
Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome.

Fourth Sunday in Advent

22nd December 2024

10.30am

Led by Revd Lucy Brierley

**Groups for children and young people meet
after sharing in the first part of the service.**

This Service, broadcast live from the Church can be found via the Church's website - www.wokingurc.org.uk our YouTube Channel or via our Facebook page. There is an archive of service recordings, including this one, on our website which can be viewed at home. If you would like some help to access any of them please email - office@wokingurc.org.uk or telephone us on 01483 763078. If you would like a recording of this Service, and any other, they are available in various formats by request. Please contact the Church Office.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

The Church is fitted with a loop system. The words of hymns and songs, and Bible readings etc are displayed on the screen. Bibles and hymn books in standard and large print are also available from the Welcomers. As the Service is live streamed you (and / or your family) could be on camera as efforts are made to help those watching at home to feel a part of the worshipping congregation in the Church. If you have any concerns regarding this, please speak to an Elder or Welcomer.

Welcome and Notices

Call to Worship

Hymns - Angels From The Realms Of Glory (R&S 163)
Sing We The Song Of Emmanuel

Lighting of the Advent Candles & the Advent Hymn

Family time

Hymn - Here I Am To Worship

Children & Young people continue in groups

Bible Readings:

Isaiah 9 v2,5-7 Read by Heather Manson

John 1 v1-12 Read by Sue Loudon

Hymn - Love Divine (R&S 663)

Sermon

Hymn - Longing For Light (Christ Be Our Light)

Prayers for Others & Offering Prayer

Hymn - Hark the Herald Angels Sing (R&S 159)

Blessing

NEWS AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

You are invited to stay for **refreshments after the Service**. They will be served in the Forum and in the Sanctuary. Please do stay if you can to enjoy a time to meet and talk with each other.

Heathside Car Park. Free Sunday morning (up until 1 pm) parking for those attending this Church. Please key in your registration number on a device in the Forum in the Church *before the Service* each time you are here. The barrier will rise to let you out of the car park because your number will be recognised. If the device indicates 'number not recognised' please write your details on the sheet next to the devices and press the HELP button as you reach the car park barrier. Your number will have been notified.

If you would like to donate to the work of the Church this can be done in a variety of ways as described on the "Giving to the Church" page of the website. For one-off gifts, there is a direct link to the Dona online page from the "Give Online" button on the Home page, and the contactless device in the Forum is also available. There is a plate at the back of the Church and an offering bag under the Dona device in the Forum for anyone wishing to make a cash donation.



Christian Aid Christmas Appeal - focussing this year on Sudan. You may donate through the Dona card device in the Forum or by using one of the gift envelopes for cash or cheques. There is also a facility though the Church website or directly to the Church bank account. Full details are in the current Church magazine. This appeal will be open until Sunday 5th January.

Would you like to make a donation for flowers on a particular Sunday? May be an anniversary, special birthday or remembering someone. There is a sign-up sheet in the Forum to offer a date in 2025. Someone else will arrange them for you.

Leading Worship elsewhere. Andrew Gibb is at Windsor URC this morning.

Stamps. At this time of the year when Christmas cards and letters are received from all part of the world, a reminder that it is possible to bring franked stamps of any kind to the Church where there is a box in the Forum. They will be sent to Hearing Dogs for Deaf People, a charity which can sell them for its funds to train dogs to help deaf people.

Expenses claims. Please send to the Church Treasurer, Chris Temple *before* Christmas to be included in December payments.

Collection point for food and other items for the York Road Project and Your Sanctuary open every Sunday. The following items would particularly be appreciated: Sugar sachets, coffee sachets, jars of coffee, tea; pasta, rice; squash (orange or blackcurrant), bottled or cans of water; pot noodles; fresh fruit and vegetables; individually wrapped biscuits or other snacks, individual chocolate bars, tinned goods; boxer shorts (new) - men's small and medium. Your Sanctuary would particularly be grateful for pasta, rice, pasta sauces, jam, peanut butter and marmalade. Tuna, squash, baked beans, ketchup, mayonnaise, and tinned meats.

The Services of Thanksgiving for Phyllis Mason and Alison Findlay will be at the Church -
Phyllis - Wednesday 15th January at 1.45 pm.
Alison - Tuesday 28th January at 1 pm.
Both will be followed by a private family committal, and then refreshments at the Church.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

TODAY	
MONDAY	The Forum (except for Services) and the Church Office will be closed now until 9 am on Thursday 2nd January.
TUESDAY	<p>Christmas Eve 3.30 pm Crib Service beginning outside with the arrival of Mary on a donkey. Refreshments afterwards.</p> <p>11.00 pm 'Midnight' Communion Service. Refreshments before.</p> <p><i>Parking charges apply in Heathside at the time of both Services, but no restrictions in most side roads, except White Rose Lane in the afternoon (due to cycle lane)</i></p>
WEDNESDAY	<p>Christmas Day 10.00 am (nb time) - All-age Celebration Service - Please bring a Christmas present to show</p> <p><i>Free parking all day in Heathside</i></p>
THURSDAY	<i>Boxing Day Bank Holiday</i>
FRIDAY	
SATURDAY	
NEXT SUNDAY	<p>10.00 am Prayers in the Vestry. 10.30 am Morning Worship led by John Sinclair. Collection point for food and other items for the York Road Project and Your Sanctuary open every Sunday. Please see list on the previous page.</p>
UPCOMING	<p>Sunday 5th January - 10.30 am All-age Family Communion Service with Ordination and Induction of Elders.</p> <p>12.30 pm - Lunch and Fellowship (<i>replacing T@3</i>)</p> <p><i>The Church Hall will be out of action either side of this date for work to be carried out on the floor.</i></p>

Between now and 2nd January the Minister and the Church's members of staff will be taking annual leave during all or part of this period. Their email 'out of office' and answerphone messages will indicate this and state alternative contacts in their absences. Your pastoral Elders and the Church Secretary could also be contacted.

Please take this paper home with you for reference and to use the information on this page and the previous one about meetings and events in your prayers this week.