

MISSION STATEMENT

“We are here to worship God as disciples of Jesus; to welcome, love and serve the community, and to share our faith in God”.

TODAY'S SERVICES - FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

10.30am Revd Garry Wareham – including Communion

During the lighting of the candle for the first week in Advent, the following prayer will be offered and the response (in bold) shared; the words of the first verse of Longing for Light (Christ be our Light) will also be sung.

Jesus Christ, we seek you through our Advent journey. Fill the darkness of our world with your light and fill the emptiness of our hearts with your love. Make your home among us and make us a people of hospitality.

Jesus Christ, we wait for you. Jesus Christ, we welcome you.

6.00pm Churches Together in Winsford
Joint Advent Service at St Chad's

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE

NATIVITY AND GIFT SERVICE – See note

10.30am Mrs Simone Burrows – with the Rainbows, Brownies, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

NATIVITY AND GIFT SERVICE – 8 DECEMBER

Our Nativity and Gift service will be next Sunday; gifts for children including selection boxes, gifts for young people who are spending their first Christmas in their own home, and toiletries for the women's refuge will be appreciated. They will be passed to the Salvation Army for distribution. Donations of food would be very welcome as it would seem local supermarkets are collecting for the Mid Cheshire Food Bank and not the Salvation Army. Thank you.

DECEMBER OVERVIEW

Please note that the joint December 2019/January 2020 edition of Overview is available today.

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, OVER

Sunday 1 December, 2019

Mon	6.30pm	Scouts
Tue	1.30pm	Adult Institute
	6.00pm	Cubs
	7.15pm	Elders' Meeting
Wed	10.00am	Advent Prayer Group – See note
	1.00pm	Lunch Group – See note
	6.15pm	Beavers
Thur	12.15pm	Advent Lunch – See note
	5.15pm	Rainbows
	6.15pm	Brownies
Fri	7.30pm	Over Players
Sat	9.00am	Fire Marshall Training – See note

FAMILY NEWS

Please keep in your prayers all those who are sick, lonely, bereaved, depressed or who have personal or family problems.

PRAYER TOPIC

Please pray for Simone, and the leaders and members of our Uniformed Organisations as they prepare for next week's Nativity and Gift Service.

PRAYER TREE

At the front of church in the right-hand corner we have our Prayer Tree and a box of leaves. Leaves are also available in the vestibule. If there is someone you want to bring before God in prayer, write their name or a few words on a leaf and hang it on one of the branches of the Prayer Tree before, during or after the service. The leaf will remain in place here in God's house for several weeks.

ADVENT FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Most disappointingly, there was insufficient interest in running an Advent Fellowship Group. As a compromise, this Wednesday and on 11 December we will be meeting in the Lecture Room for a time of prayer which will include worship and scripture, and maybe some interactive elements. We will pray for our church and also our nation as we go to the polls. The plan is to

meet for refreshments and fellowship at 10.00am and then have a period of prayer. Please do come along – you might get more out of it than you could possibly imagine!

FIRE MARSHALL TRAINING

In order to comply with current legislation, we have to identify members of the church congregation who would act as Fire Marshalls in the event of a fire during a morning service. A Fire Marshall Training session has been arranged for Saturday 7 December, between 9.00 and 11.30am. All of the Elders will be attending the training, but it is hoped that others in the congregation will be prepared to attend the session in order to give the Duty Elder back-up, should there be an outbreak of fire. Please let Ros or any of the Elders know if you are willing to be involved in this training. Many thanks.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Items on the Choir and the Elders stalls that were not sold at the Christmas Fair were donated to the Salvation Army. We have received grateful thanks for the toiletries and the groceries; they were very much appreciated.

CHRISTMAS CHARITIES

At the November Church Meeting, it was agreed that the open plate collections from the Nativity and Gift Service, the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services would be sent to Water Aid.

LUNCH GROUP

We meet again at The Lounge on Wednesday 4 December at the earlier time of 1 o'clock. Please tell Ann if you wish a festive meal - £17.50 for 2 courses and £22.50 for three courses. All welcome.

CHURCHES TOGETHER ADVENT LUNCH

Churches Together Advent lunch will be held on Thursday 5 December at St Andrew's from 12:15pm. Simone will be leading a short time of worship followed by lunch.

The Church has an induction loop system designed to help those who wear hearing aids. Simply set your hearing aid to the 'T' or telephone setting for clearer sound.