

Wimborne Methodist Church

Newsletter December 2026

Services for December

Sunday 6th December, 10.30am	**Holy Communion Mrs C & Revd T Stuckey**
Sunday 13th December, 10.30am	**Mrs J Wild**
Sunday 20th December, 4.00pm	**Revd M Kimber, Carol Service**
Sunday 27th December, 10.30am	**Revd M Kimber**

Thursday 17th December 11am, Holy Communion

Request for volunteers

If anyone is able to help with the sound system in church on the 5th Sunday in any month, we would be very grateful. Any volunteers that are able to operate the video projector for services are also welcomed, and training can be provided.

Please let one of the stewards know or email the office. Thank you.

Christmas Celebration for Families

This year we are holding our Christmas Celebration for families on **Monday 21st December at 2pm.** As usual this will be an afternoon of fun for all ages which will include the Christmas story and songs along with crafts and tea. Do try and join us so that you can experience the successful outreach to families in getting the Christian message to them. Everyone is welcome.

Joy Morling

Film Night

As our next film night would have been on Friday December 25th, there will be no film shown in December, but we will meet again on Friday 22nd January. Please note this is the fourth Friday and not the last one.

Gordon and Jennifer



Wimborne Methodist Church Christmas Lunch
Saturday 19th December at 12.30pm

All are welcome to our Christmas Lunch taking place on the above date. Please see Kate Gillingham if you are interested.

A note from Vi Ashpool

Hi everyone

I've really missed attending Church and seeing you all over the last four months and I've also missed having a good chat with you all too. As you probably know I have been in Poole hospital, then in respite care and back to Poole hospital.
I am very pleased to tell you all that I am now quite settled and residing at Hyacinth House Care Home, Wimborne Road West BH21 2DJ. It is a lovely care home situated between Ferndown and Wimborne. Many thanks to those of you who have visited me over the past weeks and given me great comfort and support. I would really love to see any of you who would like to visit me at Hyacinth House. The staff are amazing and will welcome you when you arrive. Wishing you love and blessings

Message from Katharine King,

My mother Mary Mighall (and late father Robert) was a member of WMC for many years. She moved to Devon earlier in the year, to a care home near my sister. Joy and Grenville have sweetly visited her there.

It is Vale View Heights, Fortescue Road, Sidmouth, Devon EX10 9QG

Mum was so grateful for all the love, care and support you all gave to her and to Dad during their time in Wimborne and was so sad to leave. She now attends a church in Seaton with my sister on Sundays, and is settling in there, but I know she misses you all!
With my love, prayers and thanks.

Reflection

In her recent sermon Christine Thompson challenged us to share experiences of when we found that Jesus had intervened in our lives. At a House Group some years ago we were looking at verses from Hebrews and I was struck by the words 'Do not forget to entertain strangers for by doing so some people have entertained angels.' Close to the church in Farnborough, which my wife and I were attending at the time, were three group homes for people with severe mental health problems and some of them used to sit on the wall outside our church. Talking to them on one occasion I was struck when they complained that 'we live here but no one wants to know us'. The church had recently built a new entrance which included a coffee lounge so I suggested that we might hold a drop in two evenings a week. With some reluctance, my suggestion was adopted and those evenings became the home for some 20 men and women from those homes.

As a church, we gained as much from the experience as they did, but for me it involved a transformation. I was enjoying a successful career in a legal firm in London at the time, but my free time became increasingly involved in the mental health sphere to the extent that I took early retirement at the age of 58. For over 20 years I then took up unpaid work, firstly as a volunteer and then as a Mental Health Manager with secure hospitals, with responsibility for patients held in compulsory detention. I firmly believe that this was a decision made for me by Jesus and that in a strange way some of those strangers became angels to me.

David Kendall

Christian Aid

The simple Autumn lunch raised £645 including anticipated gift aid .The committee is very grateful to all helpers from this church and other churches who helped make the occasion run so smoothly and as usual with a superb atmosphere enjoyed by all.

We warmly invite everyone to join us for our Christmas Eve Soup and Bread Lunch plus live music on Thursday 24th December 2026, 12.30 start. This will be a lovely opportunity to come together in friendship and fellowship, share a simple lunch, and support the important work of Christian Aid during the Christmas season.

Everyone is very welcome

Christopher Howell

Methodist Women in Britain NEWS

Message from Alison Judd

Looking ahead, we are in the initial planning stages to hold a **Quiet (guided Retreat) day at Crowe Hill Methodist Church in the New Forest on Saturday 22 May 2027.**

If you would like to attend such an event, please let Christine Leonard know if you are interested.

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Lonnen Road BH21 7AT



CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 5th December, 10.00 - 12.00

HOME MADE CAKES — GIFTS — BOOKS- JIGSAWS – A PRIZE EVERY TIME STALL

Everyone very welcome, come along &. enjoy delicious cakes, teacakes, a cuppa & a chat with friendly people.

Made with Love
Prayerful Crafting for Advent

Discover the prayerful practice of crafting during Advent

30 November 2026
10am - 4pm

What to expect

- Simple creative activities
- Time for reflection and prayer
- A welcoming atmosphere
- No crafting experience needed





Take time to create, reflect and prepare for Christmas.

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ALL WELCOME
Come and celebrate the joy of Christmas
SUNDAY
13TH DECEMBER 2026
6 PM
Led by Rev Keith Beckingham
with Verwood Brass Band
A joyous evening of celebration and singing.
ALL VERY WELCOME
FOLLOWED BY TEA/COFFEE
AND DELICIOUS MINCE PIES