



Church e-Bulletin 19th December 2021 ADVENT 4 www.smso.org.uk

COVID

Following advice from medical professionals, we have, with great sadness, taken the decision to move all our services online with immediate effect in order to reduce social interaction and keep our community safe. For a full explanation see the Pastoral Letter at <https://www.m2o.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Dec-2021-pastoral-letter.pdf>

JESUS CENTRED, GOD DEPENDENT

Online Services for Christmas.....

All available on the Homepage and Worship Page of the church website

Sun 19th Dec 10.30 Morning Worship. Luke 1:39-55 ADVENT 4 – LIVESTREAM

<https://youtu.be/3o99ZB9Ztr0>

Sun 19th Dec 6.30pm Carol Service. YouTube Premiere at 6.30pm.

<https://youtu.be/TL036lwdjXc>

followed by the **Mulled Wine Lounge** at www.m2o.org.uk/coffee (password coffee).

(the service premieres at 6.30pm, so try and watch it then, but after the premiere it will be permanently available too)

Christingle Making Service. Replacing the Crib Service – available from midday on 24 Dec.

*This video service is suitable for families of children in Children's church, although anyone is welcome to watch it and join in. The service will go "live" on 24th December at **midday** so that you can watch it after that time whenever it is convenient to do so. The link to the service is here:*

<https://youtu.be/n1v8mf7DZ1s>

It would be helpful to gather the following items together if you would like to make a Christingle:

- An orange (or apple) in which you have made a hole big enough for a candle.
- 4 cocktail sticks and some sweets or fruit to stick on them.
- A piece of red tape or red ribbon to go around the outside of the orange.
- A candle to be inserted into the centre of the orange.

There is a box of candles and red tape on the Vicarage porch (7 Vicarage Road CV227AJ) if you would like to collect them.

Christmas Day 10.30 All-Age Service- LIVESTREAM

<https://youtu.be/yiUZq6tJse0>

In preparation for the Christmas Day service at 10.30am, it would be helpful for you to have a candle. If you don't have one, and would like to pick up one, we have a box of candles which we will leave on our doorstep at 7 Vicarage Road. (Jane)

Sun 26th Dec 10.30 Morning Worship. LIVESTREAM

<https://youtu.be/0cQhtzp4z-M>

Not Online? There are several options available for those not able to access services online.

- The CofE free phone line **0800 804 8044** which has hymns, prayers etc. each day.
- We have a tablet we can deliver to you with the Carol Service on it. Contact the office to ask.
- Christmas Day BBC1 10am Christmas worship from Coventry Cathedral.

Want something Inspiring to watch this Christmas?

- Saltmine Theatre Company's "Hark: a nativity story" is available to stream for £4.97 HERE <https://saltminetrust.org.uk/watchhark> To gift rental of *Hark!* to a friend or family member please email creative@saltmine.org
- The Christmas Story from the Bible Project HERE <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/gospel-luke-1/>
- The Chosen Christmas Episode: [The Shepherd - A story of the first Christmas](#) or on "the Chosen" phone app.

MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

TEARFUND Big Quiz: The evening raised £305 for TEARFUND and a lot of people's spirits! Thanks to Marion for organising it.

SCHOOLS

St Matthew's Bloxam school Christmas Nativity can be viewed here.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WJkxUEKANEA>

EVENTS & COURSES

S.H.A.P.E. Course: Four sessions spread over two Saturday mornings (5 and 12 February 2021 10am -1pm) or four Thursday Evenings (17 Feb to 10 Mar 7.30pm-9pm) to help you explore what kind of ministry God may be calling you into. Sign up via MY EVENTS in the ChurchSuite phone App, or via the NEWS page of the website or by phoning the church office.

SERVING GOD IN HIS WORLD

Hope4 Clothing: The project running out of Dixon Hall to provide clothing for asylum seekers is in especial need of trainers for men, size 7 & 8. If you can help please drop them into Dixon Hall on Wed 2-4pm & Saturdays 10am-12pm. For full details on what is needed see HERE <https://www.hope4.org.uk/clothing-project/>

PRAYER POINTS

Prayer Points for w/c Monday December 13th. Please pray:

1. That despite the disappointment of not being able to worship together as a church family, we will all be able to celebrate Jesus' birth.
2. For our online services, that those outside the faith community will be drawn to watch them and to hear the message of God's love for themselves.
3. For those alone this Christmas, that they might sense the Lord's presence with them.
4. For Gail Long, having her last radiotherapy on Monday. Please continue to pray for good sleep for Gail, for mobility and for healing of the brain tumour.

Office Opening The church office at 1a New Street is open from 9.30am - 1.30pm Mon - Thursday.

The office is closed from 24 Dec to 4 Jan inclusive.

To keep office staff safe, we are still asking visitors to remain in the foyer and not enter the offices.

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