# Christmas Services – Additional to Normal Service Times

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| **Bethesda** | 11.00am 25/12/22 | Christmas Day Service - @ Southgate |
| **Blackshaw Head** | 4.00pm 11/12/22  7.00pm 16/12/22  10.00am 25/12/22 | Christingle Service  Village Carols  Christmas Day All Age Worship – OA |
| **B’town & Southowram** | 10.30am 25/12/22 | Christmas Day Service – @ Salem |
| **Brighouse Central** | 4.00pm 24/12/22  11.00am 25/12/22 | Christingle – Atkins  Christmas Day Service - Atkins |
| **Christ Church LEP** | 6.30pm 20/12/22  6.45pm 21/12/22  4.00pm 24/12/22  5.30pm 24/12/22  10.00am 25/12/22 | Carol Service – Sherwood  Carol Singing around the Community  Crib service – Stead  Holy Communion – Stead  Christmas Day Service – Sherwood |
| **Clifton** | 10.30am 25/12/22 | Christmas Day service - Briggs |
| **Cross Hills** | 7.00pm 24/12/22  11.30pm 24/12/22  10.30am 25/12/22 | Carols on the Green – Welch/Revill  Holy Communion – Welch ( + on ZOOM)  Christmas Day Service – Revill |
| **Hebden Royd** | 6.00pm 18/12/22  6.00pm 24/12/22  10.15am 25/12/22 | Carols – Heathcoat  Carols in the Square  All Age Worship for Christmas - Heathcoat |
| **Heptonstall** | 5.30pm 18/12/22  11.30pm 24/12/22  9.30am 25/12/22 | Carols @ St Thomas’ – United service  United service @ St. Thomas’  With St Thomas’ Xmas Day service & Communion - Kent |
| **Highgate** | 10.30am 25/12/22 | Christmas Day service – Hales |
| **Illingworth Moor** | 11.00am 25/12/22 | Christmas Day Service – Welch |
| **Mount Tabor** | 10.30am 25/12/22 | Christmas Day Service – @ Highgate |
| **Mount Zion** | 2.30pm 11/12/22 | Carol Service |
| **Northowram** | 10.00am 25/12/22 | Christmas Day service - @ Christ Church |
| **Salem** | 10.30am 25/12/22 | Christmas Day Service – Saville |
| **Southgate** | 6.30pm 07/12/22  6.00pm 24/12/22  11.30pm 24/12/22  11.00am 25/12/22 | Christingle - Sherwood  Carols for all - Sherwood  Holy Communion - Sherwood  Christmas Day Service - Sherwood |
| **St. Andrew’s** | 3.30pm 16/12/22  6.30pm 22/12/22  11.30pm 24/12/22  10.30am 25/12/22 | Messy Christmas  Christingle Service – Welch  Midnight Communion – Welch via Zoom from Cross Hills  Christmas Day Service – Christie |
| **St. Matthew’s LEP** | 3.00pm 18/12/22  7.00pm 24/12/22  11.30pm 24/12/22  9.15am 25/12/22 | Christingle & Nativity – Petch  Nine Lessons & Carols - Petch  Midnight Communion – Petch @ St. John’s Rastrick  All Age Holy Communion – Petch |
| **St. Paul’s** | 10.30am 04/12/22  All day 10/12/22  4.00pm 11/12/22  10.00am 17/12/22  10.30am 18/12/22  11.30pm 24/12/22  11.00am 25/12/22 | Parade Service  Live Nativity Weekend  Carols by Candlelight - Heathcoat  Carol Singing @ Christchurch  Café Worship  Holy Communion - @ Christ Church US  Christmas Day Service – Heathcoat (All Age) |
| **Stones** | 6.30pm 18/12/22  4.00pm 24/12/22  10.00am 25/12/22 | Carols by Candlelight - Atkins  GLOW - All Age Service – LA  Christmas Day Service – Atkins |
| **Todmorden** | 10.30am 18/12/22  9.30am 25/12/22 | Carol Service - Heathcoat  All Age Worship for Christmas – Heathcoat |

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Dear Friends

I wonder what the most asked question is around this time of year. Have a think for a moment and while you do have a read of the verse below which is taken from one of the new Christmas Carols that appear in our hymn book Singing the Faith.

*Who would think that what was needed to transform and save the earth*

*might not be a plan or army, proud in purpose, proved in worth?*

*Who would think, despite derision, that a child might lead the way?*

*God surprises earth with heaven coming here on Christmas day.*

Ok, have you had time to think and come up with an answer? Well I don’t have any accurate market research to back up my suggestion, but I suspect that somewhere in the top answers would be the simple question “What would you like for Christmas?” Maybe you have asked it yourself, or maybe you have been lucky enough to have been asked it. My Christmas wish this year, being a realist, would be that the Church start to really take seriously some of the sentiments in this song.

For me Christmas is about the beginning of something very different happening, it is about transformation, it is about new beginnings, about difficult choices being made by ordinary people who put the will of God and the needs of others before themselves and their own desires.

We, as the people of the Calderdale Methodist Circuit have to be, part of this wish. As a Circuit and as part of the Christian movement in our community we need to take seriously this issue of transformation. And this transformation has to begin with us looking at what we do, how we do it, where we do it and why we do it. Jesus calls us to build the ‘kingdom of God’, which is the term he used to express his vision of a profound transformation of human beings and human institutions. Jesus called on people to change. Not just a little, but dramatically.

So, this Christmas, would you like to give the gift of an open, welcoming, transformed Church equipped to help future generations encounter the unconditional love of God? Or would you rather receive the gift of a struggling Church that stays the same?

Christmas Blessings, **Rev Vicky**