



# CALDICOT METHODIST CHURCH

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**John3:16**

## Notices for Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018

We welcome all who worship with us especially if you are a visitor or this is your first time.  
 Please join us after the service for tea, coffee & fellowship.

If you would like to know more about our church, ask a steward for a Welcome Pack  
 or help yourself from the rack in the foyer.

If you have a hearing aid, please switch to "T" for reception from the church system, during the service.

### Service Today - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent

9.40am	Prayer	First Steps Prayer Meeting - in the schoolroom
10.00am	Service	Mr R. Kouba

This week's Church Stewards	Mr & Mrs F. Wheeler
Door Stewards	Mrs A. McBain & Mrs G. Paul



### Lectionary Readings

Malachi 3:1-4  
 Philippians 1:3-11  
 Luke 3:1-6

### Next Week's Service

9.40am	Prayer	First Steps Prayer Meeting - in the schoolroom
10.00am	Service	Rev P. & Mrs M. Andersen - Parade Service, Caldicot Scout Group & 'Count Everybody In'
6.00pm	Carol Service	Led by the Choir

### Last Sunday's Offering

£850.48

### 'Churches Together' Donation

£98.60

### Diary for this week

Monday	4.30pm 7.30pm	Kidz Theatre Bible Study- Advent
Tuesday	All am 9.15am 11.00am 7.30pm	Coffee Morning Moo Music - Music & Movement for the under 5's 'Space to be...'. Informal 20-30 minute service, led by Nick Jones Friends & Neighbours - Carol Service
Wednesday	9.30am	Mother & Toddlers - <b>Next meeting 9<sup>th</sup> January</b>
Thursday	9.30am 2.30pm 6.00pm	Coffee with God, Bible Study - led by Margaret Andersen - <b>Next meeting 10<sup>th</sup> January</b> Sisterhood - Carol Service & Tea - <b>Next meeting 7<sup>th</sup> February</b> Slimming World
Friday	All am 7.00pm	Coffee Morning Choir at Cherry Trees

This year's weekly payment  
 to the Methodist Circuit: **£794**

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#### Next Week (16/12/18)

Church Stewards	Mrs P. Harris & Mrs B. Nash
Door Stewards	Ms J. Law & Mr B. David
Sound Desk	Mr J. Thomas
Sunday Coffee	Mr & Mrs G. Davidson
Flowers	Church
Advent Liturgy	Guides & Scouts



### Prayer

Beloved Lord, give me the faith I need to trust you.  
 Lead me when my way ahead is unclear. Let me not go astray. Amen.

*Penelope Wilcock*

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These notices are printed and prepared 4U. Please pray for the activities listed  
 and those involved in leadership and witness as well as those who will hear The Good News, perhaps for the first time.

## **FOODBANK** **Dolly the trolley**

Thank you to all who have contributed.  
Please continue with your gifts. There is a growing need to help those in a less fortunate position.



## **FRIENDS & NEIGHBOURS** **CAROL CONCERT** **TUESDAY DEC 11<sup>TH</sup> @ 7. 30PM**

Everyone is invited to come along and support us.  
Let's join together and get Christmas started.  
Looking forward to seeing you there.

*Pam Reynolds*



## **CALDICOT METHODIST CHURCH**

### **Time of Christmas Services**

#### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

10.00am Service led by Rev P. & Mrs M. Andersen  
Parade Service Caldicot Scout Group  
& Count Everybody In  
6.00pm Carol Service - led by The Choir

#### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

10.00am Service led by the Worship Leaders

#### **Christmas Eve**

6.00pm Carolaire led by John Thomas & Glyn Hamison  
11.30pm Midnight Communion led by Rev P. Andersen

#### **Christmas Day**

10.00am Family Service led by Rev P. Andersen

#### **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December**

10.00am Service led by Mrs M. Andersen



**A warm welcome to all at any of these services**



## **AN ON-GOING STORY**

We all like a good story. When God wanted to grab our attention, He gave us a book of stories. The Bible is full of God's encounters with people. At Christmas, we remember the story of Jesus born in Bethlehem. But this story begins back in Genesis and as we go through the Old Testament books, there are many pointers to Him.

Some prophets announced His coming, stating where He would be born, what He would be like and what He would do. They prepared the way for the arrival of the Holy Child.

Perhaps, Mary, on seeing her old cousin Elizabeth pregnant, reminded her of the amazing conceptions and births which God had given to Sarah, Rachel and Hannah. And now the angel Gabriel had announced that she, of all women, would bear the Messiah. No wonder Mary praised God with all her heart.

The Christmas story is so attractive, with memorable ingredients: angels; poignant dreams; a pregnant mum on a long and tough journey; the lack of a clean room at an inn and a stable for a birth. The story has a wealth of characters: an innocent young girl, a kindly older man, bright angels, rough shepherds, wealthy men from the East and a tyrannical ruler out to kill the baby. And over all hangs that mysterious lone star that marked the place where Jesus lay!

But the story of Jesus doesn't end here. He grew up. Jesus became the teacher and miracle worker - He became the Messiah. It culminated with His death, resurrection and ascension. This is a story of sacrificial love. A Saviour who died on a cross to remove our sin and give us eternal life.

And the story hasn't finished, as WE are its final part! Our response to the Christmas story determines our future. Are we living in the light of Christ, in service, worship and prayer? We are now part of God's continuing story and the last chapter has still to be played out. We are involved in it. Now, that is something to celebrate!

*Lester Amann*

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**'CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT!'**  
**LITURGY FOR ADVENT**

**ADVENT 2**

**Reader:**

We long for the peace of Christ in our world

**All:**

**Come Prince of Peace**

**All Sing**

**StF 706 Verses 1 & 2 ONLY**

**Leader (Candle Lighter):**

Lights the first & second candle

**Reader:**

Listen for the voice of the prophet  
crying out in the wilderness:  
prepare the way of the Lord.

**All:**

**Come Prince of Peace**

**Reader:**

The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him  
and the earth will be full of the knowledge of the  
Lord

**All:**

**Christ, shine on the earth today**

**NOTICE - CAR PARK FEES**

Church car park fees are due on 1st October.

The fee for the coming year is **£10**

**Early payment to Wilf Wilsher**  
**will be appreciated**

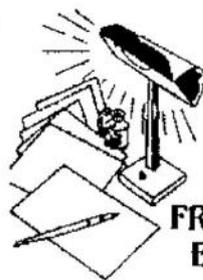
*Thank You*



**OLIVE JEANES**

Thank you to everyone for all your lovely cards, gifts, flowers and messages on the occasion of my 80th birthday. I still can't believe it. I have had an amazing week.

*Olive*



**TO ALL CHURCH**  
**SECTIONS &**  
**ORGANISATIONS**

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Please advise dates and times of your activities  
following the Christmas season

**'MELODY MAKERS'**  
**CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

at Portskewett Recreational Hall



**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December**  
**@ 2pm**

Entrance Free

**6 DAY CHURCH HOLIDAY TO BOURNEMOUTH**

20<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> MAY 2019 - COST £319 pp

Includes all gratuities, evening entertainment,  
half board and three day trips



STAYING at the  
ULLSWATER HOTEL

SOME ROOMS  
AVAILABLE

For further details contact John Mills  
on (01291) 420045



**CALDICOT METHODIST CHURCH**

**"LIGHTEN OUR DARKNESS"**

*A service to raise up and celebrate  
the lives of our loved ones who have  
sadly passed away*



**WEDNESDAY 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**DECEMBER at 7pm**

*Opportunity to light a candle of remembrance*

**ALL VERY WELCOME**