

# Welcome to Highworth Methodist Church

## Bulletin for December 2025

### Our Church Motto

**“And now these three remain: faith, hope and love  
But the greatest of these is love” (1 Corinthians 1.13)**

### **Our Services for December**

**Sunday services start at 10.30am and will be followed by refreshments.**

2nd December - 2pm Afternoon Communion service led by Rev Ian

7th December - Cafe Church led by Val

14th December - Communion Service led by Rev Ian

21st December - Morning worship led by Jenny Corkett

21st December 4pm Carol Service led by Rev Ian

25th December - **10am** Carol Service led by Rev Ian

28th December - Morning Worship, Own Arrangement, led by Stewards

### **Afternoon Communion Service**

Our next afternoon Communion service will be on Tuesday 2nd December 2pm led by Rev Ian

### **The Church Diary**

**Zoom Prayer meetings** Please note the new time. These are each Monday at **9.30am**. They last for only 30 mins. We pray for our church, the fellowship and other needs. Please join us either on zoom or at home, praying by yourself. Every **Friday** morning in term time 9.30am **JaM club** for parents/carers and toddlers.

**Saturdays** 10.30am to 12 noon, **Coffee Morning** and Table Tennis.

**Tuesdays** 2nd & 16th December **Craft Group**, 10am to 1pm.

**Wednesday 3Cs** will be on **December 10th**

**Friday Blessings** are organised by Churches Together in Highworth. They are held at St. Michaels on a Friday morning at 9.15am for 30 minutes. Please do come and join others to pray for Highworth.

## **Coffee Mornings**

Our Coffee mornings are held each Saturday from 10.30am to 12 noon.

Table tennis is also available in the Ball room.

### **Coffee Mornings held in November**

25th October - Uplands Enterprise Trust £131

1st November - HMC - £129.09

8th November - Highworth Choral Society £200

15th November - HMC Christmas Bazaar

22nd November - Oaktree School £220

29th November - Uplands Enterprise Trust

### **Coffee Mornings in December**

6th December - Angel Orphanage

13th December - HMC

20th December - HMC

28th December - Uplands Enterprise Trust

## **Church Anniversary**

We celebrated our Church Anniversary last Sunday (23rd) with Roger and Janet. It was really good to see them both and share with them. Over 30 people were able to come to the Highworth and share a meal together.

## **Gift Service**

Our Gift Service is on Sunday 30th November. All gifts are being given for the CAP Christmas hampers.

## **Fundraising Group**

The Church needs a small fundraising group of 3 or 4 people to organise fundraising events.

As our treasurer advised at the General Church meeting, our spending is greater than our income. Our end of year figures are looking worse than expected.

Can you be a member of this group to do this? If so, please contact one of the Leadership team.

## **Carol Service**

Our Carol service will be on Sunday 21st December at 4pm. Rev Ian will take the service.

## **The Methodist Church Fund for Home Mission in Britain**

Thank you to everyone who had a Mission in Britain box. The total sent off was £75.08. Thank you.

I have more boxes if anyone would like one for your spare change,  
Sandra Smith

## **Property Matters**

**Church Heating** As you will be aware, we are looking at replacing the gas heaters in the summer of 2026. However, several heaters have been condemned as they leak “noxious gas”. We are now having to expedite the project to enable the church to be warm. The project will cost about £54,000

UPDATE. Planning permission has been applied for and progressing through the system. Please see the display in the foyer for all the details.

**Fund Raising** In order to pay for the new heating system, a fund raising group is being set up. Several people have expressed interest and are discussing ideas. One idea is “**Easy Fund Raising**”, this costs you nothing, but if you shop online, you can use this site to buy your items. For example, you just;- log in to Easyfundraising, then continue to M&S website through their portal and carry on shopping as normal - that's it ! HMC membership has now been set up.

## **Bazaar**

Thank you to everyone for all the support you gave.  
Over £1020 was raised for Church Funds.

## **Link Sorting**

It is our turn to do Link sorting this Friday 28th Nov at the Community Centre. Rachael has asked for an earlier start than usual. It is 9am if you can come. It only takes 30 minutes to finish.

## **Christmas**

**Christmas Cards:** The LT agreed there would be no central sorting of Christmas cards again this year. A single card can be displayed and a charity donation to Prospect Hospice is strongly encouraged. Scout Post is available at the Emporium, stamps cost 45pence,

**Carol Service** Our Carol Service will be on Sunday 21st December at 4pm. Rev Ian will take the service. We will have refreshments afterwards. Donations of mince pies will be most welcome.

**Christmas Day Celebration.** Rev Ian will lead our service at **10am** after taking the 9am service at Shrivenham

## **CAP**

The next CAP prayer meetings will be on Tues 9th December from 1:30-2:30pm at St Michaels' Church Rooms

## **CAP Party**

Saturday 13th December at St Michaels' Church. Volunteers are needed. If you can help for an hour or so to do any of the following:- Setting up Church 3-4.30pm  
Creating/setting up table decorations 3-4pm. Provide a Dessert to arrive before 5pm  
Prayer 6.15 - 6.45pm Washing up; 6.30 - 7.30. Church set-down/clearing 7-8pm  
General socialising with CAP guests and families 5-7pm If you are free and can help in any of these ways, please speak to Tricia

## **Future Dates**

Sunday 30th November Our Gift Service

Sunday 21st December Carol Service

Sunday 18th January 10.30 Covenant Service

**The Bulletin.** The January bulletin will be published on the weekend 3rd January. Please send items for inclusion to [dianabores96@gmail.com](mailto:dianabores96@gmail.com) by the 31st December.

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