



ST MARK'S CRESCENT METHODIST CHURCH

ST MARK'S MATTERS

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FORTHCOMING SERVICES

SUNDAY, 5 DECEMBER



MORNING WORSHIP AT 10.30AM

Led by Rev Dr Pete Philips

(Please bring to church any used Pringles tubes, jam jars or newspapers urgently needed by Eileen Chislett for Messy Church)

WORSHIP ARRANGEMENTS NOW THAT COVID RESTRICTIONS HAVE BEEN RELAXED

- Full services now take place with congregational singing
- Holy Communion continues with no Sharing of the Peace
- Seating is arranged to allow social distancing for vulnerable people and those wishing to be cautious. All remaining chairs will be well spaced
- Wearing of masks will be optional
- Hand sanitiser will remain available and optional but people are encouraged to use
- Hymns will normally be projected on a screen with hymn books available if required
- Offertory plates will be placed at the entrance and exit
- Shaking hands will continue to be discouraged and, in welcoming the congregation, Door Stewards/greeters may wear masks and be socially distanced.
- Records will be kept of those attending to facilitate tracking/tracing.

BE ASSURED OF A WARM WELCOME TO CHRISTMAS WORSHIP AT ST MARK'S



Sunday 5 December
10.30am Morning Worship
(Led by Rev Dr Pete Phillips)

4.00pm Messy Christmas (Crafts, Fellowship & Food)
(Led by Revd Margaret Dudley)
Especially suitable for families but all are welcome

Sunday 12 December
10.30am Holy Communion/Morning Worship
(Led by Rev Margaret Dudley)

4.00pm Christingle Service
(Led by Rev Margaret Dudley)

Wednesday 15 December
5.30pm Carol Singing (outside the church)

Sunday 19 December
10.30am Carol Service
(Led by Mrs Liz Tottingham)

Followed by Soup & Nibbles Lunch

Tuesday 21 December
7.30pm Circuit Carol Service (at St Mark's)
with Thames Valley Voices

Friday 24 December
11.30pm Midnight Communion Service
(at High St Methodist Church)

Saturday 25 December
10.30am Christmas Morning Worship
(Led by Revd Margaret Dudley)

Sunday 26 December
NO SERVICE AT ST MARK'S
Circuit Zoom Service led by Rev Anne Ellis

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

Please find below the log in details for a Zoom Advent Bible Study to be held at 7.30pm on Thursdays commencing 25 November and concluding on 16 December

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95776657659?pwd=SDJXWmkxcVExSIN2OExBYm45NklrUT09>



ON-LINE MEDITATION – THURSDAYS, 9.15–9.45AM

“Take Time” provides a 30 minute space for guided meditation in which to use imagination to find calm, peace, encouragement and inspiration through the stories of Jesus.

The meditations are spiritual, not religious and, although each is based on an episode from the Christian tradition, no religious knowledge or background is required.

Everyone is welcome

Please pre-register by emailing eileen.chislett@btinternet.com

SENIORS' COFFEE HOUSE

The regular Thursday “Coffee House” in “The Hub” runs from 10.15 – 11.45am

All are welcome to drop in for coffee and a chat

THURSDAY LUNCHES HAVE RETURNED!!

The next (Fish n’ Chips) lunch will be on 2 December to which all are welcome.

For catering purposes, please e-mail

elizabeth.1136@btinternet.com

if you'd like to come.

SUNDAY 5 DECEMBER FROM 4PM



Messy Church is for everyone and this time we are going to build a stable and a manger, do some cooking and a spot of science! Then there is a Celebration and sharing of food.

You can help us by bringing three things to church please.

- 1. Jam Jars**
- 2. Pringle Tubes (empty)**
- 3. Newspaper**

Why not come and be a part of our Messy Church



HELP US LIGHT UP THE CHURCH

We would like to light up the church outside for Christmas to make us noticed in the evenings.

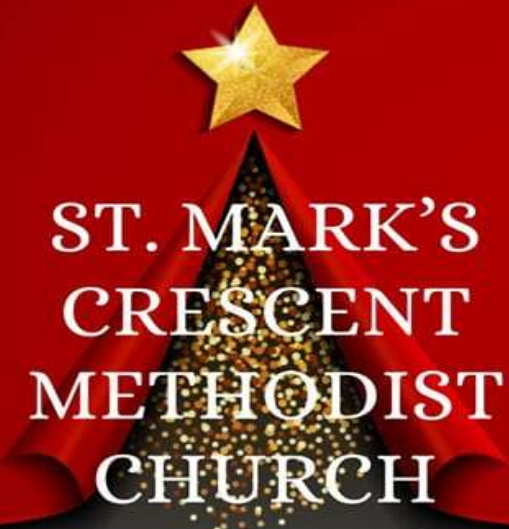
We need lots of Christmas lights suitable for outside and therefore battery powered.

If you have any spare please bring them to church next week or contact one of the stewards.

We need lots to make it worthwhile so please help.

If you would like them returned, please attach a label with your name or other identification

Thank you



ST. MARK'S
CRESCENT
METHODIST
CHURCH
PRESENTS -

CHRISTMAS
Extravaganza

ENTERTAINMENT FROM OUR
COMMUNITY IN AID OF 2020VISION.
To take part contact Eileen for details
eileen.chislett@btinternet.com

Saturday December 4th at 4pm
Entrance to the show : Adults £5



Quiz Evening

Saturday 15 January

7.00 for prompt 7.30pm start

**At Woodlands Park Centre,
Manifold Way, SL6 3GW**

£7.50pp in aid of St Mark's Building Fund

Teams of up to six people – let us know if you'd like to help to make up a table of six.

Bring your own "Picnic" Food, Drink, Glasses etc

**Book early to avoid disappointment at info@stmarksmaidenhead.org.uk
or phone 01628 623263**



Christmas Tree Festival at Burnham Methodist Church



There is something quite magical about a Christmas tree...imagine how much more magical a Church full of them will be.

Burnham Methodist Church (at the crossroads of Eastfield Road and Lent Rise) are planning a Christmas Tree Festival over the weekend of Friday 10 – Sunday 12 December. Local businesses, clubs and organisations attached to the Church are sponsoring trees that they will decorate and the Festival will be open for the public to visit.

There are a series of special events linked to the Festival taking place:

- on Friday night from 7:00pm Sing4you will be bringing their own Christmas joy
- on Saturday morning LentRisers Toddler group will be sharing their Christmas Nativity from about 10.00am;
- Saturday afternoon at 3:00pm there will be a very special “Lego Church” – come and join in a special way of hearing and telling the Christmas story;
- at 4:00pm it is rumoured that a VIP guest will be taking a break from his seasonal activities to come along and meet the children;
- and finally from 4:00pm – 5:00pm SHOUTABOUT, our drama group for 5 – 12 year olds will be taking over the stage.

The Church will be open Friday 10:00am – 12:00pm & 2:00pm – 5:00pm and Saturday from 10:00am – 5:00pm, during which times there will be refreshments available.

Quench Christian bookstore will be there offering a chance to buy Christmas cards and gifts.

Visitors will have the chance to choose the “Best Tree in the Festival” by putting a donation in the box by their favourite tree. The winner will be presented at the closing event – Community Carols, on Sunday night at 6:30pm. We will be joined by members of Burnham Concert Band.

All monies raised in this way will be given to The Well@Lent Rise, a charity that does great community work from the Methodist Church.

There is no charge for entry to any of these events, but everyone is invited to donate as they can afford. Money raised this way, and from refreshments will go the work of the Church in Lent Rise which is a hub for many.

We really look forward to welcoming you through our doors and would ask that all respect any COVID advice that may be current at the time.

Can You Help?

Burnham is a small Church and would also appreciate volunteers to help in various ways:

- Weekend of 3 Dec - decorating the large classroom and rehangng the backdrop on the stage – both jobs need people who can climb ladders
- Wednesday 8 Dec - remove furniture from the church – replace it Monday 13 Dec
- Thursday - Saturday – we will be serving refreshments and would welcome any offers of mince pies, or people able to spare a couple of hours to make and serve
- We require two church members to be in the church at all times while open to the public. If you could offer a couple of hours to do that it would be appreciated.

Please contact Pauline tvmc6off@btconnect.com if you can offer your help or have any queries.

OTHER DATES FOR DIARIES

SEE OUR DIARY PAGE

www.stmarksmaidenhead.org.uk/diary.pdf



CHURCH FLOWER ROTA



Sincere thanks go, to all those who provide flowers for the church each week

Date	Name
5 December	Mssrs J & K Machin
12 December	Flowers given in memory of Kieron Shaw
19 December	Mr & Mrs R Bennett
26 December	NO SERVICE

There are some gaps in the rota going forward into 2022 and if you would like to join the Flower Rota and provide flowers (perhaps for a week which holds a special memory for you) please talk to Barbara Fox or e-mail info@stmarksmaidenhead.org.uk

Community Youth Worker

An exciting new opportunity has opened up in the Thames Valley Methodist Circuit. Reporting to the Superintendent Minister the prime focus of the role will be to engage with families and young people across the circuit, which covers Maidenhead, Slough and Windsor.

This is a part time appointment, averaging 20 hours per week, to include running an after school drop in club for year 7 and upwards from 3.30pm – 6.00pm term time in Maidenhead, and supporting a Toddler Group in the Lent Rise Church in Burnham one morning a week.

The successful applicant will have a real understanding of being with young people and helping them to be the best they can. They would be self-motivated and able use their imagination and local knowledge to set up and run holiday activities across the Circuit.

Full details of the role and person specification can be obtained from Pauline Poole, Circuit Administrator tvmc6off@btconnect.com or 07875 717730

Closing date for applications: 18th December. Interviews will be held first week of January.

ARE YOU CONNECTED TO THE POLICE MESSAGING SERVICE?

You can request addition of your e-mail address via one of the following to receive regular alerts to crime incidents in the Maidenhead area

alert@neighbourhoodalert.co.uk

maidenhead@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

The messages include warnings of scams operating locally

If you are finding these pages helpful and would like to send news of what you've been doing during the pandemic or send messages to friends, please feel free to e-mail info@stmarksmaidenhead.org.uk or phone 01628 623263

You can also keep up to date through our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/St-Marks-Crescent-Methodist-Church-262078984451396/ or by Clicking the Facebook icon on the website Welcome page

If you need or know of someone who needs help of any sort and there appears to be no one to provide it, please e-mail info@stmarksmaidenhead.org.uk and we will do our best to find a solution.