

SUNDAYS IN DECEMBER

- 7th 11am **Morning Service with Holy Communion**
led by Rev Andrew Biggs
- 14th 11am **Morning Service** led by Mrs Gill Crippen
Followed by Sunday Prayer Focus
- 21st 3pm **Carol Service** led by Mr Tony Gibson
- 28th 11am **United Service in Chapel** led by Mr Tony Gibson
Preacher: Rev Dr Stephen Blake

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Chapel Zoom on Sundays at 7.30pm

- 7th Rev Penny Frank
- 14th Rev Alex Ross
- 21st NO ZOOM
- 28th Share Christmas experiences

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Our annual **Covenant Service** will be held
at **11am** on **Sunday, 4th January 2026**
led by Rev Andrew Biggs

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 21st December**
followed by coffee and mince pies

*The Carol Service offering will be in aid of
Acorns Children's Hospice*

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WESTCOTE METHODIST CHAPEL

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VILLAGE BOOK SWAP AND COFFEE

Thursday 4th December 2025

10.30am to 12 noon at Westcote Methodist Chapel

SUNDAY PRAYER FOCUS – 14th DECEMBER 2025

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

Hazel's Greeting Cards

In December all proceeds from the sale of Hazel's greeting cards will go to Teams 4U for the Christmas Shoeboxes.

The angel said to the shepherds,

"Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord." Luke 2 v 11

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

WHAT IS CHRISTMAS?

- A time for Christmas trees with lights and tinsel? Balloons and holly, mistletoe over the door. Brightly wrapped parcels of all shapes and sizes, And Christmas cards by the score.
- A time for frost and snow, with cold winds blowing? Yet another warm scarf from Aunt Jane. Tingling fingers and cold red noses. Chestnuts, log fires, Father Christmas again.
- A time when you eat too much turkey and pud? Family and friends, playing games of snap. Pulling crackers and wearing some paper hats. The King's Christmas message or having a nap.
- A time for counting days on an advent calendar? Singing carols in church, a nativity play. Children amazed at all that's around them. Eating mince pies at the end of the day.

Yes, but what IS Christmas?

- A time to remember the birth of Jesus, Born in Bethlehem, laid in a manger. With Mary and Joseph, loving and caring. Fleeing from Herod, away from danger.
- A time to remember the angels, and shepherds Seeking the baby to worship that night. Wise men with gold, incense and myrrh, The end of their journey at last in sight.
- A time to remember God's gift of His Son, As a baby so weak and so small. But Jesus, born to die at Calvary, Came to bring salvation to us all.

Yes, but what is Christmas to YOU?

HJB