

Sutton on Sea Methodist Church Newsletter



For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord and this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

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Weddings and Baptisms are arranged with the Minister.
Please respect the Minister's rest day which is usually Friday
but flexible

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Our Ministers Christmas message

Advent, a time when we look forward to one of the most valuable gifts that we could imagine. Wrapped up in the birth of a boy, Jesus. It's a time that most people look forward to with some folk decorating their homes from the 1st of November in anticipation of Christmas day. It has become a time of anxiety for some not least because of the expectations surrounding Christmas along with the cost, there are others who find this a time of loneliness those who do not have families or are estranged from them, as the rest of the world gather in homes for a time of feasting. Part of our focus is on the presents we give and receive with some becoming increasingly lavish and expensive, there can be disappointment for not receiving what was hoped for.

But there is one gift that we can all receive that is not costly to us and is not disappointing, this happens when we focus on the true meaning of Christmas. The gift which is given, is a gift that is still giving after 2000 years. This year the advent resources from the Methodist Church focuses on Gifts, with the first Sunday in Advent reminding you that you are a gift, a gift to God through your worship of him and that in worship you give of yourself to God, and that you are a gift to others as you seek to follow Jesus.

Each Sunday in advent through to Epiphany looks at gifts in various ways, I have included the opening prayer from the Christmas resources for the first Sunday in advent, it could be used throughout advent as we draw near to the day when we celebrate the birth of Jesus

*Gift-giving God, may Advent be for us a time of giving and receiving
Lord God of this Advent season, of every season, every day, minute and second,
give us, we pray, the gift of peace in this season of Advent.
Bring peace to the world, but also bring peace within each of us.
Lord God, we give ourselves afresh to you as we step into Advent.
Let us iron the crumples and the creases from our lives so that we may be the
best gift that we can be.*

May we start today and not wait to become, and to be, the person/people you want us to be, so that we can give the best that we can of you and ourselves, to those around us.

Gift-giving God, may Advent be for us a time of giving and receiving. Amen

(Taken from methodistchurch.org.uk web site with slight adaptations.)

Have a wonderful and blessed Christmas

Graham Miles



Our carol service is on Sunday 14th December at 3pm and will be led by Kate O'Flynn . The Alford Silver Band will be providing the music and coffee and mince pies will be served after the service. Please note there will NOT be a service at 10.30am on this day.

Christmas Appeal :Please remember to donate foods to our Tide Turners Christmas Hamper collection in the Meeting room , if you are able .

As we have done in previous years we will have a Church Christmas card in which you can write a greeting to the rest of the fellowship and all donations raised will be given to Action for Children.

It is our last ' Monday Night is Music Night' concert on 1st December for this year. We have Skegness Silver band to entertain us with their Christmas Concert. 7.30pm - 8.30pm. Admission £4.

Church Steward

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December 2025 CALENDAR: Sutton-On-Sea

Sunday 7th December at 10.30am : Elaine Fox

Sunday 14th December at **3pm** : Kate O'Flynn
(Carol service with Alford Silver Band)

Sunday 21st December at 10.30am: Richard Neale
(Christingle Service)

Sunday 28th December at 10.30am : Tricia Johnson
(Holy Communion)

Saturday 6th December 'Cleaning Saturday' from 10am. An hour of cleaning then coffee and biscuits. Please come and help if you can.

Saturday 13th December

Open house coffee morning 10am - 12 noon

TUESDAY COFFEE MORNING SERVICES 10.15AM

30 minute service followed by coffee and chat!!

Tuesday 2nd December Elaine Craig

Tuesday 9th December Robin Button

Tuesday 16th December Chris Malpas

Tuesday 23rd December No service

Tuesday 30th December Local arrangement