

THIS WEEK, beginning Monday 4th December 2023

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| Tuesday | 10.30am – 11.30am | Tai Chi Taster class with Lee in the Lower Hall |
| Thursday | 2.00pm | Creative Arts |
| Friday | 10.00am – 2.00pm | Tree decorating |
| | 2.00pm | Board Games |
| | 6.00pm – 7.00pm | Tree decorating |
| | 6.00pm | Wesley's Volunteer Party |
| Saturday | 10.00am – 12.00pm | Wesley's – NMMC Boiler Fund Cakes and help needed please 😊 |
| | 10.00am- 4.00pm | Christmas Tree Festival |
| | 10.15am – 11.45am | Rehearsal for Lessons & Carols |
| Monday – Friday | 10am – 2pm | Christmas Tree Festival |
| Sunday 10 th | 10.30am | Morning Worship led by Sally Rush |

Prayer of the Week

God of all goodness, help us to be mindful of those who find the run-up to Christmas difficult, particularly those who have recently lost loved ones and those who will reluctantly spend this season alone.

May we show care and compassion, and so put the love of God we celebrate in Advent into practice.

In the name of Jesus, who is Love in human form. Amen

Hymns and Readings for this morning's service

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| 165 v 1 | Lighting of the Advent Candle |
| 180 | O come, O com, Immanuel |
| 795 | Saviour of the World (Canticle) |
| 169 | Come, thou long-expected Jesus |
| 172 | Hills of the north, rejoice |
| 586 | Here is bread, here is wine |
| 177 | Lo! He comes with clouds |

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| Readings: | Isaiah 64: 1-9 |
| | Mark 13: 24-37 |



This morning's flowers have been kindly donated and arranged by Julia Morton.

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The loose collection for Sunday 26th November amounted to £44.00

Christmas Fair

A huge thank you to anyone who helped in any way to make the fair such a resounding success, whether it was shifting furniture, donating, baking, serving, buying, clearing up and anything and everything else. We provided a warm and welcoming place to the very many people who came in and raised a magnificent £2726.60 for the Boiler Fund, more than double what we made last year. It was a great team effort so well done team!! Please see the December/January Spotlight for some pictures.

Christmas Tree Festival

This year's festival starts on Saturday 9th December. We would very much appreciate help with stewarding the fair on the following dates Saturdays:

9th 10am – 4pm

16th 12 noon – 4pm

(the festival will be open from 10am but there will be a rehearsal for Lessons & Carols in the church so stewarding will not be necessary for that time)

23rd 10am – 1pm

The stewarding is not very onerous, really just providing a presence in the church which will be warm and very pretty. There is a sign-up sheet for stewarding on the noticeboard so please sign up if you are able to help out.



Speirs House

We shall be singing carols at Speirs House, Traps Lane, on Wednesday 6th December 2-3pm with tea to follow, and also on Wednesday 20th December when mince pies have been promised! Do come along to swell the ranks at either or both of these occasions. We will be very much appreciated. Please let Alison know if you would like a lift from the Church at 1.45 on either day. Parking is very limited on the site.

Carol Singing

There will be two opportunities for you to sing carols at NMMC this year: one in our Lessons and Carols morning service on 17th December and the other, outside the church on 23rd December when we sing carols and

Christmas songs to the community of New Malden to raise money for charity.

There will be an enlarged singing group to lead the carols and to contribute some choral items on 17th and we are hoping this will be drawn very widely from the congregation and beyond, including some who have not joined us before. The items will be easy to pick up and all you'll need is enthusiasm and be able to sing more or less in tune! Please let Peter know if you would like to come along p.f.bullett@blueyonder.co.uk 020 8942 0666.



Rehearsals for the Lessons and Carols will take place on two Saturday mornings:
Saturday 9th December 10.15 – 11.45 in the Choir Vestry
Saturday 16th December 10.15 – 11.45 in the Church

There will be no rehearsal for 23rd, just turn up about 10:50 am (or earlier if you would like a sustaining cup of coffee etc.) and we will sing for about three quarters of an hour from 11 o'clock until we (or those walking by) have had enough! We also need collectors if you prefer not to sing.

Peter Bullett

Kingston Lent Course

You are invited to join us for the KMC Advent Course for 2023, which is based on the excellent book 'Journey to the Manger' by Paula Gooder, and looks at some of the characters we sometimes overlook in the Christmas Story.

We will be meeting on Wednesdays in the Harwood Room, with refreshments from 7pm and the sessions from 7.30pm to 9pm.

Week 3 - 6th December - Herod and the Magi

Week 4 - 13th December - Simeon and Anna

Each study is a standalone session, so don't worry that you have missed the first couple. There will also be catch-up videos on YouTube [1] available the day after we meet in person.

See you there! Karl



Sunday 3rd December 2023

Gift Service & Holy 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:

한영성경을 사용하고 싶으시면 안내하시는 분에게 이야기해 주세요.

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