

	<u>Sunday 2 December 2018</u>	<u>Sunday 9 December 2018</u>
Steward Music	08.30 Holy Communion Roy Cobb, Marie Cotton Jane Wilson	
Stewards Welcome Door Music PA/PC Prayer Min Morn Coffee Holy Comm	10.30 Gift Service Sue Harley, Bruce Anderson Sophie Hickman Sue & Malcolm Cartner Katie Lowe Guy James/Mike Buckle Elgin & Nancy Crewe Vanner Road House Group	10.30 Holy Communion Brenda Edwards, Celia Woodfine Mary Jordan Pam Evans, Shirley Hopkins Peter Hunt Ian Prince/Daphne Groat Tina & Mike Limmer Men & Ladies Friday Bill, Marie, Sophie
Steward Music	16.00 Messy Church Jane Heath Katie Lowe	15.00 Madley Park Sophie Hickman Peter Haskins
Stewards Welcome/Door Organist PA Holy Comm	18.00 United Service at Congregational Church	18.00 Evening Service Roy Cobb Wyn Hunt Keith Crawford David Limmer

'In-Touch: Could all items for the Jan/Feb issue of In-Touch be given to Ruth Lapworth by Sunday 30 December. Thank you. ruthlapworth@hotmail.com

NOTICES TO ANNMARIEPURKISS@YAHOO.COM BY WED 5 DECEMBER

LECTIONARY READINGS NEXT TWO WEEKS:

First Sunday of Advent 2 Dec Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36

Second Sunday of Advent 9 Dec Baruch 5:1-9 or Malachi 3:1-4 Canticle: Benedictus (Luke 1:68-79) Philippians 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6

GO TO WWW.WITNEYMETH.ORG.UK—CLICK ON THE TAB 'CHURCH LIFE', THEN CLICK ON LLECTIONARY READINGS FOR 2018

CONTACT DETAILS

Rev Melanie Reed, 56 Cherry Tree Way, Witney, OX28 1AJ
Tel: 01993 703178 Email: minister@witneymeth.org.uk
Church Office: 40 High Street, Witney, Oxon, OX28 6HG
Tel: 01993 709874

Centre Coordinator: Mrs Mary Willis
email: centremanagerwitneymeth@gmail.com

Finance Administrator: Mr Richard Lock
email: financeadmin@witneymeth.org.uk

PA to Minister: Mrs Ann-Marie Purkiss email: pa/minister@witneymeth.org.uk or annmariepurkiss@yahoo.com

Church Website: www.witneymeth.org.uk
Circuit Website: <http://www.witneyfaringdoncircuit.org.uk>

HIGH STREET METHODIST CHURCH, WITNEY



*We extend a warm
Welcome to you today.
May you be filled with
the grace, peace and
love of our risen
Lord Jesus Christ*

**SUNDAY
2ND DECEMBER '18**

08.30 Holy Communion
Rev Melanie Reed

10.30 Gift Service
Mrs Rachael Prince

16.00 Messy Church—Advent
Rev Richard Donoghue

18.00 United Service at Congregational Church
Rev Dr Jason Boyd

We pray for all those leading worship around our Circuit .
The ministry of prayer is available after the service in the area under the stained glass window. If you are unable to move there, please let a Steward know, so that they can come to you.

A loop system is available for those with hearing aids.
Junior Church is available for children and young people up to 16 years except at All Age Worship

High Street Methodist Church Shoe Box Team have supported Teams4U for the Christmas Shoebox Appeal this year. We would like to thank everyone who gave their time and skills to knit blankets, scarves, hats and mitts and all those who gave donations of money and top up items. Thanks to you we managed to send 1,928 boxes full of love.

The shoe shops are not allowed to store shoeboxes for us to collect anymore so we would be very grateful if you could drop off any unwanted shoeboxes at Church so we can cover them ready for next year. Thank you very much for all your support.
The Shoebox Team.

church diary this week

Mon 3 Dec	13.30 10.30	GARETH JENKINS THANKSGIVING SERVICE , followed by refreshments MONDAY MORNING HOUSE GROUP will meet at the home of Dave & Shirley Richardson, 5 Davenport Road, Witney. Galatians 2. Contact Elgin & Nancy on 01993 866546
Tues 4 Dec	09.45-11.15 10.45 19.30 19.45	GRANDPARENT & TODDLER GROUP NEW YATT ROAD HOUSE GROUP (56) Coffee from 10.15. Contact Ken on 01993 703162. VANNER ROAD HOUSE GROUP (36) Contact Anne on 01993 704121 WITNEY VIEW HOUSE GROUP : 211 Thorney Leys Contact Muriel on 01993 702731
Wed 5 Dec	10.00-12noon 09.30-10.45	CHURCHES TOGETHER COFFEE MORNING SPACE 2B space and quiet with some discussion followed by led quiet prayer, at the home of Brenda Woods, 6 Spring Close. Please arrive from 9.15am. Tea/Coffee afterwards. For details phone Brenda on 700715.
Thurs 6 Dec	09.30 18.30-20.00 19.00	45 MINUTES PRAYER TIME in Susanna Room BOYS BRIGADE Juniors 8.11 YEARS NEWLAND FELLOWSHIP: Rev Charles Harris
Frid 7 Dec	09.00 09.45-11.00	MAN FRIDAY WESLEY BABY & TODDLER GROUP
Sat 8 Dec	09.30-12 noon 10.30	CHARITY COFFEE BAR: BOYS BRIGADE CTIW CAROL SINGING starting at Congregational Church. A great opportunity to sing and share our favourite carols with the community. Percussion instruments for little ones so do bring them too. Hope to see you there!
Sun 9 Dec	10.30 16.00 18.00	HOLY COMMUNION: Rev Melanie Reed MADLEY PARK SERVICE: Mr Peter Haskins EVENING SERVICE: Mrs Stella Bristow



A CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE FROM THE KARIBUNI CHILDREN CHARITY. Donations made between 30 Nov and 17 Dec will be doubled by pledges already made. This is an opportunity to spread our Christmas giving to help children in the slums in Kibra, Nairobi. For more information please see Jane Heath or Tom & Margaret Jones, or the leaflet on the coffee bar notice board. Donations can be marked as Karibuni and put in the collection plate or given to Richard Lock in the office.

BARBARA PARTLETT thanks you for your kind wishes and get well cards whilst she was at home recovering from her recent operation.

FRIDAY 7 DEC AT 7.30 PM IN THE WORSHIP AREA: WITNEY MUSIC SOCIETY presents a concert of music for trumpet and piano, given by Matilda Lloyd and Leo Nicholson, piano. Music by a wide range of classical composers. Matilda is a Making Music Young Artists award winner, a former principal trumpet in the European Youth Orchestra and winner of the BBC Young Musician of the Year brass section. Tickets for non-members £12 (under 19 £1), in advance from Rapture (Woolgate), Greenway Antiques (Corn St.), or from 7 pm at the door on the night. All are welcome.

INVITATION TO A MIRACLE you are warmly invited to the Christmas Concert of the Witney Inter Church Singers to be held at the Congregational Church on Saturday 8 December at 7.30pm and Sunday 9 December at 6.30pm. This will be a lively occasion featuring music old and new including *Invitation to a Miracle by Joseph M Martin*. Even the newest music contains hidden melodies from many sources which will keep the audience's ears wide open. Tickets are £7.50 available from St Andrew's Bookshop or from choir members. Many people from our church are in the choir (Guy James is the conductor) and would be very pleased to see you there.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WITNEY invite you to an **ADVENT QUIET DAY** on **Thursday 13 December 2018** at the Congregational Church, Welch Way, Witney from 10.00 am - 4.00pm. Coffee will be served from 9.45 am. Please bring a packed lunch, a notebook and a Bible: drinks will be provided. Donations towards expenses will be appreciated. For more information and/or to book please contact the Revd Joy Hance on 01993 707935 or email: joy@witneyparish.org.uk by Sunday 9 December.

BAMPTON METHODIST CHURCH 6pm 16 December Carols by Candlelight with Children from Bampton School

LONG HANBOROUGH CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL Friday 14 Dec 10am-4pm, Saturday 15 Dec 12noon-5pm, Sunday 16 Dec 2pm-5pm. Christmas trees on display by local organisations. Refreshments each day and soup on Saturday lunchtime. Donations to the MS society

CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARDS: Mike Limmer is again selling Christmas cards on behalf of Starfish Asia, Barnabas Fund and Support for Romania. Packs of 3 cards cost £1 and cards are available at 35p each. They can be obtained either from St Andrews Bookshop or directly from Mike. All profits will be shared between the 3 charities.

CHRISTMAS QUIZ (in aid of the organ fund) This year's Christmas Quiz sheet is now available from Val Donoghue. Entry £2. Closing date Christmas Eve. The price will be a Christmas treat. Completed quiz sheets can be placed in the box at the back of the church.