



ST JOHN'S NEWS AND VIEWS

Number 5

Worship at St. John's:



20th Dec. at 10.30 a.m. led by Wendy Holt, with traditional carols, recorded by the choir of King's College, Cambridge.

25th Dec. at **10.0 a.m.** Christmas celebration led by Revd. Tim Broughton.

27th Dec. Online service only.

Covenant Service

Many Methodist churches, including St John's, have maintained John Wesley's practice of holding a Covenant Service on the 1st Sunday in January. Other churches hold it in September, at the beginning of the Methodist year. As a number of members of our congregation have been shielding and do not yet feel ready to come to church or to share in Holy Communion, we have decided to do likewise and to hold this year's Covenant service on 12th September. Book the date now!!

Drive In Carols
A mix of traditional carols and seasonal favourites!
Bibby's, Ingleton
Sunday 20th December
3:30pm & 5:15pm
Please email: tim.broughton@methodist.org.uk
or see Revd. Tim or Revd. Nick Trenholme to reserve your place.

Online services, led by Revd. Tim, will be posted on our Facebook page at 10.30 a.m. every Sunday ([facebook.com/settlemethodist](https://www.facebook.com/settlemethodist)); these are also available on YouTube later in the day. Short services of Evening Prayer, led by Rev. Stephen Caddy and Christine Caddy will also be posted on Facebook at 6.30 p.m. every Sunday.

Christmas Dinner

There is still time to tell Tim if you are willing to plate up an extra Christmas dinner for delivery on the big day to someone nearby (see the last newsletter). What a lovely gift at Christmas.

Soup-a-carol - with a difference!



If you can use Zoom, please join us on Monday 21st December (7.30-9.00 p.m.) for our annual Soup-a-carol evening – but bring your own soup!! If you would be willing to read a short story or poem, please contact Sue Bould (822545). If you would prefer to pre-record your contribution, please tell her and she will arrange this with Tim. We hope that this will be an enjoyable evening of fellowship and fun for all. If you haven't Zoomed before, just download Zoom on to your device (speak to a techno friend or one of our leadership team if you need help) and use the following details to meet up with us:

Meeting ID: 613 579 9022

Passcode: 2512

Dear God,

It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas. The hills are white with snow, the roads are black with ice and the supermarket tills are jingling merrily! The lights are definitely twinkling, more so than ever in places; the comfort of bringing light into our lives to

fend off the winter gloom is apparent on every street. Buying gifts hasn't just been the usual battle through chain store crowds and the fact that gifts may have to be posted, has meant giving more thought to what you buy. I know one person who has used lockdown time to knit gifts for family and friends: they won't be able to return them for refunds on Boxing Day but they will know that every stitch was created with love and the maker had them in mind all through the process. Those who do venture to the supermarkets are more tolerant too, waiting out in the cold they aren't grumbling but at an appropriate social distance and chatting to one another because everyone has got used to activities taking more time. There won't be a huge family get together for everyone, but I know some folk are actually looking forward to not having to keep all the grandparents content and being able to start new family traditions of Christmas alone with their children. I'm also sure some couples are relishing the idea of a return to the joy of what it was like before they had children and grandchildren. Nativity plays may be cancelled, but as one wise boy said on observing a crib, "It wouldn't be the same without the kings, and they couldn't travel this year 'cos of regulations!". Christmas will be different, but it will still be special.
 Seasonal wishes
 Old Lil Nongle.

Yorkshire Preachers: no.3

John Shaw (1814-1879: New Connexion)
 Born at Pudsey, John Shaw began his working life at the age of eight, transporting coal from Pudsey to Tong on two donkeys. The only education he received was at Sunday School. A member of the Methodist New Connexion from 1829, John faced an oral examination in 1839 before becoming a local preacher. Several doctrinal and theological questions he answered

by saying, "I don't know". When asked "Then what do you know?", he replied, "Well, Jesus saved me when I first believed; He's saved me ever since and He saves me now, and if there's anything in Him for me that I haven't got, He'll be sure to give it to me." (Translated from the dialect).

Jane Mansergh

Out of the mouths of babes.....

Heard at last year's carol service, when Tim announced we should come into the presence of the Lord -

"PRESENTS!!"

A wide-eyed Ella, aged 2.

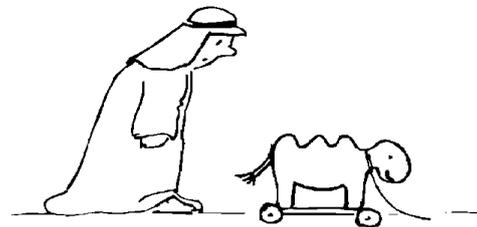
Community Christmas Carols

15 and 22 December, 10 – 12.30

Settle Market Square (NatWest Bank)

Come and join Churches Together to sing carols, or just come along and listen.

Do wear a facemask and observe social distancing.



The Camel for the Nativity Play did not turn out too well



Prayer for the week (by Revd. Neil Dixon):

Lord God, whose glory has been revealed to the world in Jesus Christ your Son, forgive us if we have sometimes obscured the meaning of Christmas by wrong priorities, foolish anxieties, feverish activity and festive indulgence. Draw us again to the light of Christ, which shines in the darkness, and help us to live in accordance with your will.

Amen