

Sunday Services 10am

1st Sunday Altogether worship accompanied by iSing Worship.

2nd Sunday Holy Communion accompanied by organist.

3rd Sunday - No morning service. Please come and celebrate over a glass of mulled cider at the carol service at 7pm.

4th Sunday Christmas Eve - No morning service. Please note there is no morning service on Christmas Eve. Please come and participate in the Nativity service at 4.30pm and the Midnight Mass 11pm.

During the week

Monday

Baby and Toddler group 9.30am - 11am. Crafts and free play for the little ones, good food and good coffee for the adults. **Please note there will be no group on 18th and 25th December or 1st January.**

Study Group 2pm - 4pm every fortnight. See notice board for the date of the next meeting.

Girls Group 7pm - 9pm. A group for senior school aged girls with crafts, games and life skills. **Please note there will be no group on 18th and 25th December or 1st January.**

Wednesday

Holy Communion 9.30am - 10am.

Coffee Club 10.15 am - 11.15am.

Men's Shed 7pm - 9pm.

Third Thursday Friendship circle lunch. Next date is Thursday 14th December.

Coming up in the New Year



Saturday 27th January, 3rd February and 10th February 'Christian's Against Poverty' Money Course 3pm to 5pm. This is a free short course that makes managing your money simple. To register or find

out more information please check out the website <https://capuk.org/i-want-help/courses/cap-money-course/introduction> or email Rachel at enquiriesststephenssouthmead@gmail.com.

Sermon Series Rev'd Jenny Low will be running a three week sermon series entitled "Treasures of Darkness, Climbing Out of Depression" starting on 14th January for three consecutive weeks.

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Equipping believers with faith for life.



We would like to extend a warm welcome to you, whether it is your first time visiting or you are a regular part of the congregation you are welcome here!

Our prayer is that you might meet with the living God.

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

Your generosity this year meant we were able to fill and cover the postage for 22 shoe boxes. We were also able to cover the postage for another ten shoe boxes which were filled by residents of the ABC Centre in Whitchurch. The shoe boxes were taken to St Chad's in Patchway where they will be sent off to disadvantaged children across the world.

Christmas Through the Keyhole



We kicked off our Christmas celebrations with another successful run of Christmas Through the Keyhole. During the open community evening on the Wednesday evening, we had 68 children come through and take part. On closing the kids chest in the Magi tent to reveal stars, 8 year

old Oliver said incredulously "I just can't get over how you are pulling this off... It blows my mind!" Thank you so much to everyone involved, we couldn't have done it without you!



Christmas Events

Tuesday 5th December, 12th December and 19th December 7pm Advent Quiet Reflection with Rev. Brenda Dowie. This year's theme is "Travelling to Bethlehem".

Thursday 14th December 7pm Christmas Cake Off - make a Christmas pudding alongside a glass of mulled cider and carols. There will be a "Best Dressed Pudding" competition in the New Year so be sure to take photos of your finished product!

Sunday 17th December There will be no morning service. There will be a candlelit carol service and improvised Christmas drama at 7pm followed by mulled wine, mulled cider and mince pies. We would love everyone to take part.

Christmas Eve There is no morning service on Christmas Eve. Instead there will be an interactive nativity service at 4.30pm for everyone to take part in and a traditional midnight mass at 11pm.



Christmas Day



Come and celebrate Christmas with an informal communion service on Christmas morning. Janet and her daughter Wendy are cooking a traditional Christmas lunch for

anyone who fancies a bit of company. Please let Janet know if you would like to come by calling her on 01179768059.

Carol Service Drama!

For this year's carol service on 17th December, we will



be doing something a little different and would love everyone to be involved. We will be performing an improvised Christmas drama, with a number of

both small and large parts. We will be rehearsing on 3rd and 10th December after the 10am service, sharing a hearty lunch to inspire us to keep us going. So either come along to the service and stay or turn up at 12pm for food and rehearsals. **Everyone is welcome!**