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## If Uxbridge Were Bethlehem

If Uxbridge were Bethlehem, where would Jesus be born?

An interesting question. Each year we re-tell the stories of the birth of Jesus. The place names are familiar to us, and yet, unless you have had the privilege of visiting the Holy Land, they are strange foreign names. We hear about the impact of government tax planning, forced movement of people, the plight of migrants that cannot find a place to stay and of a family that has to flee to a foreign country to escape persecution and death. The stories are old but the experiences are as up-to-date as today's newspaper. Which begs the question, what does this story have to say about our world today? And another question, if Jesus was born here today, where would he be born?

Where is the equivalent of the Bethlehem stable? Is it under a canal

bridge? Or a winter night shelter? Who would his mother be? A single mum in an awkward relationship with an older man? And who would be the ones that recognise his presence? The foreigners who turn up wearing strange clothes? The dirty smelly workers who do the jobs no one else wants to do? The people who hear voices and see visions the rest of us don't understand?

Christmas is a special time for families and a time for celebrating a story that reminds us how much God loves the world and loves us. But it is also a difficult time for many: the lonely, families that don't always experience harmony and, those who don't have the resources to join in what most people think is the purpose of Christmas – spending money.

I do wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas, but I also pray that we will not forget or ignore the challenges that the Christmas story brings and that in simple ways we might all bring a bit



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of Christmas cheer to someone who finds Christmas difficult.

With Best wishes

Nick

## **Confessions of a lay preacher**

This is one of Howard's dogs writing (not bad for a dog!), in response to his "Tails Wagging Dogs" article last month, from the viewpoint of someone who tries to "construct acts of worship".

Howard's starting and finishing point about a "may as well" attitude not being satisfactory is of course correct, but for congregation as well as for leader. There's not just a ministry of attending, but a ministry of participation as well.

To me there are very positive points about using the lectionary (Bible readings set for each Sunday), which I almost always do. It ensures using passages from the whole Bible, not just the leader's favourite ones, and gives progression Sunday by Sunday even when, as with our Church, there is a variety of leaders.

I am a campaigner for pew-Bibles. Hopefully they encourage any who might otherwise perhaps not handle a Bible to do so and even turn the pages. Unity is lost if the reader uses a different version to the one in the seats. I prepare using the version in the Church where I will be leading. If I feel that the message can be illuminated further by a particular emphasis or the wording of another version I'll include that in the service.

In my experience organists have varied from those giving their service and "doing their best" to skilled musicians protective of their employment status. There is a joke among service-leaders which goes, "What's the difference between an organist and a terrorist?" Answer, "You can negotiate with a terrorist." I wouldn't even think of mentioning it to anyone. Organists may have a similar one about service-leaders! Like Nick, I too select hymns for their words. I try to avoid dirges, but I'm sure one person's dirge is another person's melody. No doubt the interaction will continue.

I agree with Howard about the unity of each service – but the unity of all

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present, in attention, involvement and, surely, participation, followed by commitment to action. Welcomers, notice-givers, prayer-leaders, Bible-readers, offering-collectors, instrumentalists, sound/vision desk engineers, message-bringers, testifiers, listeners, etc, etc – everyone has a part. Bring it on!

Finally, the services I'm privileged to lead are most definitely NOT mine! I am led in their preparation. Every member of the congregation has as much a part to play in the Christian joy of the occasions as I do.

So, sorry, Howard, this dog will be trying not to bark out instructions, but to invite others to go walkies as well, and trusting in the leadership, inspiration and messages of our top dog (who, to make it easier for us created in his image to recognise him, spells his name the other way round). Let's pray that his tail wags every one of us.

Woof!

God bless us all.

*Graham Hinton*

## **Church fundraising and charity news**

### **Pyramix concert**

Thank you to all who attended the "From Broadway to the Barricades concert on 21st November and helped us raise £450 for Friends of PICU.

*Louise and Jean George*

### **"He who is not against me is for me"**

(Words attributed to Jesus of Nazareth when some of his disciples complained that they had found men casting out devils but not in his name and had condemned them).

I recently went to the British Museum to view its exhibition on faith in Egypt since the pharaohs. (I commend it to you.) Ancient Egyptian polytheism gave way to Coptic Christianity which in turn was supplanted by Islam. Along the way each faith assimilated the beliefs and practices of those before it. There are Christian ideas that have their roots in ancient Egyptian polytheism for example.

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There are some Christians who insist on arguing that ours is a unique faith, that Jesus of Nazareth taught things that no-one had taught before - or since. I remember being told in Sunday School that teaching in parables was unique to Jesus when, in truth, it was a very long established Jewish tradition. Jesus said he had not come to destroy the Law (of the Jews) but to fulfil it. The Jesus Movement was part of Judaism and neither it nor Jesus (as far as we know) intended to found a new religion. Yet we sing "the Church's one foundation....." When Muhammad proclaimed Islam he took in established Jewish and Christian beliefs. Muslims, for example, revere Abraham, Moses and Jesus and believe in the Virgin Birth.

All of this points to us needing to be an inclusive people and welcoming to other faiths. Neither should we believe that wicked deeds perpetrated in the name of a faith are representative of that faith. To be fearful of our Muslim neighbours because of Ankara, Sharm ell Sheikh,

Paris or Bamako, of Buddhists and Hindus because some of their co-religionists persecute Muslims or of Jews because of the policies of the Israeli Government is plainly wrong. And especially so for a people called upon to love our neighbour as ourselves and whose own history is studded with vicious intolerance.

One local imam told me recently that when he sets up his stall in Uxbridge High Street he is assailed by some from St Margaret's who come out to denounce his 'false religion'. He told me that sometimes when members of his congregation are out and about at prayer time they ask to pray in churches. Some agree, others (for assorted reasons) refuse. These are only examples. Stories could equally be told of antagonism to and discrimination against our fellow Christians. Michaela Youngsman (preaching to us on November 22) reminded us of our duty to stand up against intolerance when we meet it (and we all hear it in shops, at bus stops and in conversations we have).

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All religions, it seems, have their bigots. But I am left with a question. Does religion attract bigots or does religion make people into bigots. As ever, I ask what do YOU think?

*Howard Cooper*

## **Keep faith with us, says Traidcraft**

Traidcraft is asking for help from the Methodist community - asking for support in its mission to show the fight for fair trade is not over. After four consecutive years of trading losses, interim chief executive of Traidcraft Andy Biggs explains why Traidcraft represents the best of fair trade - and why it's important for the Methodist community to get behind Traidcraft:

"We need your help because the world's small-scale farmers, struggling to feed and support their families, need our help. Sound like a familiar plea? It should. It's the same message as when we first started our mission more than 35 years ago - practically to apply the love and

justice which lies at the heart of the Christian faith to international trade and so give the world's poorest farmers the opportunity to trade fairly and thrive.

"Given we've reported a trading loss for the fourth successive year, we are taking the unprecedented step of trying to communicate directly with Church leaders and members, to try and reinforce the work that we and our supporters have been battling to do.

"There are two general misconceptions. The first is that the Fairtrade battle is won. Chocolate, tea, coffee and many more products with the now familiar Fairtrade mark are stacked high on our supermarket shelves. Something Traidcraft and our supporters can be proud to have helped bring about. However, it is a myth that the job is done. Unfortunately, injustice in trade and its resultant poverty is as much of a scandal now as it was 5 years ago and right now we're still doing everything we can to tackle it directly.

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"The second misconception is that Traidcraft and Fairtrade are the same. They are not. Traidcraft is an independent trading company, with a linked development charity. We do not benefit from the sales of Fairtrade products in the supermarkets. Traidcraft trades with and supports the most vulnerable farmers and artisans (who could not cope with the demands or scale required by big business or the supermarkets). We pioneer bringing new commodities into the fair trade arena. our linked development charity runs projects developing people's potential to trade their own way out of poverty in their own countries and we lobby big business and government for fundamental changes to the way trade works so that it benefits the poor.

"We believe this is the 'best of fair trade'. But we urgently need help to keep doing it, because despite the growth of total Fairtrade sales, we've seen Traidcraft sales significantly decline. Why? People are buying Fairtrade products from the

supermarket and not from Traidcraft or its supporters. This means our original pioneering mission is now under serious threat. Our plea is simple:

- Ensure there's a Traidcraft Fair Trader in your church, offer them as much support as possible and buy Traidcraft products through them.
- Don't just serve refreshments with the Fairtrade mark on, make sure they're from Traidcraft.
- Be part of our "Show you care" campaign and place whole church orders at Christmas time.

"As part of the 'Show you care' campaign, Traidcraft is highlighting many powerful stories of producers it works with around the developing world - such as the workers at Swazi Candles. This organisation creates highly decorative candles, which are handmade in the small African Kingdom of Swaziland using age-old techniques. But the craftspeople who create these beautiful pieces live with

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a terrible burden - Swaziland has the highest national HIV rate in the world - it affects a quarter of the population. And there is a stark gender imbalance: 31 per cent of women are HIV positive compared with 20 per cent of men, according to UNICEF.

"Bongi is a 24 year old candle sculptor at Swazi Candles. His wage supports him, his mother, grandmother and his brothers and sisters. He says: 'One candle you buy, someone gets to smile. A single candle, a single craft anything that's made, someone who made that actually made it with his heart'.

"Ruthie Sikhondeze is a supervisor at Swazi Candles. Ruthie was married to Mossa who died of HIV last year - she is now the sole provider for her children. Ruthie is also HIV-positive; thankfully none of her four children are affected.

"When our team visited Swazi Candles' factory, Ruthie told us she enjoys working for the organisation

and appreciates the support she is given. If she is short of food or money, she speaks to her employers who help her out'.

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## **Thoughts on worship... the Lectionary**

We seem to be on a little worship theme at the moment with my October letter on choosing hymns for worship, then in November Howard's comments on the lectionary and, Louise's selection from the archive of Martin Eggleton's article on Creative Worship. Howard's comments in particular raised some questions and prompted some thoughts.

First of all, I wonder how many people know what a 'lectionary' is, where it comes from, why we have it, when it was produced, who produced it and how it should be used - asking the six basic question of journalism is a good way to understand the lectionary.

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*What is the Lectionary?*

The Lectionary is a set of Bible readings recommended for use in worship each week. The readings repeat on a three-year cycle. The readings guide the worshiper through the major seasons of the Christian year and themes of the Christian faith. It does not include the whole Bible, but it does cover the main themes in the Bible.

*Where does the idea of having a lectionary come from?*

Lectionaries have been used in the church from very early days of the church. But the idea of using a lectionary existed long before the time of Jesus; some Jewish sources claim this tradition goes back to the time of Moses.

*When was the lectionary produced?*

The lectionary currently in use was first published in 1992.

*Who selects the readings?*

The Lectionary readings were selected by The Consultation on Common Texts, a body comprising

representatives of 18 different denominations including Roman Catholic, Anglican, Reformed and Methodist Churches.

*How should it be used?*

The Lectionary is a guide not a straight jacket. It offers readings that, if followed, will give the preacher and the worshiper food for thought on developing themes. However, any preacher can use different passages if they feel led to use other readings.

*Why have a lectionary?*

I think that question is best answered by a story told to me by my first superintendent minister. Visiting his mother one Sunday and walking home from church with her she said to him, "The Good Samaritan is a wonderful story, but three weeks running is a bit much." One of the things the lectionary does is to prevent the repetitive use of a few familiar and popular stories, at the same time stretching both preacher and congregation to address topics they would not otherwise think about.

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*What do I personally think of the lectionary?*

Well, some weeks I wonder what on earth God is saying to me through difficult and apparently disconnected passages. Some weeks I feel led to take a different theme and use different readings, and do so. Some weeks I am frustrated that certain passages are not included in the lectionary. But, overall, I value the discipline of following the lectionary themes and feel that the advantages outweigh the disadvantages. I certainly know that I have thought about issues that I would not have thought about, and therefore my faith is richer and deeper than it would otherwise have been, because of the lectionary.

*Nick Skelding*

## **The Pavilions Carol Concert**

The Pavilions Carol Concert is due to take place this year on Tuesday 8th December, 6pm, in Market Square in the Pavilions shopping centre. It is an

amazing event involving 500 primary school children from schools across the borough and includes traditional carols with the Salvation Army band, the Nativity story being acted out, children singing – and a crazy science Christmas message from Doug Horley. All welcome.

*June Hughman*

## **Uxbridge North Ward - Metropolitan Season's Greetings**

Dear Ward Member,

I would like to take this time to wish you all a Season Greetings, and Best Wishes.

Along with the Christmas Season comes a time for extra vigilance when it comes to this busy period of spending. Online purchases have been a target for a lot of fraudulent activities, Last year's report shows that the most common time for victims to initially make contact with

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the fraudster was on 28 November- Black Friday (221 victims) and 1 December - Cyber Monday (205 victims), as people head online to try and bag the best festive bargains out there. This serves as a warning to consumers to be extra vigilant on these key Christmas shopping days as online fraudsters are watching and waiting to capitalise on the biggest shopping frenzies of the year.

Black Friday and Cyber Monday aren't the only days fraudsters are taking advantage of, they also make the most of last minute shoppers; 220 people said they were stung by fraudsters between 20-23 December last year when they were trying to buy last minute presents.

It has come to our attention that fraudsters have created high specification websites advertising electrical goods and domestic appliances in the bid to gain credit and banking details along with information on consumers. The fraudsters will request your card details via the website, however the

purchaser will then receive an email stating the payment failed and they must pay via bank transfer.

The fraudsters entice the purchaser and reassure them it is a legitimate purchase by using the widely recognised Trusted Shop Trustmark. The fraudsters are using the Trustmark fraudulently and have not been certified by Trusted Shops and therefore the purchaser is not covered by the Trusted Shop money-back guarantee.

Some advice that is available for:

- Check the authenticity of the websites before making any purchases. Conduct a 'who is' search on the website which will identify when the website has been created.

Be wary of newly formed domains. You can conduct this search using the following website - <https://who.is/>.

- Carry out online research in relation to the website, company name and the business address provided to identify any poor feedback or possible irregularities.

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- Check the Trusted Shops Facebook page where warnings about websites using their Trustmark are published. If you are in doubt about the legitimacy of a Trustmark then you can contact Trusted Shops on 0203 364 5906 or by email [service@trustedshops.co.uk](mailto:service@trustedshops.co.uk). They will confirm whether they have certified that website.

- Payments made via bank transfer are not protected should you not receive the item. Therefore always try to make the payment via PayPal or a credit card where you have some payment cover should you not receive your product.

- If the item advertised seems too good to be true, then it probably is.

To report a fraud and receive a police crime reference number, call Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or use our online fraud reporting tool.

*PC 143 Salahadeen Rahal*

*Uxbridge North Neighbourhood Policing Team*

## Pioneering Guiding Lights Drop-In

Dear Friends

**Matt 25:40 'whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me...'**

With this scripture in mind we are contacting all the churches in the area to ask if you would like to be involved in a joint churches 'drop in centre' under the name Guiding Lights.

It has emerged through the work in Oasis Coffee Shop at St Margaret's Church that there are many practical, social, physical and emotional needs in the Uxbridge community. Practical help like filling in benefit forms, people with physical needs such as food and clothes, emotional needs during a crisis or even just a friendly face and a chat are the sorts of things that regularly come up. St Margaret's continue to seek to offer help and support in all sorts of ways but the

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growing needs means that if we all worked together we could be meeting those needs more effectively.

We have a venue agreed in Watts Hall Christchurch on Wednesday mornings. We hope to expand to other venues on more days in Uxbridge as the ministry grows. We want to be a loving, open point of contact meeting some of the people's needs. However, a large part of the work in the drop in centre would also be 'sign posting' ie pointing people in the right direction for the more specialist help they need such as through AA / food bank / Al-Anon.

We need volunteers to help staff the drop in centre. They will be trained so no experience is necessary but the attached role description gives an idea of the kind of people we are looking for. We are looking towards launching Guiding Lights, in spring 2016, so would ask that anyone who is interested in working with us should complete the attached application

form and return it to us at [guiding-lights@outlook.com](mailto:guiding-lights@outlook.com) by 30 November 2015 - or alternatively, a hardcopy can be posted to Guiding Lights, c/o, Oasis Uxbridge, St Margaret's Church, Windsor Street, Uxbridge, UB8 1AB.

Please could we ask that you publicise this in your church – and please do contact us if you would like more information or a chat through the needs and requirements. Our heart is to reach out and show Gods love more effectively to the growing number of struggling people on our doorstep and we need the help and combined co-operation of all the churches in Uxbridge to do this. We hope you and/or others from your church can join with us.

This comes with very best wishes from  
*The Guiding Lights Steering Group*

## **Christmas Stamps**

The Royal Mail says the first UK Christmas stamps were issued in 1966 under the guidance of the Postmaster General, Tony Benn. Since

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then, Christmas stamps have consistently been the most popular release of the year, with new bespoke designs released each festive season.

Designs have featured work by a diverse range of talented designers and artists including Quentin Blake (1993) and Axel Scheffler (2012), with many designs paying homage to British favourites including Wallace & Gromit (2010).

With over 17 billion Christmas stamps sold in Britain since 1966, the 2015 Christmas stamp collection is just as magical as ever. There are eight stamps which feature the star of Bethlehem.

## **Main Points from the Members' Meeting (1st November 2015)**

The meeting was chaired by Revd Nick Skelding.

Concerns about and news of members were brought to the meeting.

### **Matters arising from previous meetings**

- Planned Open Church event. Meetings being planned. In process of renewing and making contact with users. Still planning a fun day.
- Resources – chairs in meeting area accepted after longer legs fitted.
- Mission statement – to express welcome more clearly. This has raised more questions and will be looked at by Church Council at next meeting in November. Other ideas regarding welcome must be included.

### **Main points from Co-ordinators reports**

- **Resources:**
  - Wilmar Close – renovations are almost complete and new tenants are expected at end of November
  - Routine maintenance continues – members asked to report any defects noticed.
  - Outreach Fund – The recommendations put forward

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were unanimously accepted by members.

- Brian talked members through the financial report which was approved by members.
- Brian and Rudolph were thanked for all their work on behalf of church.
- **Worship:**
  - **Remembrance Sunday 8th Nov** – Brigades will attend the town commemoration
  - **Sun 29th Nov** – Inter-Faith Week- an invitation will be given to members of other faiths to attend as part of the events organised by Hillingdon Inter Faith Network
  - **Services in December 2015**
    - 6th (Second Sunday in Advent) Communion Revd Nick Skelding
    - 13th Parade/carol/gift service – planned by ‘ourselves’ Gifts will go to Hillingdon Women’s Refuge
    - 20th ‘Preaching service’ Revd Nick Skelding
    - Thursday 24th ‘Christmas Eve Communion service at Yiewsley Methodist Church
    - Friday 25th – 10.30 am Christmas Day morning service at Christ Church
- 27th No service at Christ Church – combined service at Yiewsley Methodist Church – Revd Nick Skelding
- **Carols and Mince Pies** -the proposed date is Fri 18th Dec.
- Worship planning group- new members welcome – meets 4th Tuesday in the month
- **Visiting preachers** – members asked to give feedback concerning visiting preachers, by speaking to Peter or other Council member. Clarity – either speak to Peter after service if problem with clarity of preacher or speak to person on sound system if problem in this area. **Important this is done on the day.**
- **Cardboard Christmas** – details in Look in. The completed items to be delivered to church on 4th/5th/6th Dec for display until Christmas.
- **Youth:**
  - Older young people want get-together to discuss their Christianity. More people needed

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to help this to happen. Ideally need DBS clearance but would be ok if Jenny present.

- **Social:**

- Pyramix Concert – want people to support this

- **Publicity and Communications:**

- Website - Feedback on site requested plus notification of any information members would like to see added.
- Deadlines for the next issues of Look-In are as follows:
  - Jan 2016 issue – Fri 1st Jan 2016. This issue will be out a week later than normal due to the Christmas break and will be available from Sun 10th Jan.
  - Feb 2016 issue – Fri 29th Jan

### **Secretary's Report**

- Calendar of events – request for details from members of forthcoming events in 2016
- Church Kitchen – if not in satisfactory condition then report to Doreen with information regarding date and time found in bad state (specify problems)

- Sunday Services quietness at start and end of services– it was felt that people in church should be respectful of others – this was a reminder to be sensitive to other people's needs.

### **Ministers' Concerns**

#### Deacon Jackie Fowler

- Vulnerable adults Drop-In –
  - Testing out in New Year.
  - Involves representatives from Faith Community and town centre representatives. Churches involved Our Lady of Lourdes, Christ Church, Crown Church, St Margarets and St Andrews
  - To provide support for vulnerable adults.
  - Beginning to advertise for volunteers and then start training programme.
  - Space at Watts Hall on Wednesday morning.

#### Revd Nick Skelding

- New member in church. Jean Stafford who has been a local preacher and is living in Ickenham

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will be transferring her membership to Christ Church

- Lord's Prayer - version used in church.
- Discussion whether more modern version of Lord's Prayer should be used in our services.
- Feeling that worship leader should invite people to use either version.
- Members happy to agree that either version used by congregation.

#### **Denominational News/CTU**

##### **• URC**

• The restructuring ('revisioning') plans for the Synod were approved at the Synod meeting on 19th Sept. Part of these plans involves abolishing the present Area Committees and creating a larger number of smaller 'Local Area Groups' of churches. The area that we have been in, 'West London', is holding its last meeting soon. Meanwhile, on 23rd Sept, an initial meeting was held for ministers and representatives of the Elders of churches in the group of which we are becoming a part covering the London

Boroughs of Harrow and Hillingdon. This group consists of URCs at Northwood, South Oxhey, the combined church of Eastcote/Northwood Hills, Ickenham, with two joint URC/Methodist churches - Trinity, Harrow and Christ Church, Uxbridge.

Christ Church was represented at the 23 September meeting by several members of the Church Council. This was a preliminary 'get together' and formal arrangements for the group will be set up using guidelines which were presented at the Synod meeting. The Group will hold regular meetings and will include the ministers and representatives from each of the 'member' churches. It will oversee and promote the witness and mission of the churches within the area, including making recommendations on staffing matters.

- The next Synod will be held at the end of November

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- **Methodist**

- The new Superintendent Revd David Hart will be visiting Christ Church on Saturday morning January 23rd January and members are encouraged to come along to meet him
- The Superintendent will be leading the service on 31st January and will be invited to attend our AGM.

- **CTU**

- Pavilion Carol Concert - Tuesday 8th December
- Christmas Card 2015 - will be produced in 3 formats
  - E –CARD for circulation among 3 CTU members churches
  - Traditional Christmas Card
  - A3 Posters

**AOB**

- Christmas Day Meal – possible that this will be last meal prepared by David Routledge.
- Election of Elders – members asked to give prayerful thought about either self or other person who might be called to serve as

an elder. Members asked to speak to Nick or church council member.

- Elders' Roles – Church council will be looking at the roles of elders to see if there are areas that are not covered adequately.
- Church Charity- Members asked to consider charities that might be supported during 2016 and provide information about the charities. 2 already proposed – Hillingdon Refugee support group and REAP
- Church seating – comments to be put to Brian regarding seating before next members' meeting

**Date of next meeting: Sunday 31st January 2016 (AGM)**

## **From the Methodist Circuit**

### **Changes to the Circuit ENewsletter**

The first edition of the Circuit ENewsletter was distributed in October 2007. Since then we have seen changes of minister in most of

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our churches and in some cases more than one change of minister. We have also see two changes in Superintendent and two more in the Chairs of District. The circuit website was updated and the circuit structure of meetings was reviewed. In all that time apart from changing from monthly to bi-monthly editions, the Circuit ENewsletter is possibly the only thing that has not changed.

So I would like to announce that this is the last Harrow & Hillingdon Circuit ENewsletter in its current format and is now undergoing a review and possible facelift!

Please continue to send articles and information on events to the circuit office. Information will still be available through the weekly notices sent for distribution to Church Senior Steward and circuit information will still be available on the circuit website and Facebook page.

Don't worry if it is more than 2 months before you receive the next

copy as the number of editions produced each year might also change. However, when the new look newsletter is produced it will be continue to be distributed to everyone who is currently on the subscription list.

We hope you will like the changes!

The Circuit newsletter is available online at [www.hah.org.uk/files/ENews.pdf](http://www.hah.org.uk/files/ENews.pdf)

## **Churches Prayer Diary**

w/c 6th December - Wealdstone Methodist.

w/c 13th December - Yiewsley Methodist.

w/c 20th December - Cannon Lane Methodist.

w/c 27th December - Christ Church

w/c 3rd January 2016 - Eastcote Methodist.

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## Church Calendar

All events are at Christ Church unless indicated by an X in the final column

Day/ Date	Event	Group	Leader	
<b>December</b>				
<b>Tue 8</b>	Tuesday Club	Church		
	Pavilions Christmas Concert	CTU		X
<b>Wed 9</b>	Christmas Pub lunch	Church		
<b>Thu 10</b>	Craft group	Church	Doreen Smith	
<b>Fri 11</b>	Christmas Party - Junior	BB	Paul Edgeworth	
<b>Sat 12</b>	Saturday morning coffee			
	Company – Compass theatre	GB	Stephanie Marr	X
	Open House at Manse			X
<b>Sun 13</b>	Sunday lunch	Church	Cathy Simpson	
<b>Tue 15</b>	Tuesday Club	Church		
<b>Fri 18</b>	Carols & Mince pies	Church		
	Christmas Party	GB	Stephanie Marr	
	Company Christmas Party	BB	Paul Edgeworth	
<b>Sat 19</b>	Saturday morning coffee			
<b>Thu 24</b>	Christmas Eve Communion service at Yiewsley	Church		X
<b>Fri 25</b>	<b>Christmas Day</b>			

## Look-In

Please help us to produce an interesting newsletter by handing in news items or articles to the office, or sending them by email to Louise George ([publicity@christchurchuxbridge.org.uk](mailto:publicity@christchurchuxbridge.org.uk)). The next issue of Look-In will be the January issue which will be available from Sunday 10th January and the deadline for articles for this is Friday 1st January 2016.

# WHO'S

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Fowler

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Brigades:  
Girls' -  
Stephanie Marr  
Boys' -  
Paul Edgeworth

Junior Church  
Club -  
Jenny Peet

Tuesday Club -  
Wendy Pollard

Prayer Tree -  
Val Bailey  
Rosemary Moere

# WHO!

## December Services

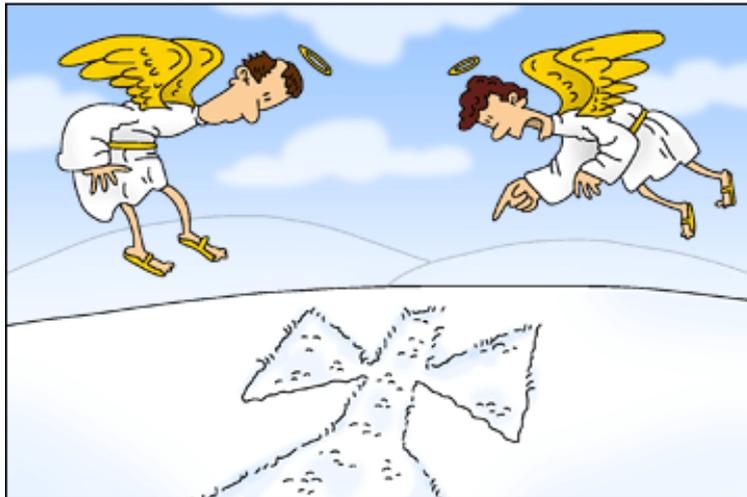
(All services are 11am unless stated otherwise)

- 6th Rev'd Nick Skelding (Holy Communion)
- 13th 1st Uxbridge Girls' and Boys' Brigades (All Age Worship, Gift Service)
- 20th Rev'd Nick Skelding
- 25th Rev'd Nick Skelding (Christmas Day Service) (10.30am)
- 27th Combined service at Yiewsley Methodist Church (no service at Christ Church)

## January Services

- 3rd Rev'd Nick Skelding (Holy Communion)

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