



PEASEDOWN ST JOHN METHODIST CHURCH

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Notices for Sunday 29th November 2020

10:30am Online Worship
Led by Rev David Winstanley

Sunday 6th December 2020

10:30am Morning Worship
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Back to Church

From Sunday 6th December we are allowed to meet together for worship, albeit keeping social distance and with only the band allowed to sing. It will be lovely to meet together to praise and worship our coming and present Lord once again.

We will operate two groups as before, therefore, if your surname starts with A - L then you can definitely come on 6th & 20th December and M - Z can come on 13th & 27th December. David will be preaching and there will be communion on 6th & 13th December. We will have chairs and a TV screen in the schoolroom and you will be very welcome to come even if it is not 'your' week. However, in that case, we ask that you do not arrive before 10:25am and we cannot guarantee that you will be able to sit in the Church itself.

Advent

Hopefully you will all have received a candle for Advent this week (if not, let Jill know). This comes with love from all the Church family to remind you of God's promise at Christmas - **Jesus, the light of the world, shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.** Some ideas for you:

- You could decorate it and its candle holder or make it into a decoration (Why not send David a picture to share what you have done?)
- Light it each day at dinner time and give thanks to God
- Use it as you pray each day that God's light will shine in the dark places – Ask God to show you how you can be light in the world around you
- Ask Him to make you a blessing and light to others, either in your actions or through your giving (we usually collect items for Julian House before Christmas but this year they have asked for money to buy what they need and, hopefully, we will use our collection on Christmas Day for Action for Children)

Christmas Services

Sunday 13th December Village Carol Service CANCELLED, but watch this space for other exciting plans!

Christmas Eve 4:30pm Family Christingle service

Please let Julie know if you are able to come so we can ensure that we safely accommodate everyone within distancing guidelines and Julie can make sure there are enough Christingles for everyone!

Christmas Eve 11:30 Midnight communion

Christmas Day

We will probably have 2 short services at 10:30am and 11:30am. Everyone and all ages are welcome. In order to plan for social distancing, the stewards will contact you in a few weeks to ask which service you would like to come to.

A Nativity Journey – Every evening from 1st – 24th December, 5pm

Every evening from 1st - 24th December at 5pm there will be a new video on the Children and Family Worker Facebook page including a look at the nativity story and a song. You can also join in with a set of stickers to create a nativity scene and each evening we will add one sticker. Let Julie know if you would like the stickers. After the video has been broadcast it will continue to be available on the C&FW Facebook page and the Church Website.

Messy Christmas At Home – Friday 18th December, 4pm

Join in the live video broadcast on the Children and Family Worker Facebook page on Friday 18th December at 4pm so we can take part together and comment on how it's going! A box containing everything you will need can be collected from the Church on **Thursday 17th December from 2:45pm – 3:45pm.**

Unlikely Heroes Christmas – Saturday 19th December – Monday 4th January

The "Unlikely Heroes" (A local group of Children and Family Workers) have produced a Christmas session with games, crafts and songs. Register at <https://unlikely-heroes-christmas.eventbrite.co.uk/> before December 11th December and you will be delivered a pack with the things you need for the activities, along with a couple of yummy Christmas treats.

Christmas Carol Trail Bath – From Saturday 5th December

This year we taking part in this fun event which takes place from the 5th December until the end of the month. Churches of Bath and the surrounding area have decorated their buildings and grounds with scenes depicting favourite Christmas carols. Visit the churches on the map and work out which carol they have displayed, then scan the QR Code at each location to listen to the carol and sing along!
For further information please visit <https://bathcaroltrail.wordpress.com/>

SWALLOW Christmas Hampers - Available to order

The team at the SWALLOW Community Café have been working very hard making a selection of items which will be packaged up in hampers to make lovely Christmas presents. A standard hamper containing 5 items costs £15 and a luxury hamper containing 7 items costs £25. Both come in a wicker basket wrapped in cellophane. Please see the accompanying poster and form for more details. Please contact Ian or Jill Souter if you would like to order.

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes

A huge thank you for all your generous donations – to date Karen has received 23 shoeboxes, plus we know some of you have filled virtual boxes and donated online. It is heart-warming to know that in a year when some of the poorest communities in the world have been hit hard by the impact of Covid this year's shoeboxes will be even more treasured by children who know they are loved by people far away. Our shoeboxes will begin their long journeys in the next week or so.

Action for Children

If anyone has an Action for Children collecting box they would like emptied or would like to make their annual donation, then please contact Karen who will be happy to collect boxes.

Julian House Homeless Services

Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions Julian House are unable to receive any donations of goods this Christmas. However, they do have an emergency appeal fund and donations can be made online, passed to Karen or handed into the Meeting Place. The charity would also welcome supermarket gift vouchers or gift cards which they will use to purchase items for the hostel or for individual clients. Julian House are also offering a selection of virtual festive workshops for a donation and details are on their website <https://www.julianhouse.org.uk/>

Easy Fundraising

Christmas is coming and many of us will be doing our shopping online this year. If you shop using easyfundraising then the Church will get donations for FREE! There are over 4,000 shops and sites signed up, so you can raise money for us no matter what you're buying. To make it even easier, you can download a reminder bar which then notifies you if a site you're shopping on qualifies for a donation.

Please remember to use easyfundraising every time you shop online! It's easy, free and you can get started at https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/peasedownmethodist/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=en-n2

Terracycle Collection – 5th December, 10am – 11:30am

Clear your house before Christmas! There will be a collection on Saturday 5th December from 10am – 11:30am in the Church car park of items containing plastic that you can't recycle in the kerbside collection. Items we can accept are crisp packets, snack packets, confectionery wrappers, biscuit wrappers, used pens and felt-tips, bread wrappers, oral health items, pet food pouches, but please note we can't accept other wrappers. We can also inkjet cartridges for Climate Stewards and spectacles for The Lions Clubs. If you can't make it at that time then please let Ian Souter have them in the week before.

Hill House 2021

Unfortunately we feel that it would not be wise to go to Hill House for our Church weekend away next year, but we will try to arrange at least a Church day out in the summer. We will rebook with Hill House for 2022, around the 8th - 10th July – put it in your diaries!!

Somer Valley Foodbank

Somer Valley Foodbank would like to thank all of you who continue to contribute, your donations can still be received at The Meeting Place. The foodbank and the Trussell Trust use many different distribution centres, and it is their responsibility to maintain safety in them while they are open. They are reminding all centres that, during the present Covid 19 emergency, only staff should enter the premises while they are open, and if anyone other than clients need to enter the premises, they must check-in using the Foodbank QR code (not the church one). This enables Check & Trace if needed.

If you would like to donate items, there is a collection point at the Meeting Place. The current list of items required is: Biscuits, Brown Sauce, Chocolates, Corned beef, Custard, Instant mash, Jam, Ketchup, Macaroni cheese, Meat soup, Milk powder, Potatoes (tinned), Sponge puddings and other puddings, Savoury snacks, Spaghetti (tinned), Sweets, Sweet snacks, Toothbrushes (adults & children's), Toothpaste (children's) and Household multi-purpose cleaner.

Spare TV?

We need a TV screen to use in the schoolroom on Sunday mornings for anyone not able to sit in the Church. If anyone a spare, large TV which is less than 5 years old they would be willing to let us have, it would be gratefully received. Please talk to Andrew if you can help.

December Birthdays

5th Tim Smith, 8th Ray Pallister, 9th Gethin Williams
15th Rowen Brown & Christine Pulsford
20th Niki de Silva, 21st Jackie Cross, 23rd Pat Skibinski
24th Audrey Bainton, 25th Kaye Edgell & Nick Martin
26th Madoc Williams, 27th Charis Prouse
29th James Fee & Lucy Day

December Anniversaries

4th Rowen & Clara Brown

Diary Dates

Sunday 29th November

10:30 Sunday Worship live on Facebook

Sunday 6th December

10:30 Sunday Worship at Church and live on Facebook

Wednesday 2nd December

09:00 Seeds "Grab and Go Bag"
10:00 Church open for private prayer

Wednesday 9th December

10:00 Church open for private prayer

Friday 4th December

12:00 Foodbank

Friday 11th December

12:00 Foodbank

Saturday 5th December

10:00 Terracycle Collection

Next Notices

Please let Nick have anything for the next notices by **Thursday 10th December**.