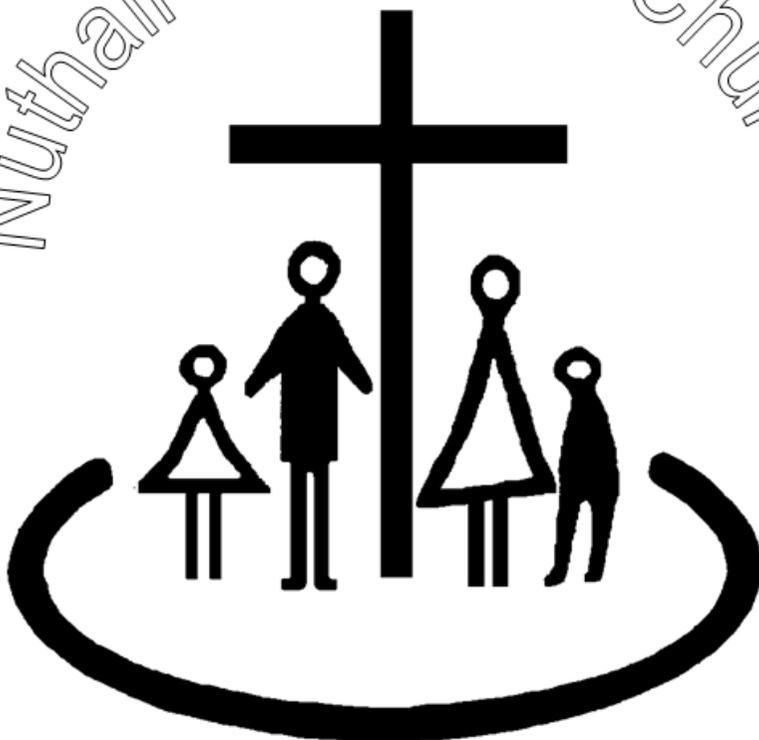


Nuthall Methodist Church



NEWSLETTER

January 2021

A Happy New Year to all!

FROM THE MINISTER'S STUDY

Dear Friends,

I am writing this short introduction to the Newsletter on the day after the latest national lockdown was announced last night. The country is facing a return to tighter restrictions, similar to the first lockdown, as we look to keep people safe from the raging pandemic and the new variant that is putting enormous pressure on our essential services and dominating our headlines.

In the Circuit YouTube service from the 3rd January, I spoke about the incarnation and the opening words of John's Gospel. These words remind us that the light of Christ shines in the midst of the darkness of our world and I know these are words which continue to resonate with people as Covid-19 continues to dominate our lives.

As part of that sermon, I suggested that if 2021 is a year in which we focus on Jesus and the love and grace he makes real in our world, all will be well. At the start of this year and with a new lockdown, when hope is difficult to locate, I believe with every fibre of my being that if we focus on Jesus over the coming days and weeks, this will be the very best thing any of us can do.

His love for us and for others will fill us. His compassion for us and for others will comfort us. His Spirit for us and for others will equip us. And his grace for us and for others will renew us.

These are incredibly difficult times, you do not need me to tell you that, but if we fix our focus on the saving love and grace of Christ, we will have given ourselves and those we know the very best start to 2021 that any of us can offer.

Love, peace and joy

Andrew



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations and all good wishes to our very dear friend, David Wheatley, as he celebrates his 90th birthday on January 10th.

ZOOM SERVICES

Our Zoom services will continue in January at 11.30am each Sunday.

January 10 th	Mr. John Wilson
January 17 th	Mr. David Blount
January 24 th	Dr. Cathy Milne
January 31 st	Rev. David Speed

The number for all Zoom services will be

Meeting ID: 885 5454 1347

Passcode: 067087

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	3 rd	Albert Avenue, Ayscough Avenue & Anders Drive <i>Hardy Street & Maws Lane</i>
	10 th	Woodside Avenue & Stafford Court <i>Valley Road & Newdigate Street</i>
	17 th	Ashbourne Court & Woodland Drive <i>Truman Street & Main Street</i>
	24 th	Farringdon Close & Back Lane <i>Tower Crescent & Angus Close</i>
	31 st	Carterswood Drive, Whetstone Close & Barn Close <i>Stocks Road & James Street</i>
February	7 th	Springfield Drive, Arnos Grove & Poplar Crescent <i>Jubilee Street & Little Lane</i>
	14 th	Nottingham Road & Scott Close <i>Hanson Close & Soarbank Close</i>
	21 st	Coronation Road & Cedar Avenue <i>Branklene Close & Troon Close</i>
	28 th	Ash Crescent, Oakley Mews & Swigert Close <i>High Spannia & Lyle Close</i>

THANK YOU

Thank you to **all our friends who lead our Zoom services** each Sunday, Special thanks to **Barry** for all the 'technical wizardry' involved! The nativity service is certainly one we will never forget – many thanks to everyone who took part.

Thank you to **everyone who was involved in preparing and putting up the truly wonderful display in our Church windows** at Christmas. Many hours of hard work obviously went into it. The display was a reminder to the people of Nuthall that although our building remains closed, the Church is still very much alive and active!

Roxanne and Chris Coleman would like to **thank the Sunday School and Creche** for their messages and gifts for the children and also **everyone involved in the Toddlers' Christmas Zoom party**. The visit from Santa and his elves was a highlight of the children's Christmas.

ECO CHURCH

Happy New Year from the Eco church team! We hope to keep inspiring you to think about our stewardship of the earth throughout 2021 and positive actions we can take despite our current situation.

1. Christmas tree recycling. Nottingham hospitals are operating a collection service to recycle your Christmas tree between 6-15 January for a £10 donation

<https://www.nottinghamhospitalscharity.org.uk/events/tree/>

2. Check out the BBC podcast series on climate change for thoughtful discussion, positive actions and interesting opinions from various guests including David Attenborough to inspire you for the new year.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p08tmn3g>

BESTWOOD & BULWELL FOODBANK

We would like to thank you for your wonderful generosity in giving so many gifts to the Foodbank before Christmas.

Doug's car was packed with your parcels week after week.

There were 2370 items, including 31 Reverse Advent Calendars and £350. This, combined with the giving from the first lockdown gave a grand total for 2020 of 3664 items and £850. I know that a number of you also set up standing orders during the gap after church closed.

The food bank still needs our generous giving during this lockdown, and the usual donation points are still open (23 Roland Avenue and 33 Sedley Avenue) on Mondays and Thursdays. Many, many thanks.

Margaret, Doug and John.



WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING?

TODDLERS

26 children had a visit from Santa and his Elves. Each was given a socially distanced present from Santa and a wave from his Elves. This was followed by a Zoom party with bubbles, singing and dancing. A good time was had by all.

BULBS

Lots of people have been busy planting bulbs and these were given to some of our congregation who have been isolating in Lockdown along with a card made by one of the children of the Church.

CAROL SINGING

As a group of six were allowed to be outside and sing before Christmas some of our members were treated to carols at their homes. It was a wet (due to the rain!!) but enjoyable experience for all

FOOD BANK

Many of our congregation have contributed to the Food Bank over the Advent and Christmas period.

THE CHURCH BUILDING

Throughout the pandemic our Church has been beautifully decorated with first the Rainbow, then the tribute to Remembrance Day and finally the wonderful Advent and Christmas display.

ADVENT MEDITATIONS

These were held throughout Advent on Zoom and were well attended.

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

These have continued on Zoom. If you wish to join one please get in touch with one of the Stewards who will pass your details to the relevant people.

PAUSE FOR PRAYER

This has continued weekly on Zoom and would welcome anyone who wishes to join on a Wednesday morning at 11.00am.

These things are just a small part of what has been happening at our Church during the pandemic. Many more people have worked in the community delivering meals, helping with shopping and transport, ringing people up to check they are well and I'm sure many more things.

If anyone has any new ideas for things we could do this year please contact a Steward.

We may not be meeting in Church but our Church is alive and well. A big THANK YOU to everyone! We have a lot to Thank our God for !!!



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