



The Methodist Church

Horfield and Bishopston Methodist Churches

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We are part of the Bristol and South Gloucestershire Circuit (www.bsgc.org.uk) a family of churches serving communities across the local area.

Sunday 08 December 2024

WORSHIP DETAILS for 08 December

Horfield at 10:00 conducted by Revd M Slocombe with Holy Communion

Bishopston at 10:30 conducted by S Lovelock with Holy Communion

Lectionary readings. Malachi 3: 1-4, Philippians 1: 3-11, Luke 3: 1-6

OTHER WORSHIP DETAILS for 08 December and the week

You will find an online service of Morning Prayer, from first thing each Monday at www.westburyparkchurch.org.uk/worship-service. This is renewed each week.

Details of broadcast worship from around the country are available through your preferred TV and radio guide.

WORSHIP DETAILS for 15 December

Horfield at 10:00 conducted by E Langley

Bishopston at 10:30 conducted by H Gray

Please send items for the Notices to secretary@horfieldmethodist.org.uk by Tuesday.

(Always allow at least 11 days before the date of the event.)

+++ The Notices for 22nd and 29th December will both be issued on the 22nd so any specific items for the 29th will be required by Tuesday 17th. Thank you. +++

GENERAL NOTICES

Horfield and Bishopston. An important part of our discipleship is to pray for our community and one another. This week you are asked to pray for the following and their families: John Parry, James Pocock, Sue Pollard, Margaret Postlethwaite, Danikka Pratt, Jehlani Pratt, Jamie and Mary Quilala, Kenneth Reid, Miriam Reid.

The Communal Christmas Card Scheme is back at Horfield!

In the UK we send enough Christmas Cards that if we placed them alongside each other they'd cover the world's circumference 500 times. You can help reduce this and save our trees by using the scheme in church. Pin your message to fellow members of church, to the starry sky on the picture board. All materials are provided. Putting one star with a message to all, rather than giving each other individual cards will greatly reduce the number of cards we use.

Community Choir at The New Room. We will be singing carols in a lunchtime service on Wednesday 11th

December, 1-2pm all welcome. There will also be a candlelight service in the evening 6-7pm. Members of Horfield and Bishopston sing with the Community choir and new singers are always welcome at the Wednesday sessions from midday.

More information about the Lunchtime Carols and Carols by Candlelight available at:

<https://www.newroombristol.org.uk/event/christmas-carols-lunchtime-carols-carols-by-candlelight/>

Messy Church on Saturday 14th December

The theme, 'God enters the world' explores what an enormity it really is that God came to join us on earth. Activities to help us explore the theme will include:

Making angel wings
A donkey 'piggyback' race
Making a musical star
Printing some Christmas wrapping paper
Decorating biscuits
Pinning the tail on the donkey And
more!

62nd Horfield Scout Group

Christmas Trees

Saturday 7th & 14th December

9am to 3pm

Horfield Parish Church, Wellington Hill

**Norway Spruce & Nordmann Firs in a
range of sizes with a choice of stands**

See next page for information about the approaching Christmas events



We warmly invite everyone to join us at our special
Christmas events this year at Horfield and Bishopston

Horfield

Crib Service - 24 December, 4pm

A short family service sharing the story of the very first Christmas. Help us to find all the important people in the story and put them into the stable.

Messy Christmas – 14 December, 11am

Our theme is “God enters the world” and through craft and games we will explore what an enormity it really is that God came to join us on earth.

Carols by Candlelight – 22 December, 6pm

Come along and sing some of your favourite carols, and enjoy a hot drink and snack after

Christmas Day - 25 December, 10am

Come and celebrate the birth of Jesus. This service will be led by David and Jenny from our own congregation.

Bishopston

Christmas Carol Singing - 21 December. 10.30am

Everyone is welcome to join us singing Christmas carols on the steps outside the church. Let's make a joyful noise for the shoppers. (Weather permitting)

Carol Service – 22 December, 10.30 am

This morning service will be led by our Minister the Rev. Martin Slocombe with the chance to sing some of your favourite carols.

Christmas Eve – 24 December, 11.30 pm

We will celebrate the coming of Christmas with our Midnight Holy Communion Service.

Christmas Day – 25 December, 10.30 am This service
will be led by the Rev. Dilwyn Edwards.

Seasonal Worship – 29 December, 10.30 am

This service will be led by members of our congregation when we will have a chance to sing carols that sometimes are overlooked.