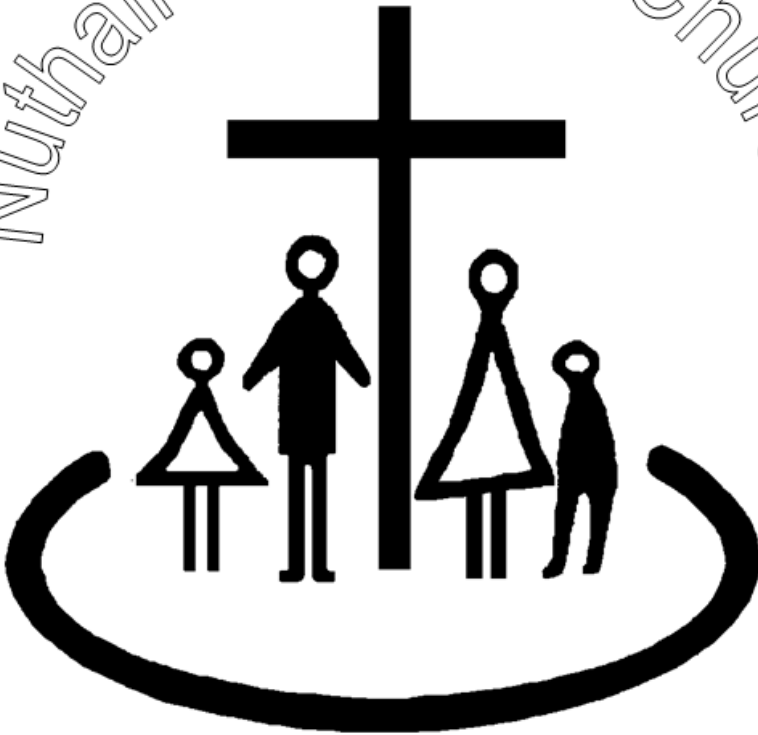


Nuthall Methodist Church



# **NEWSLETTER**

**January 2019**

**A very Happy New Year to all**

## FROM THE MINISTER'S STUDY

Dear Friends,

I believe this actually happened!

*One year after the Christmas Nativity, a father asked his 6 year old son if he could remember the gifts the wise men had brought Jesus. He replied "gold, frankincense and humour".*

At Epiphany on 6<sup>th</sup> January we remember the events of Matthew 2: 1-12 and the arrival of the Magi in Jerusalem looking for the new born king of the Jews. But Matthew is not the first person in the Bible to report three rich wise guys from the East coming to Jerusalem. In Isaiah 60, a poem written after the Jews had been in exile in Babylon for a couple of generations, the prophet paints an incredible picture for a despairing people returning to the bombed-out city.

In the middle of the mess, an amazing poet invites his depressed, discouraged contemporaries to look up, to hope and to expect everything to change. "Rise, shine, for your light has come." The poet anticipates that Jerusalem will become a beehive of productivity and prosperity, a new centre of international trade. "Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. . ." Caravans loaded with trade goods will come from Asia and bring prosperity. This is cause for celebration.

Perhaps the Magi knew about this prophecy, for they go to Jerusalem bringing rare spices, gold and frankincense and myrrh. They go seeking a new king of peace and prosperity, news that, unsurprisingly, is not entirely welcome for the current king Herod.

Then a strange thing happens. In his fear, Herod arranges a consultation with the leading Old Testament scholars, and says to them, "Tell me about Isaiah 60. What is all this business about camels and gold and frankincense and myrrh?" The scholars tell him: You have the wrong text. Isaiah 60 will mislead you because it suggests that Jerusalem will prosper and have great urban wealth and be restored as the centre of the global economy.

Herod asks defiantly, "Well, do you have a better text?" The scholars are afraid of the angry king, but tell him, with much trepidation, that the right text is Micah 5:2-4:

*But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah . . . from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old . . .*

This is the voice of a peasant hope for the future, a voice that is not impressed with high towers and great arenas, banks and urban achievements. It anticipates a different future, as yet unaccomplished, that will organize the peasant land in resistance to imperial threat. Micah anticipates a leader who will bring well-being to his people, not by great political ambition, but by attentiveness to the folks on the ground.

At Epiphany we remember that the wise men made that journey, but Herod did not bother. The Magi headed for Bethlehem, a rural place, dusty, unnoticed and unpretentious. They turned away from a prophecy of economic self-sufficiency, to a different future, along a challenging road. We are invited in faith to make that same journey to encounter Jesus. To find a king who does not promise security and prosperity, but his strength in our vulnerability. Who offers neighbourliness and generosity. Who pours out his love for us and calls us to lead lives of love with attentiveness to the folks on the ground.

Love, peace and joy,

*Andrew*



## SUNDAY SERVICES FOR JANUARY

Services are held each Sunday at 10.45 am and 6.00 pm.  
Junior (ages 7-11) and Primary (ages 3-7) Sunday School meet at 10.45am (except on Family Service Sunday). Late Risers (11+) meet at 6.00pm.

6 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am	Rev. Andrew Charlesworth – Covenant Service
	6.00pm	Mr. Derek Marshall
13 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am	Rev. David Wheatley
	6.00pm	Rev. Andrew Charlesworth - Covenant & Youth .....Service
20 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Rev. Andrew Charlesworth - Holy Communion
	10.45am	Rev. Andrew Charlesworth - Family Service
	6.00pm	Rev. Sue Edwards
27 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am	Mr. Marc Williamson
	6.00pm	Rev. Andrew Charlesworth - Holy Communion

### **COVENANT SUNDAY LUNCH**

On Sunday January 6<sup>th</sup> 2019 we will be sharing together in a delicious roast dinner cooked in our lovely new kitchen, following the 10.45am Covenant Service. Tickets are available from Janet Wilson for a suggested five pounds donation per person. This is for two courses to cover the cost of the food. Please come along to start the New Year with our Covenant promises and a meal together as a Church family.



## NUTHALL NEWS

### **PRAYER STREETS**

Please remember the residents of the following streets in your prayers. Our friends at St. Patrick's Church and the churches in Kimberley are joining with us in this activity. The streets in italics are in Kimberley.

January	6 <sup>th</sup>	Albert Avenue, Ayscough Avenue & Anders Drive <i>Hardy Street &amp; Maws Lane</i>
	13 <sup>th</sup>	Woodside Avenue & Stafford Court <i>Valley Road &amp; Newdigate Street</i>
	20 <sup>th</sup>	Ashbourne Court & Woodland Drive <i>Truman Street &amp; Main Street</i>
	27 <sup>th</sup>	Farrington Close & Back Lane <i>Tower Crescent &amp; Angus Close</i>

### **JOSEPH**

Whole church musical on **MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup> & 31<sup>ST</sup> AT 6.00 PM**

Please check the noticeboard for all the rehearsal dates and times up to the show.

### **CHURCH VISION PLAN**

The Circuit Meeting have asked each Church to draw up a Vision Plan – 3 ways in which the Church will try to grow wider, younger and deeper. This was discussed at Church Council and the following was decided.

**Wider** – set up a group to look at the possibilities of working with Rumbletums in Kimberley – Sandra to set up a meeting of those interested. Also explore possibility of having a monthly Sunday lunch club

**Younger** – Marc and Andrew to meet to discuss opportunities for attracting Generation Xers

**Deeper** – To increase the numbers attending Bible Studies by 10% - David Gorton to co-ordinate

### **CHURCH BOOKINGS**

Please ensure that if you are using any rooms at church that you book them beforehand.

Church room bookings and enquiries between 20 January and 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019 will be handled by Colin Brockway. Please contact Colin on: 0115 9382293



## BESTWOOD & BULWELL FOODBANK

What a truly magnificent response during the past two months to the needs of the Foodbank!!

They have been overwhelmingly grateful to receive the following gifts

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October. 30th. 201 items

November 13<sup>th</sup> 184 items

November 27<sup>th</sup> 177 items including one Advent Box

December 11<sup>th</sup> 498 items including five Advent Boxes and a very generous donation of 87 items from staff at the Hama Medical Surgery, Kimberley.

December 16<sup>th</sup> 796 items including twenty Advent Boxes plus a financial contribution of £154.27 from our Templars Hungry lunch

This has been far and away the best ever Christmas collection so many. many thanks to you all !!

I have been most grateful to Margaret and Doug who have been the sole delivery team during the past months.

As the need continues to grow I hope that we can carry on helping in the New Year.

Once again very many thanks for your support.

John, Margaret and Doug.

Thank you to John for his tireless organisation of this valuable activity and his constant encouragement to all of us in our giving.

# NUTHALL METHODIST CHURCH COACH TRIPS 2019



May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Shrewsbury
June 15 <sup>th</sup>	Ludlow
July 13 <sup>th</sup>	Oxford
September 7 <sup>th</sup>	Whitby
November 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Harrogate Christmas Market
TBA	Leeds Christmas Shopping

**Adults £16.50    Concessions £14.50    Children £10.50**

**Contact Norma ☎(0115) 9278429**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### JANUARY

2 <sup>nd</sup>	11.00am	<b>Pause for Prayer</b>
6 <sup>th</sup>	12.00noon	<b>Covenant Sunday Lunch</b> (see Nuthall News)
8 <sup>th</sup>	12.30pm	<b>Women's Fellowship</b> – Faith Lunch with Marian Williams
13 <sup>th</sup>	7.15pm	<b>Finance &amp; Property Meeting</b> in Coffee Lounge
15 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	<b>Monthly Midweek Communion</b>
18 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	<b>Pause for Prayer</b>
21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>BPFA Committee Meeting</b> in Coffee Lounge <b>Note the change of start time</b>
24 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	<b>Women's Fellowship Coffee Morning</b> at church hosted by Mrs Doreen Unwin
26 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	<b>BPFA Jumble Sale</b>

**Note the date of the Midweek Communion in January which is not the usual Tuesday.**

### FEBRUARY

5 <sup>th</sup>	12.00noon	<b>Monthly Midweek Communion</b>
6 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	<b>Pause for Prayer</b>
23 <sup>rd</sup>	pm	<b>"Spring into Song"</b> concert by Eastwood Collieries Male Voice Choir – see below

### SPRING INTO SONG

Please come along to this concert at church on February 23<sup>rd</sup> by the Eastwood Collieries Male Voice Choir at the start of their centenary year. Tickets will be available in January from Rob Beales, ☎07939 577496 or by email to [rbeales05@btinternet.com](mailto:rbeales05@btinternet.com) or from another choir member.



**Please pass all items for the January newsletter to Margaret Sendall, post in the box in the Coffee Lounge or e-mail to [mesendall@hotmail.com](mailto:mesendall@hotmail.com) by January 20<sup>th</sup>, please**



Arise, shine, for the Light of the World has come!  
Darkness covers the earth and its people,  
but the radiance of God's Light  
burns away its shadows,  
illuminates the smallest corner,  
and heralds in the start  
of a new dawn,  
where hearts no longer fear,  
souls might be set free,  
and sister shall follow brother,  
nation shall follow nation,  
and kings and princes bow down in awe  
before the one who comes to reign.  
Arise, shine, for the Light of the World has come!  
Alleluia!

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## DUTIES AND ROTAS FOR JANUARY

### CHURCH FLOWERS

<b>January</b>	6 <sup>th</sup>	Angela & Iris	13 <sup>th</sup>	Rosie Lishman
	20 <sup>th</sup>	Jackie Dent	27 <sup>th</sup>	Ann Pounder

### TODDLERS' DRINKS ROTA

<b>January</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	No Toddlers
	9 <sup>th</sup>	Joan Buttery and Sue Perrett
	16 <sup>th</sup>	Margaret Newton and John Hardy
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Marjorie Silverton, Margaret and Mick Sendall
	30 <sup>th</sup>	?

Thank you to everyone who helped at our lovely Christmas Party. We all had a good time. 'Happy New Year' to all from Toddlers.

### COFFEE CORNER

<b>January</b>	5 <sup>th</sup>		12 <sup>th</sup>	Liz & Carl
	19 <sup>th</sup>	Kathryn & Esther	26 <sup>th</sup>	Norma & Janet



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### CHURCH COACH BOOKING CLERK

Mrs. Norma Ellis

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## SUNDAY SERVICE DUTIES FOR JANUARY

		<u>Duty</u> <u>Steward</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Door</u> <u>Stewards</u>	<u>Pianist</u>
6th	10.45	J. Wilson	P. Kirk Janet Wison	V. Morgan & D. Nicholls	J.Wakefield
	6.00	K. Dane	A. Wilcock G, Brockway	B. & S. Tantum	J. Wilson
13 <sup>th</sup>	10.45	K. Blount	B. Hardy B. Tantum	L. Wilson & N. Ellis	J. Wakefield
	6.00	D. Coleman		T. & R. Harvey	Youth Service
20 <sup>th</sup>	9.00	S. Moore			H. Gray
	10.45	J. Dent	J. Gray J. Lander	Tooth family	J. Wilson
	6.00	B. Langford	R. & V. Stone	A. Pounder & L. Armstrong	L. Page
27 <sup>th</sup>	10.45	C. Lovatt	B. & B. Watson	S. & I. Foster	L. Page
	6.00	S. Moore	B. Coleman J. Lievesley	J. & D. Gortonl	J. Wilson

## **REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

Sunday	9.00am	Holy Communion (3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month)
	10.45am	Morning Worship (crèche for ages 0 to 3) Sunday School (ages 3 to 11) Family Service (3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month)
	6.00pm	Evening Worship Youth Service (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month) 'Late Risers' (ages 11+)
	7.00pm	Templars Youth Fellowship
Monday	7.00pm	Ladies' Keep Fit
Tuesday	12.00noon	Midweek Communion (1 <sup>st</sup> Tues. of the month)
	2.00pm	Women's Fellowship (2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues. of the month)
	7.45pm	Badminton & Table Tennis Club
	8.00pm	Wives Group (1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues. of month, in homes)
Wednesday	10.00am	Nuthall Methodist Church Walking Group (3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month - contact M. Sendall ☎ 9279500 for meeting point details)
	11.00am	Pause for Prayer (1 <sup>st</sup> Wed. of the month)
	1.30pm	Toddlers' Group
	6.00pm	Girls' Brigade (Explorers – age 5 to 8)
	6.30pm	Girls' Brigade (Juniors – age 8 to 11)
	6.30pm	Girls' Brigade (Seniors & Brigaders – age 11+)
Thursday	1.30pm	Art Group
	6.15pm	Dance Yourself Fit (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs. of the month)
Friday	9.00am	Prayer Meeting
	11.00am	Pause for Prayer (3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri. of the month)
	5.55pm	Boys' Brigade (Junior Section – age 8 to 11)
	6.00pm	Boys' Brigade (Anchor Boys – age 5 to 8)
	6.50pm	Boys' Brigade (Company Section – age 11+)
Saturday	10.00am	Coffee Corner - Come and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, homemade cakes & a chat with friends

**A list of House Fellowship and Bible Study groups is available on the noticeboard in the Coffee Lounge**