

December Worship

- Dec 2nd Advent 1**
11.00 am Morning Worship
Audrey Cox
- Dec 9th Advent 2**
11.00 am Morning Worship
Katie Breedyk
- 6.00 pm Evening Worship
LA
- Dec 16th Advent 3**
11.00 am Nativity Service
Rev. Vindra M-O
- Dec 22nd Advent 4**
11.00 am Morning Worship
LA Carols
- Dec 25th Christmas Day**
11.15 am All Age Worship
Rev. Vindra M-O
- Dec 29th**
11.00 am Morning Worship
Rev. Ruth R-Tyson

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Please avoid Tuesdays
except in emergencies.

January Worship

- Jan 6th**
11.00 am Morning Worship
Bob Blencowe
- 6.00 pm **Covenant Service HC**
Rev. Vindra M-O
- Jan 13th**
11.00 am Morning Worship
Dr. Roy Swanson
- 6.00 -
8.00 pm Young People's
Pizza Fellowship
- Jan 20th**
11.00 am **Covenant Service HC**
Rev. Vindra M-O
- 6.00 pm Evening Worship
Rev. Mmasape Zihle
- Jan 27th**
11.00 am Morning Worship
David Morgan

HC = Holy Communion

**May God bless you
this Christmas
and throughout
the New Year**



MONTHLY DIARY

December 2018 January 2019

Dear Friends,

As you read this letter we would be in the period of Advent. Advent is a time of preparation as we prepare for Christmas day and the celebration of the birth of Jesus. We reflect on the journey of God's people as they waited for the messiah, the one who would rescue them from the might of Rome and would see their suffering and bring healing and wholeness. We reflect on our own journey as we wait. We wait for prayers to be answered, direction and vision and the second coming of our Lord Jesus. What does that mean for us today? In the waiting and reflecting, the Holy Spirit speaks fresh revelation into familiar stories and on Christmas morning we can sing with conviction, "Joy to the world, the Lord is come."

As I write these words, I reflect that increasingly people come to me and say how much they struggle with this time. The advertisements scream that a perfect Christmas is being surrounded by loved ones and if you have not got that then you are not having a wonderful Christmas. It is lovely to share the day with loved ones, but this is only one aspect of Christmas Day, it is not entirely what the day is about. It is an important, wonderful part of the celebration. It is not the celebration! Someone recently remarked to me that in church we are family and we are all brothers and sisters in Christ until we get to Christmas Day. Christmas Day then seems to be only for "blood" family. I was challenged by this remark and wonder what your thoughts are as you read this.

For many people, in a variety of circumstances, Christmas Day will be spent "alone". If you are in this position, please do not despair, because that is the reason that God left the majesty of heaven and came to his people. We are never alone if we know the love and power of Jesus Christ in our lives. We celebrate the birth of the saviour of the world, the God who deeply cares for each of us. We can have that joy in our hearts whether or not we are surrounded by people. If you are alone, you have not failed some important test. That is just how life has unfolded for you. Plan this time with events and activities that bring you joy and ask God that you discover more of him as the time unfolds. You have choice and the power to make this time what you want it to be.

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In case you are wondering, I have spent Christmas with family (last time 2012), doing charity work on the day and I have also spent that time alone. They were all wonderful times, because in the Advent preparation and all the services that lead up to the day, the wonder of God's amazing gift of himself to his people gives strength and hope and joy.

If you are alone over Christmas and there are moments of sadness, be kind to yourself, it is okay. Remember that the birth of our Lord Jesus changed everything, and your joy is in him. Make plans on how to spend your time and embrace all that God has to offer. Please do not hate this time of year. Celebrate God's love for you. May your Christmas be filled with joy and surprises from God!

A blessed Christmas!

Revd Vindra Maraj-Ogden

Midweek meetings In the chapel

Tuesday
2.30 pm Well Seasoned (see opposite)

Wednesdays
Under 3's 10.00 - 11.30 am
Ends 5th December
Starts again 9th January

Friday (until 15th December)
8.00 pm Christmas Choir Practice

OTHER DATES

3rd January
Youth Development Team
Planning Meeting at Neil & Kirsty's

Midweek meetings At St. George's

Thursday 6th Dec. 7.30 p.m.
Women's Fellowship in the
Bangay Rooms No Women's Fellow-
ship in January

Tuesdays 4th & 11th
Tots on Tuesday 10.00 - 10.30
(None in January.)

VILLAGE

7th December 1.00 pm
Open the Book at Ley Hill School
28th January 7.00 pm
Village Hall AGM

MARY & JOSEPH are on their Way!

Sign up at the chapel to give "Mary & Joseph" lodging up to Christmas!



PRAYER

Prayer Breakfast Prayer Breakfasts

1st December at the Chapel
No prayer breakfast in
January

Topics for prayer:

- ⇒ Christmas events in the Village and at St. George's
- ⇒ Those working with the lonely and the homeless over the winter months
- ⇒ Those in Tylers Hill Road, Bottom Lane, Ley Hill Common and The Green

ON THE NOTICE BOARD

CESHAM

Rendezvous
December 5th at 12.15
p.m. at the URC,
Chesham Broadway led
by Emmanuel/Ashley
Green

Town Carol Service
Wednesday 19th
December 8.00 p.m. at
St. Mary's

Well Seasoned

2.30 pm in the Chapel unless otherwise stated

4th December David Darvell and Friends

18th December 10.00 am
Visit to Ley Hill School
for Concert and Open the Book

8th January - Rita's quiz

LEY HILL CHRISTMAS EVENTS

At the Chapel

Sunday 16th December
11.00 am Nativity Service

Thursday 20th December
7.30 pm Christmas Celebration

Tuesday 25th December
11.15 am Christmas Day Worship

Tuesday 1st January
A choice of New Year walks
starting 10.15 a.m. outside the
Village Hall
1.00 pm Lunch at Crabtree Farm

At St. George's

Sunday 1st 11.15 am
Christingle Service

Sunday 9th December
4.00 pm Carol Service for all
Ages with Swedish Lucia

Thursday 20th 7.30 pm
Carols at the Hen & Chickens

Tuesday 25th December
Christmas Day
8.00 am Holy Communion
11.15 am Family Communion

Village Carols

Monday 17th December
7.00 pm outside the Village Hall
(inside if wet) followed by mince
pies and mulled wine in the hall

