

**Sundays in December**  
**at Westcote Methodist Chapel**

- 1st 11am **Advent Sunday** led by Mr Tony Gibson  
Preacher: Mr David Hopkins
- 8<sup>th</sup> 11am **Joint Service** led by Rev David Cook
- 15<sup>th</sup> 11am **Morning Service with Holy Communion**  
led by Rev Soba Sinnathamby  
*(Followed by Sunday Prayer Focus)*
- 22<sup>nd</sup> 3pm **Carol Service** led by Mr Tony Gibson
- 29<sup>th</sup> 11am **Joint Service at St Mary's, Church Westcote**  
led by Rev Dr Stephen Blake



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**Mondays**



Busy Bees will now be hibernating until February.

**Thursday Fellowship**

**Thursday Fellowship is not meeting in December**

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# **WESTCOTE METHODIST NEWSLETTER**

**WISHING YOU ALL  
A VERY  
HAPPY CHRISTMAS  
AND A  
HAPPY NEW YEAR**



**Join us for our  
Carol Service  
at 3pm on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

*The Carol Service offering will go to OPEN DOORS,  
who support persecuted Christians in Syria and the Middle East*

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# WESTCOTE METHODIST CHAPEL

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## Monthly Prayer Breakfast

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December

8.30am to 9.45am

at the home of

Peter & Briony Goodwin-Hudson

Tel: 01608 658002

*If you have any prayer requests, please let one of the stewards know.*



*Come to the next...*

## Village Book Swap and Coffee

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019

10.30 am to 12 noon Westcote Methodist Chapel

### SUNDAY PRAYER FOCUS – 15 DECEMBER

If you can, please stay after coffee for a few minutes prayer for our families, friends, church family and our neighbours.

## ADVENT SUNDAY

The period of Advent in the Church Calendar is a time dedicated to prepare for the celebration of Christmas, the first coming or Advent of Jesus, the baby of Bethlehem's manger.

We sometimes forget that Advent Sunday itself is about preparing for the promised second coming, or Advent of Jesus.

We don't know when this will happen, but we need to be prepared. Scripture says he will come suddenly, "like a thief in the night". First time round he came to be our Saviour.

If we have accepted him as he calls us to do, we will be thrilled to meet him when he returns to bring peace, justice and righteousness to the whole world.

Happy Advent and Christmas

Tony

## MANY CONGRATULATIONS TO TONY AND HAZEL ON THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

You are warmly invited to join us in Chapel for our Joint Service on 8 December, and afterwards at Cotswold View for 'Drinks & Canapes' to celebrate their anniversary.



### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

COVENANT SERVICE - Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 3pm

### CHAPEL POST BOX

The Post Box will be available on 8, 15 and 22 December.  
This can be used to 'send' your cards to members of the congregation who will be present on these dates.

**I will tell of the kindnesses of the LORD,  
the deeds for which He is to be praised,  
according to all the LORD has done for us  
– yes, the many good things. Is. 63v7**