

SUNDAYS IN DECEMBER

- 1st 11am Morning Service led by Rev Dr Stephen Blake
- 8th 11am Morning Service with Holy Communion
led by Rev Andrew Biggs
- 15th 11am Morning Service led by Rev Richard Crippen
(Followed by Sunday Prayer Focus)
- 22nd 3pm Carol Service led by Mr Tony Gibson
- 29th 11am United Service led by Mr Tony Gibson
Preacher: Rev Dr Stephen Blake

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Chapel Zoom on Sundays at 7.30pm

There will be **NO ZOOM** on 1st, 15th, 22nd or 29th December
8th Dec - Penny Frank

CAROLS & CHEER! A Christmas Concert

An evening of festive music to brighten your spirits.
Saturday 14th December at 7.30pm
at St Mary's Church, Church Westcote
Tickets £15, including nibbles and fizz - available in advance
from stmaryswestcote@gmail.com or 01993 830274.

VILLAGE CAROL SINGING

18th December. Meet at 6.30pm at Westcote Village Hall.

THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP

There will be no Thursday Fellowship in December or January

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WESTCOTE METHODIST NEWSLETTER

WISHING YOU ALL A
HAPPY CHRISTMAS
AND A
PEACEFUL NEW YEAR



Join us for our Carol Service
at 3pm on 22nd December

*The Carol Service offering will be for
Sue Ryder Leckhampton Court Hospice*

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WESTCOTE METHODIST CHAPEL

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VILLAGE BOOK SWAP AND COFFEE

Thursday 5 December 2024

10.30am to 12 noon at Westcote Methodist Chapel

SUNDAY PRAYER FOCUS – 15 DECEMBER 2024

If you can, please stay after the service for a few minutes to pray for our families, friends, church family and our neighbours.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Our annual **Covenant Service** will be held
at **3pm on Sunday, 5th January 2025**
led by Rev Andrew Biggs

Hazel's Greeting Cards

During December & January, all proceeds from the sale of Hazel's cards (available at the back of the chapel) will go to **North Cotswold Foodbank**

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

The "Spirit of Christmas"

What is the "Spirit of Christmas"? I suggest it is the spirit of giving. We are told in the Bible that Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive". I am in awe of the dedication of our "Busy Bees". They have knitted, sewn and collected items for the Christmas shoeboxes, throughout the year. 120 boxes are ready to join thousands more in a large warehouse in Evesham. From there they will go by the lorry load to Eastern Europe - Ukraine, Moldova, Bosnia, Rumania and Georgia. For some of the children, who receive them, they will be their only Christmas present. I have seen videos of the excitement as they open their boxes.

It is sobering to think that many people throughout the world have so little compared with us. Many are homeless, due to ongoing conflicts, like the Middle East, Ukraine and Sudan. Others affected by extreme weather patterns. There is so much need, we cannot support every charity. But let us remember that the Christmas story tells us that Jesus is the greatest gift of all, transforming our lives, so bit by bit we are inspired to give what we can to those in desperate need. This way we pass on the love of Jesus.

Wishing you and your families
a Happy and Peaceful Christmas.
Tony

He will be called Immanuel, which means
"God with us". Matt 1 v 23