



# Newsletter

Sunday 18th 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 18th December

10.15 am Morning Worship ( Nativity) Mrs Annette Thomas

6.00 pm Carol Service - led by Rev Peter Clarke

### 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 week

Christmas Eve 11.00 p.m. Christmas Communion

*A special & joyful service!*

Christmas Day 9.30 am All Age Worship - Rev Peter Clarke

*Songs, story & surprises for all ages...*



### Our prayers

We think of those who are unwell, in hospital or recovering at home.

Please pray for the family of Ilene Haynes whose funeral was this week.

We remember the family of Reg Vaughan who has passed away this week.

The funeral will be here on 29h December at 11.00am.



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## WEEKDAY PROGRAMME

Saturday 24th December

Monday 19th December  
10am-12noon - Keeping in Touch

11.00 pm Christmas Communion

Wednesday 21st December  
7.30 p.m Ladies Group -  
Own Carol Service

Thursday 22nd December  
9.30 am Holy Communion  
10-12noon Coffee Morning  
12.15-1.00pm Food for Thought -  
Peter Clarke

## NEWS, DIARY DATES & SPECIAL EVENTS

### Early Morning Communion

Please take note that there will be no early morning communion on the first Sunday in January.

The next early morning communion will be 9.00 am the first Sunday in February.

### Food for Thought

There will be no Food for Thought on 29th December or 5th January but will be back with Sandra Williams on 12th January

### Meeting 8th January 2012

Brief Church meeting after the service on Sunday 8th January please can you put this date in your diary.

### From the Town Council

Thank you for all your help in allowing use of your wonderful building even though a very important parents and children's contact session was in process at the same time on Saturday.

Also for; the enthusiastic participation of associated church groups in lanterns workshops-beverages for the masses arriving to collect lantern lights and your welcome participation with people walking/ skipping and dancing along in the procession.

Yours is a shining example of the Christian faith-community spirit working with the community for the community.

Wishing you a Joy-filled Christmas time

Kind Regards

**Carol**

Last Weeks Collection Amounted to £ 839.98

## The Ladies Group

The Ladies Club will be having their own Carol Service on Wednesday 21st December at 7.30 pm Everyone welcome.

There will be no meetings during January and February but will look forward to starting again in March when hopefully the winter weather will have gone

## 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

## Network

The next Network meeting will be on 3rd January 2012 at 2.30 p m The topic will be World Mission with Mrs. Barbara Murray.

Prayer tea and Fellowship raising money for good projects.

## Newsletter

The newsletter will be completed on Wednesday 21st December so if you have any notices please may they be in the Office by the usual way by mid morning on that day. This will be to cover until the beginning of January.

## 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?*

## Thank You

Thank you to all who have given me envelopes. Barbara

## 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

## TCAT Computers

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

## 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.

Pre - school resumes Thursday 5th January