



ST JOHN'S NEWS AND VIEWS

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Worship



Online services and reflections via our Facebook page and on YouTube.

Our preachers and services in church for the next few weeks will be as follows:

3rd December 10.30 am Revd. Kerry Tankard
(Chair of the Yorkshire West District)
Church Anniversary

10th December 10.30 am Liz Whitfield

17th December 10.30 am Revd, Roger Fox
Holy Communion

24th December 10.30 am Wendy Holt
6.30 pm Revd. Tim Broughton
Candlelit Carol Service

31st December 10.30 am Worship Group
Café-style Service

Soupacarol

Do come along at 7.00 pm on Monday 11th December for carols, Christmas readings and poems and soup. Please invite family, friends and neighbours.

Carol Singing at Limestone View

You are invited to join residents of Limestone View at 6.30 pm on Wednesday 20th December for carols and mince pies, in the atrium.

New Year's Eve

Our morning service, led by the Worship Group, will be a relaxed, café-style service suitable for all ages. There will be no '5th Sunday' lunch.

Coffee Pot



Do join us at Coffee Pot on Wednesdays from 10.30 am – 12.0 noon – and bring your friends. We will not be closing over the Christmas period.

Coffee Pot on 6th December will be held in conjunction with Dementia Forward. You are invited to share a mince pie and a special memory

over a cup of coffee, with live music and Christmas crafts.

Stamps for the RNIB.

With additional post likely as Christmas approaches, please do save your stamps as Angela collects them on behalf of the RNIB.

"I have a relative whose niece is partially sighted and Aggie will eventually become blind. The stamps collected at St John's are sent off on behalf of Aggie and she gets a little reward for each batch received." A very easy fundraising scheme for a child with additional needs to be part of.

There is a box at the end of the corridor for all your used stamps together with other boxes for recycling jewellery, batteries and ink cartridges.

Bible Book Club

Our next meeting will be held after Coffee Pot (at 12.0 noon) on Wednesday 13th December, when we will be looking at Isaiah 1-39. As usual, this will be led by Revd. Tim Broughton; background notes can be found on the hymn book cupboard.

Bible Study / Fellowship Group

This group will not be meeting in December as we will be holding our annual Christmas Evening at Limestone View on 20th December. Our next meeting will therefore be on Wednesday 17th January.



Prayer Meeting

The next monthly gathering of united prayer for all our churches in Settle and

District will be held at 12.00 noon on Tuesday 5th December, at SS Mary and Michael Catholic Church.

Walk and Prayers for the Environment

1st December 1.45 – 5.00 pm. For more details of this month's walk, please contact Judith Allinson.

Carol Singing in the Market Place

You are invited to join members of other churches for carol singing in front of the old NatWest Bank from 10.0 – 11.30 am on Tuesdays 12th and 19th December.

Facebook

Churches Together now have a Facebook page: www.Facebook.com/CTiSaD.



COP28

Delegates from across the world will be gathering in the UAE for COP28 - the UN climate summit.

How can you take action?

Pray: ask God to guide the delegates at the summit so that they may be bold and united in their efforts to halt the decline in the health of our planet.

March: you can join the march in central London for the Global Day of Action on 9 December. More realistically for most of us, take a walk around Settle on that day and join with them in spirit, giving thanks for the good things that God has blessed us with here.

Speak Up: Tell our MP you want to see nature prioritised at the next election. Let him know that it is a high priority issue for us and our votes depend on it.

On a more practical note, we are making headway in finding a means of recycling our medicine blister packs. We hope to have more good news on this front in the near future. In the meantime, save your packs in the house. Help is hopefully at hand!

Dates for your diary

11th December 7.00 pm Soupacarol
20th December 6.30 pm Carols at Limestone View
24th December 6.30 pm Carol Service
25th December 10.00 am Christmas Day Service
31st December 10.30 am Café-style Service

Knitted Community Christmas Tree

Over the past year local residents of Settle have contributed to our Christmas Tree by knitting squares in festive colours. The tree is the idea of Dementia Forward, our North Yorkshire Dementia Charity. Come and take a look at this wonderful tree and, if you wish to give a donation to Dementia Forward, please pass this on to a church steward. You can see the tree by supporting the Charity Coffee Pot on 6th December 2023 in aid of Dementia Forward.



Topics for Prayer



Please pray for all those for whom this Christmas will be a difficult time: those who have been bereaved during the past year; those who live alone; those affected by the cost of living crisis; those who come from broken homes or who are living in families where there is conflict.

Newsletter

This will be the last regular Church newsletter. It will be replaced by a Circuit newsletter, which will include news from other churches as well as our own. If you have any news / articles / information that you would like to share, please send it to Lucy, our new Circuit Administrator and Finance Officer, at settlemethodistcircuit@outlook.com.