## THIS WEEK, beginning Monday 25th December 2023

Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Christmas Day Family Service Wesley's CLOSED Wesley's CLOSED		
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>				
	10.00am – 2.00pm	Wesley's will (hopefully!) be OPEN (See notice)		
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup>		Wesley's CLOSED		
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am	Morning worship led by Maddy Stonehewer & dismantling of Christmas Tree Festival		

#### Prayer of the Week

Loving God,

whose Son, Jesus Christ, became fully human and shared our life, we pray for all people who find this Christmas season difficult, especially those who are bereaved, lonely or anxious. May they know your comfort and peace. Amen

## Hymns and Readings for this morning's service

165 v1-4	Lighting of the Advent Candles
330	Joy to the world
793	Canticle – Magnificat
187	The Angel Gabriel from heaven came
193	Born in the night
186	Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Readings	Isaiah 9: 2 – 7 (OT page 665)

Luke 1: 26 - 38 (NT page 60)

## Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December

After next Sunday's service, the Christmas Tree Festival will be dismantled. As in previous years, Keith and/or Emily Hampton will direct operations but any help would be greatly appreciated.

## **Christmas Cards**

There are lots of cards in the pigeonholes, so please ensure that you check them.



The collection for the Lessons and Carols service last Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December, amounted to £108.00 for the Christmas Tree Festival.

### Wesley's next week

We are hoping to be open Wednesday to Friday next week but at the moment have no volunteers for the 12.00 until 2.00 slots which means that we may have to close at 12.00 on those days. Please could you check your diaries and see if you are able to help. Many thanks. Sarah & Lee.

#### **Poppy Appeal**

We have had a thank you from the local British Legion for our participation in the annual poppy appeal. The box we had in Wesley's raised £119.93.

## Wesleyan wanderers

The January walk with the Wesleyan Wanderers is on the noticeboard. The walk is at Sheepleas on 4<sup>th</sup> January. Please see the poster for contact details of the organiser should you wish to go along.

#### **Flower Rota**

Julia is about to do the Flower Rota for 2024. Please will you contact her on <u>juliamorton@virginmedia.com</u> if you wish to sponsor the flowers for a specific Sunday, even if it is the same as last year, and she will do her best to accommodate you (you can always share).



The lovely flowers on the windowsills have been arranged by Doreen Downey and Pam Bugeya.



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# Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2023

10.30am	Morning worship led by Revd Dr Karl Rutlidge
5.00pm	Christingle service led by Mrs Julia Morton
8.00pm	Christmas Eve Communion led by Revd Dr Karl Rutlidge

# WELCOME

It is good to have you with us today, sharing in our Worship. If you are a visitor, new to the area, or just beginning to attend this Church, we hope you will feel at home, and that you will come again.

Tea or coffee is served in the Welcome Area (Wesley's) after Morning Worship. Please stay so that we can get to know one another.

So that we may keep in touch, please fill in your details on the Welcome card in the church chairs.

Large print hymn books and Korean-English Bibles are available:

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