



Newsletter

Sunday 11th December 2011

Wellington Methodist Church and Centre

New Street, Wellington, Telford, TF1 1LU

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Welcome to Wellington Methodist Church! At the top of New Street, the church seeks to serve town and people and offers good news for all. If you are here for the first time or just visiting the area you are welcome. Please feel at home and if you would like to know more about the work of the Church please ask, or fill in one of the contact leaflet sheets to join the mailing/email list. Do stay and join us for tea and coffee after the service.

Services for Sunday 11th December

10.15 am Holy Communion and Membership - Rev Peter Clarke
5.00 pm Christingle Service - Fizz Buzz

Mid-week Worship (Thursday)

9.30 am Holy Communion - a 30 minute service for anyone in town.
In the Sanctuary. All welcome.

Services for next Sunday

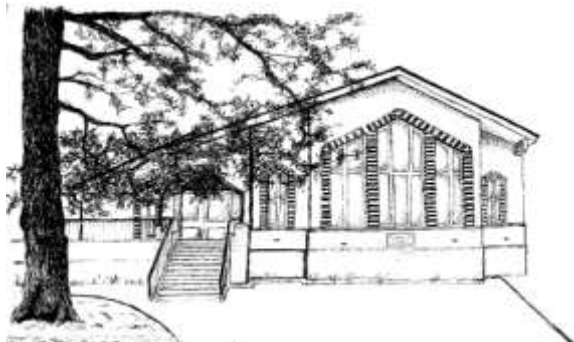
10.15 am Morning Worship (Nativity) Mrs Annette Thomas
5.00 pm Carol Service - led by Rev Peter Clarke



Our prayers

We think of those who are unwell, in hospital or recovering at home.
Please pray for Mary Grencis in hospital. The family of Ilene Haynes who passed away this week.

For Pat who has aggressive osteoarthritis and a growth on her shoulder



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WEEKDAY PROGRAMME

Monday - Friday Pre School

Monday 12th December
10am-12noon - Keeping in Touch
6pm Brownies

Tuesday 13th December
10.30 am Art
1.30 pm Art
6.00pm Girls Brigade

Wednesday 14th December
10.15 am Pre - school Nativity
2.00 pm Photoshop
5.15 pm Rainbows
6.00 pm Guides
6.00 Stewards meeting
7.30 p.m Ladies Group -
Carol Singing at The Priory

Thursday 15th December
9.30 am Holy Communion
10-12noon Coffee Morning
12.15-1.00pm Food for Thought -
Jonathan Kill
7.30 p.m Wesley Guild -
Members Evening

Friday 16th December
1 pm Organ Recital
(Church doors open at 12.30)
1 pm Toddlers

Saturday 10th December
10.00 am-12.30 p.m Coffee Morning -
Property Funds

NEWS, DIARY DATES & SPECIAL EVENTS

Christmas Organ Concert with audience carols

Friday 16th December at 1.00 pm with Michael Davey with A Capriccio directed by Robert Wysome. The Church will be open at 12.30 pm with tea coffee and soft drinks available. Bring your own lunch. The concert will begin at 1.00 pm and be of 40 minute duration. Admission Free. Retiring collection

Christmas Fayre

I would like to say a big thank you to all organisations, stall holders, hospitality group, helpers and anyone else involved in any way to making this years Christmas Fayre the outstanding success it was. To exceed last years total in the current economic climate was an amazing effort by everyone. In case you haven't heard the total raised was over £1700.00.

Ray Willetts

Christingle

Fizz Buzz invite everyone to join them for our Christingle Service today. This is a celebration for everyone no matter what you age. Come and join us .Emmaus Crew

TCAT Computers

We have some places left on an Improvers Computer Course on Fridays. If anyone is interested then please contact me. Barbara Murray

Birthdays - December and January

13th December James Corns age 4, 19th December Mrs. Ann Hallam
2012 - 7th January Isobel Stone age 4, 9th January William Dafour age 3, 12th January Tyler Wotton age 3, 18th January Mcauley Ellen age 4, 31st Keisha Burke age 3 and Mrs Ida Skelton on 19th

Annual Carol Service

For our annual Carol service we usually provide mine pies for the refreshments after the service, if you feel you could do this it would be very much appreciated. If you could bring any to church by Sunday 18h December in the morning that would be great.

Many thanks.

Safeguarding Training

To All personnel required to undertake Foundation Module A Safeguarding Training:- There is a Safeguarding training day on Wednesday 25th January 2012 at 7.00 pm at Oakengates United Reform/Methodist church. Please inform Marjorie Brown church Safeguarding Co - ordinator if you wish to attend. Thanks

New Prayer Handbook 2012/2013

If you have a prayer or photo which you think might be suitable for the new Methodist Prayer Handbook, please submit it by 20 December 2011 to the editor, [Primavera Quantrill](#).

The title of the 2012/2013 Prayer Handbook is Crossing the Chasm.

Crossing the Chasm will examine the theme of reconciling discipleship; living the **peace of Christ in a broken world and being drawn into God's programme of reconciliation** within ourselves, our Church and our world. The title comes from the **Hermann Stuempfle's hymn 'When the bonds of love are breaking'**.

Prayers should not exceed 120 words or 12 lines. Shorter prayers and prayers for specific themes or countries are more likely to be used.

Web site

I would like to thank Adrian and Anthony Millington for all the work they have done on our web site. Adrian has recently changed the web site and if you have access to the internet do have a look as your comments would be greatly appreciated. If you are a group leader in the church please look at the information given about your group and if you would like to change or amend it, then please let me have it in writing. If you can send it by e mail then this would be very helpful. Without your help we can not keep the web site up to date.

Many thanks Barbara Murray

Last Weeks Collection Amounted to £ 481.76

Christmas Services

Sunday, 18th December - **10.15 a.m. Children's Nativity Service**

6.00 p.m. Christmas Carol Service

Favourite Carols & Readings featuring Wellington Town Band

Christmas Eve - 11.00 p.m. Christmas Communion

A special & joyful service!

Christmas Day - 9.30 a.m. Christmas Celebration

Songs, story & surprises for all ages...

Why not bring a present for all to see?

TCAT Counselling Course - Interpersonal Skills

A new first steps Counselling Course will be held here from 19th January to 23rd March on Thursday mornings 10.00 am to 12 noon. If anyone is interested then please contact me as soon as possible or phone Jaz from TCAT on 07824 464048.

Barbara Murray

Mince Pies

We would be pleased to receive any gifts of mince pies/chocolate biscuits etc for refreshments for the Christingle service.

Thank You Emmaus Crew.

Gift Aid

Well done to over 3,700 Methodist churches that have made tax reclaims through the **central bureau service operated by the Connexional Team's Finance Office**. In this year, the last one in which 28p in the pound could be claimed, more than £9.5 million has been claimed from the government by churches across the Connexion.

Thank you to all who are able and chose to Gift Aid their giving to the Church, more than 75,000 people throughout the country. The average reclaimed per church was over £2,500 and the average reclaimed per donor was £126.

Why not consider Gift Aiding your contributions if you do not already do so?

Please see David Corbett

All claims received up to the end of September have been processed and submitted to HMRC, and churches should now have received their payments.

Please support your Gift Aid secretary and encourage other tax payers to use Gift Aid - it really makes a difference to all donations both large and small

Christmas Cards

If you wish to write one card to all your friends in the church and display it on the notice board. A donation for church funds would be much appreciated.

Please give this to Catherine.

Coffee Morning 17th December

Catherine and I will be doing this for Property Funds. We would appreciate any donations of mince pies or prizes for the raffle. Thanks Tina