Parlour

2pm Advent Study Group 4 in the hall

Sunday 24 December:

4pm Carol Service led by Rev Sue Edwards followed by mince pies

10pm Carols in the Market Place for Christian Aid

11.30pm Midnight Mass at St John's



Carol Service : Sunday 24 December 4pm

Please note that the service next Sunday will be a Carol Service led by Rev Sue Edwards. For this year it will be at the later time of 4pm and all the collection (envelopes included) will be for **Action for Children**.



The Trussell Trust thefoodbank.org reveals that last December was the busiest month on record for our foodbank network, with 150,000 food supplies given to people in crisis nationally. Over 60,000 of these went to children. This year, foodbanks need your help more than ever and many will be closed between Christmas and New Year. Please help if you can. It's very much appreciated.

Roy Ellis (73340)

Christmas Post Box

The Christmas Post-box for Christmas cards is available in the Parlour. The cards will be sorted and left in alphabetical order today. You'll also be able to collect them at the Carol Service next Sunday afternoon. If you wish to post cards you're invited to make a donation to Action for Children in the collecting tin next to the post-box. We hope you'll find this a helpful way to exchange your Christmas cards.



Joyce Ellis (73340)



Carol Singing in The Farmers Arms, Portinscale : Tuesday 19 December 8pm

This tradition continues this year but (unusually) on a different day - 8pm on Tuesday 19 December. Malcolm Stonestreet will lead proceedings with Gordon Pickering at the piano. Donations and raffle money will be in aid of

Action For Children. Please support this if you can by donating items for the raffle and/or by coming to sing. Raffle donations to Jane or Ted Holt (71278).



Christmas Day : 10am

Please join us at 10am on Christmas Day when Rev Joyce Ellis will lead us in family all age worship. Our collection will again be for **Action for Children.**



Future Dates:

- **Monday 25 December 10am: Christmas Day All Age Worship**
- **Sunday 7 January: Covenant Service** at St John's
- **Sunday 21 January 6pm: Joint Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service** at St John's
- **Monday 22-Friday 26 January 12 noon: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Lunchtime Prayers** at St John's

To all our visitors

- You're very **welcome** to our church today. We hope you enjoy worshipping with us. Please sign our visitors' book and put a pin on the map at the back of the hall. We'd welcome any suggestions you might have to help us improve our hospitality during our redevelopment work.
- **Children** are welcome in our services. Bags and a box of toys and activities are normally available if you need them. If you prefer, you may sit in the Parlour, where you'll still be able to hear the service. Please ask a Steward if you need any help.
- **Hymn Books:** We normally sing from Singing the Faith and most Sundays the words are projected onto the screen. Tune books and hymn books are available if you'd like to use one.
- **Easyfundraising:** Collect free donations for our church every time you shop online! Visit **www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/keswickmethodist**.
- **Loop System:** We have a loop system for those who wear a hearing aid.
- **Website & social media** Please keep in touch with us through our website and our Facebook page. Our website is www.keswickmethodistchurch.org.uk. Please visit us there. You can also find us on Facebook and Twitter. These are good ways to keep up to date on what we're doing.
- **Vision 21** We're looking at how we as a church can move forward in the coming years. Stage 1 has been raising money to redevelop our building to be more usable and easy to maintain. Our builders, Sharp Edge Construction, are now well under way working on Stage 2. You can follow how we're doing by checking on our Facebook page, in the Newsletter and on the website. And you can follow the travels of the I♥KESWICK bag there too.

Notice Sheet: Please email or phone notices for next week through to Anne Hasson on 017687 75818 or by e-mail to annehasson@aol.com by Thursday evening.