



Peasedown St John Methodist Church



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Sunday 26th November

10:30am Morning Worship led by Rev David Winstanley

10:30am The Harbour

Sunday 3rd December

10:30am Morning Worship led by Rev David Winstanley

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Welcome

We offer you a warm welcome to worship. If you are new to the church or visiting, please feel free to join us for a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit after the service.

Christmas Fayre – Saturday 2nd December, 11:30am – 1:30pm

Come along and bring your friends & family to find a bargain and share some Christmas cheer! There will be various stalls, coffee & mince pies and from midday we will be serving soup & roll lunches.

We need items to sell and volunteers to help set up. Please see Niki or Nick if you are able to help. We would be grateful for donations of:

Cakes – Who doesn't like cake? Donations should be brought along on the morning of the fayre from 9:30am

Raffle Prizes – Only new items please, these can be donated beforehand or be brought along on the morning

Books – Fact, fiction, children's, whatever you have that you no longer need or read may be treasured by someone else

Tombola – We would like bottles this year, bubble bath, shampoo, soft drinks, ketchup, anything in a bottle!

Bric-a-brac – Caroline has quite a collection of items, but there's always room for something you no longer need!

Christmas Dates & Events

Saturday 2nd December, 11:30am – Christmas Fayre

Friday 8th December, 3.30pm – Messy Christmas

Come and make a nativity scene. Bring a nativity costume to wear to help tell the Christmas story. We will also have some costumes in case you do not have one to bring. No booking required.

Sunday 10th December, 2:30pm – Village Carol Service – Peasedown Primary School

Come and join the Radstock and MSN Silver Band and children from the school for our annual village carol service, followed by tea, coffee and mince pies. If you are able to provide mince pies, then please see Linda.

Saturday 16th December, 7:30pm – Mendip Male Voice Choir – St John's Church

Tickets cost £10 and are available online at <https://stjsgroup.churchsuite.com/events/82in3zfa>. Anna has some paper tickets for those who don't have internet access. Anna is also looking for volunteers to provide mince pies.

Sunday 17th December, 10:30am – Family Carols, including The Harbour Nativity Play

Sunday 17th December, 6pm – Carols by Candlelight

Christmas Eve, 4:30pm – Crib and Christingle Service

Come along and take part in telling the nativity story and make a Christingle. You are welcome to bring your own nativity costume.

Christmas Eve, 11:30pm – Midnight Communion

Christmas Day, 10:30am – Christmas Day Celebration

Advent Appeals

Bags of Joy for Rwanda

Annie Trembling from Southdown Methodist Church will be going to Rwanda in the spring to work with a Methodist Church there. Instead of the traditional shoebox collection, we thought it would be a nice idea to provide small fabric bags filled with gifts for the children there. If you would like to include a knitted heart in your bag, Karen has knitting patterns. Also, if anyone can make fabric bags, then please see Karen, as she has patterns for those too! If you are unable to make a cloth bag there will be bags available for you to take and fill. Filled bags can be brought to church during the Advent period. These items can be put in the bags: **small toys for boy/girl, pencils and colouring pencils, sharpeners, erasers, notebooks, small colouring books, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, flannel.**

Julian House

As in previous years we will be accepting items for our local charity supporting homeless men and women. There will be a list of much needed items and a collecting basket in the vestibule.

Action for Children

We will again be supporting this charity by having a giant Christmas Card on which greetings can be sent to the church family in place of individual cards and a donation made to Action for Children.

Green Prayer from A Rocha UK

As world leaders come together to tackle the climate crisis at COP28, pray for courageous leadership and renewed collaboration. Pray for bold commitments and new financial ones that will fast track a just transition to a greener future for all.

Green Tip from A Rocha UK

Have yourself a Greener Christmas. What ways can you make sure your Christmas is both a celebration of Christ's coming and better for His creation? Check out A Rocha UK's twelve tips for a greener Christmas:

<https://arocha.org.uk/our-twelve-tips-for-a-greener-christmas/>

Care for our Congregation

Valerie would like to express her thanks for all your love and prayers during her recent illness.

Several of our congregation are unable to attend services at present due to falls and illness. Please hold them in your prayers for a speedy recovery and, if you able to, keep in contact so they know that they are not forgotten.

Movie Night – Thank You

Thank you to everyone who came along to the movie night, your generous donations amounted to **£167** (after expenses) which will help support the work of Julie, our Children & Family Worker.

December Birthdays

5th Tim Smith, 15th Christine Pulsford, 20th Niki de Silva, 21st Jackie Cross, 23rd Pat Skibinski, 24th Audrey Bainton
25th Kaye Edgell & Nick Martin, 29th James Fee & Lucy Day

Next Services

Date	26 th Nov, 10:30am	3 rd Dec, 10:30am	10 th Dec, 10:30am	17 th Dec, 10:30am
Notes		Advent 1	Advent 2 Holy Communion	Advent 3
Preacher	Rev David Winstanley	Rev David Winstanley	Rev David Winstanley	Family Carols
Harbour		Karen Smith	Julie Winstanley	
Steward	Katie Chun	Elaine Hillier	Anna Sims	Katie Chun
Tech	Nick Martin & Ian Sims	Ian Sims & Tom Scott	Nick Martin & Ian Sims	Ian Sims & Ali Wright
Keyboard	Ruth Reeve	Ruth Reeve	Ruth Reeve	Jackie Cross
Pre-Worship Songs	Francis Day	Richard Parry	Karen Smith	Jackie Cross
Flowers	TBC	Marilyn Martin	Lucy Day	Christmas Flowers
Welcomers	Rob & Ann Dunford	Derek Edgell & Val Humphries	Linda Day & Derek Button	Val Cooper & Anne Button
Counters	Anna Sims & Elaine Hillier	Jim Midgley & Derek Button	Ian Souter & Fliss Taylor	Clare Midgley & Francis Day

Diary Dates

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Monday 27th November 19:30 House Group 19:30 Christian Living Small Group	Monday 4th December 19:30 House Group
Tuesday 28th November 19:30 Bible Study @ 20 Underleaf Way	Tuesday 5th December 19:30 Bible Study @ 20 Underleaf Way
Wednesday 29th November 10:00 Seeds Baby & Toddler Group	Wednesday 6th December 10:00 Seeds Baby & Toddler Group
Thursday 30th November 11:00 Meet the Neighbours 18:00 Lighthouse	Thursday 7th December 11:00 Meet the Neighbours 14:00 Bible Study @ Church 18:00 Lighthouse
Friday 1st December 10:30 Prayer Walk 12:00 Foodbank 13:00 Lunch Club Christmas Meal	Friday 8th December 10:30 Prayer Walk 12:00 Foodbank 15:30 Messy Christmas (see above for details)
Saturday 2nd December 09:00 Setting up for Christmas Fayre 11:30 Christmas Fayre (see above for details)	Saturday 9th December No events

Next Notices

Please let Nick have anything for the next notices by **Thursday 7th December**.