

Prayers for the Community

On the 22nd of December: For the Vale Road Surgery.

For continued prayer: Bunty, Chris J, David, Heidi, Ros, Janine and Alan, William and Miranda

In memoriam on the 22nd December: Joan Wood, Joan Curd, Herbert Slade, Sylvia Carter, Peter Lumb Kate Perrot, David Pritchard, Kathleen Glindon, Lily Drury, Pam White, Clara Miles, Fred Minns, Edith Bungard, Br Tristram SSF, Win Heald, Jean Legg.

In memoriam on the 29th December: Stan Wood, Muriel Goldstraw, Peter Grimwade, John Charman, Derek Coombes.

Community prayers are being updated. Please let Martin or Sally know about people to list and keep listed in prayers for the community.

Christ's Love

'May Christ live in you as you open the door and invite him in ... Take in with all followers of Jesus the extravagant dimensions of Christ's love. Reach out and experience the breadth! Test its length! Plumb the depths! Rise to the heights! Live full lives, full in the fullness of God.' **EPHESIANS 3:17-19 (The Message Bible)**

Lord Jesus, You came down from the glories of heaven; divinely conceived within the womb of the Virgin Mary and born as our Redeemer and King. With joyful praise on this special day, we humbly offer ourselves to continue following and serving You all our days. Through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Father, as many families gather, may Your love flow through their celebrations and enrich their relationships. Please comfort those who are alone and grant reconciliation for any who feel estranged, misunderstood and distressed. In Your mercy. Amen.

Almighty God, lover of the weak, poor and helpless, we ask you to kindle in your church an increasing desire to share the gospel's saving message and compassion across the world. Please bless every evangelistic ministry, especially to unreached people, and draw many into Your kingdom. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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Sunday 22nd December 2024. 4th Sunday of Advent

10.00am Family Communion

Readings: Hebrews 10.5-10 & Luke 1.39-45

6.00pm Blue Christmas Service

CHRISTMAS EVE Tuesday 24th December 2024

4.00 p.m. Carols and Nativity.

11.30 p.m. Midnight Christmas Communion

Readings: Hebrews 1.1-4 & John 1.1-14

CHRISTMAS DAY

10.00 a.m. Christmas Celebration Family Communion Service.

Readings: Titus 2.11-14 & Luke 2.1-14

Sunday 29th December 2024

10.00 a.m. New Year Communion Service

Readings: Colossians 3.12-17 & Luke 2.41-end

For the Diary

Sunday 22nd December

10.00am Family Communion Service

6.00pm Blue Christmas Service

Christmas Eve Tuesday 24th

9.30 -10.30am Food Larder

4.00pm Christmas Carols and Nativity Play.

11.30pm Christmas Midnight Service.

Christmas Day

10.00am Christmas Family Communion.

Sunday 29th December

10.00am New Year Communion Service.

Tuesday 31st December 2024

9.30 - 10.30am Food Larder

Thursday 2nd January 2025

8.30am Morning Prayers

12.00 - 1.00pm Food Larder

Sunday 5th January

8.30am Said Communion Service.

10.00am. Café Church

Please see the website for links for online streaming:

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Birthdays

Week beginning 22nd December:
Doreen Kingshott, Maegan Cecil,
and of course our Lord Jesus Christ.

Week beginning 29th December:
Helen Peters



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Good News of Great Joy

“Do not be afraid”, the angel proclaimed, “I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord.”

Joy - a profound delight which is much deeper than mere happiness – is at the heart of the angel's message. Because the Saviour's birth is for all people, this joy isn't exclusive; it's for everyone, everywhere, without exception.

At a time which features the giving and receiving of presents, we all receive the ultimate present...the greatest gift of all time - God himself coming into the world. The present of His presence is for us all.

Best wishes for a happy and blessed Christmas. May we all know more of the good news of great joy. Martin

Christmas Present Appeal

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Christmas present appeal and the donations that made the presents possible.

The presents were very warmly and gratefully received when they were given out on Tuesday and Thursday.



2025

As we go into the 2025 New Year there will be a New Year Communion service on the 29th of December which will include a **New Year Covenant Prayers.**