

	3 Dec Advent 1	10 Dec Advent 2	17 Dec Advent 3	24 Dec Advent 4 Christmas Eve	31 Dec	7 Jan Covenant	14 Jan	21 Jan	28 Jan	4 Feb	11 Feb Racial Justice	18 Feb Lent 1	25 Feb Lent 2	
Lectiary (Principal Service)	Isaiah 64:1-9 Psalm 80:1-7,17-19 1 Cor 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-37	Isaiah 40:1-11 Psalm 85:1-2,8-13 2 Peter 3:8-15a Mark 1:1-8	Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11 Psalm 126 or Luke 1:46b-55 1 Thess 5:16-24 John 1:6-8,19-28	2 Samuel 7:1-11 Luke 1:46b-55 or Psalm 89:1-4,19-26 Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38	Isaiah 61:10 – 62:3 Psalm 148 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:22-40	Genesis 1:1-5 Psalm 29 Acts 19:1-7 Mark 1:4-11	1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20) Psalm 139:1-6,13-18 1 Cor 6:12-20 John 1:43-51	Jonah 3:1-5,10 Psalm 62:5-12 1 Cor 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20	Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalm 111 1 Cor 8:1-13 Mark 1:21-28	Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-11,20c 1 Cor 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39	2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalm 50:1-6 2 Cor 4:3-6 Mark 9:2-9	Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-15	Genesis 17:1-7,15-16 Psalm 22:23-31 Romans 4:13-25 Mark 8:31-38	
Prayer for:	Brighthouse Central	Christ Church LEP	Clifton	Cross Hills	Hebden Royd	Heptonstall	Highgate	Illingworth Moor	Luddendenfoot URC	Mount Tabor	Northowram	Salem	Southgate	
Bethesda WL 10:30	Dobson* G/A	Sherwood C	3pm Local Arr	CS	Christie	Local Arr.	Robinson	Sherwood Cv	Melling*	Local Arr.	L Smith	Sherwood C	Melling*	Slim
Blackshaw Head WL 10:30	L Smith	Griffiths C	4pm CT	Local Arr. N	Local Arr. CCC	Griffiths Cv	Keane	H.Royd WT	Brackenridge A	Griffiths C	Dobson*	Local Arr.	Hargreaves A	
Boothtown & Southm 10:30	Local Arr.	Tolson	Keen CS	Sherwood	Local Arr.	Asquith	Prosser	G Smith	Sherwood Cv	Dobson*	Guy	Lawton	Keane	
Brighthouse Central WL 10:30 6:00	Aldridge CAG Choir	E Appleyard C Cheetham	Cheetham B Cheetham CS	G Smith N Cheetham CT	Local Arr. ----	Cheetham Cv G Smith	Melling* Cheetham C	Cheetham Upper Edge	Cheetham Jacobs	C Stafford Cheetham	Cheetham C Keen	M Appleyard Cheetham C	Cheetham H Stafford	
Christ Church LEP 10:30	Stead CW	P Taylor C	4pm P Taylor CS	P Taylor	Robinson	Wyatt	P Taylor Cv	Buck	Hull	Local Arr.CCWG	P Taylor	Robinson PP	P Taylor C/PP	
Clifton WL 10:30	Cheetham TS	G Smith C	Hales	Travis	Keen	Briggs C	Local Arr.	Jenkinson	Griffiths	Cheetham C	Whitaker	Hales	Guy	
Cross Hills WL 10:30 6:00	9am Neil EMC Asquith ----	Neil C ----	Gunson ABC @9.15 Gunson ABC Local Arr. CS	---- Local Arr. ----	---- J Taylor ----	9am Neil EMC ---- 10am Neil C/JS @St Thomas' ----	---- Story ABC @9.15 Story ABC ----	---- Local Arr. ----	9am Neil EMC Melling* 4pm Neil JS	---- Saville C ----	Local Arr. ABC @9.15 Neil ABC ----	---- Collinge ----	---- Collinge ----	
Hebden Royd WL 10:30	Robinson G/A	Briggs C	Local Arr. CS	Neil	Local Arr.	Guy A	Collinge	Foster	Neil JS/Cv	Keane A	Local Arr.	Brook	Neil C	
Heptonstall 10:45	Griffiths C	2pm see attached	Local Arr. N	----	@St Thom's.US	Ng	Asquith	Griffiths C	H Scott	Local Arr.	Griffiths C	Keane	J Taylor	
Highgate WL 10:30	Keen C/PP	Edwards	Melling* CC	4pm Local Arr CS	Booth	Keen Cv/PV	Revill	Dobson*	Christie	Edwards MB	Keen C	Keen PP	Edwards PP	
Illingworth Moor WL 10:30	Tunnacliffe A	Welch C	Keane	Local Arr.	Dobson*	Welch Cv	Ng	Welch	Prosser	Tunnacliffe A	Brook	Collinge	Lund	
Luddendenfoot URC 10:45	Spedding C	Guy	Walker	Mitchell	New Hope JS	G Smith Cv		Walker	Fawcett	Hull C	Tolson	Mitchell	Jowett	
Mount Tabor 10:30	Clarkson	Local Arr.	Sherwood C	S Watson	Tolson	L Smith	Partington	Sherwood C	Guy	S Watson	Local Arr.	Foster	Sherwood C	
Northowram 10:30	P Taylor C	Robinson	H Stafford	Local Arr. CS	G Smith	P Taylor Cv	Tolson	Local Arr.	Whitaker	P Taylor C	Story	Travis	Local Arr. 30mins	
Salem 10:30	Welch A	Christie	4pm Welch CS	Local Arr.	Gunson	Clarkson	Welch Cv	Keane	Welch	Foster	Melling*	Christie	H Royd WT	
Southgate WL 10:30 6:00	Sherwood C Whitaker	Kennard 4pm S'wood CT	H Scott Sherwood CS	Jacobs A Sherwood CS	Partington ----	Sherwood Cv Ng	Local Arr. G Smith	E Appleyard Sherwood US	Brook Sherwood C	Sherwood C Keen	Brackenridge Asquith	Jacobs Keen	Dobson* Sherwood C	
St. Andrew's WL 9:00 10:30 6:00	Keen C Speake G ----	---- Keen C Asquith	---- Local Arr. N Holroyd CW/CP	---- Keen CS 11.15pm Keen C	---- Ng ----	Keen C Hargreaves ----	---- G Smith C Christie	---- Pulpit Exch HM Neil Pr	---- Local Arr. Keen C	Keen C ----	---- H Scott C Whitaker	---- Gunson Sherwood Pr	---- Robinson P Taylor C	
St. Matthew's LEP 8:00 10:00	C TS	Cheetham C Cheetham C	C C	C C	C C	C H Stafford	C C	C C	C Cv	C C	C C	C C	C C	
St. Paul's WL 10:30	Neil P	Prosser	Local Arr. CS	Foster	Slim	Neil/Dick JS/Cv @Christ Church	Travis	Guy	J Taylor	Neil C	Wilkinson	Briggs C	S Watson	
Stones WL 10:30	Local Arr.	Story	Neil C	Ng N	Collinge	Brackenridge	Keen Cv	Neil A/B	Hargreaves	J Taylor	Neil A	Sherwood	G Smith C	
Todmorden 10:30	Hargreaves	Travis	Local Arr.	Griffiths C	Revill	Whitaker	Griffiths Cv	Local Arr.	Saville	Christie	G Smith	Griffiths C	Local Arr.	
Special Services		Mount Zion Carol Service												
Open To God 10am	Wed 6 th Dec Salem	Wed 13 th Dec Salem	Wed 20 th Dec Salem	Wed 27 th Dec No meeting	Wed 3 rd Jan Highgate	Wed 10 th Jan Highgate	Wed 17 th Jan Highgate	Wed 24 th Jan Highgate	Wed 31 st Jan Highgate	Wed 7 th Feb St. Andrew's	Wed 14 th Feb St. Andrew's	Wed 21 st Feb St. Andrew's	Wed 28 th Feb St. Andrew's	
Key: WL = Worship Leader/s available	*=Transport required, A=All Age, ABC=All Age Breakfast Church,B=Baptism, C=Communion, CAG=Church Anniv & Gift Service,CC= Coffee & Carols, CCC= Coffee Cake &Carols,CCWG=Christ Church Worship Group, CP=Christmas Praise, CS= Carol Service, CT=Christingle,Cv=Covenant service, CW=Cafe Worship, EMC=Early Morning Communion, G=Gift/Toy Service, HM=Pulpit Exchange with Halifax Minster,JS=Joint Service, MB=Mission in Britain,N=Nativity, P=Parade All Age, PP=Planned Preaching, Pr=Praise Service, PV=Pastoral Visitors Dedication, TS=Toy Service, U or US=United Service													

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Mount Zion Carol Service

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**Calderdale (27/34) Preaching Plan****December 2017 – February 2018**

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Please can March 2018 to May 2018 plan requests from churches be submitted through Ministers by 1 January 2018

Christmas Services – Additional to Normal Service Times

Bethesda	3.00pm 17/12/17 11.00am 25/12/17	Home Grown Carol Service Christmas Day Service - Sherwood
Blackshaw Head	4.00pm 17/12/17 7.00pm 22/12/17 10.00 25/12/17	Christingle Village Carols Christmas Day Service - OA
Boothtown & Southowram	---	---
Brighouse Central	11.30pm 24/12/17 11.00am 25/12/17	Midnight Communion Christmas Day Service - Cheetham
Christ Church LEP	4.00pm 17/12/17 4.00pm 24/12/17 5.30pm 24/12/17 10.00am 25/12/17	Carol Service – P Taylor Crib Service - Stead Holy Communion – P Taylor Christmas Day Service - P Taylor
Clifton	4.00pm 17/12/17 10.00am 24/12/17	Carols & Nativity Christmas Day Service - Cheetham
Cross Hills	4.00pm 23/12/17 7.00pm 24/12/17 7.45pm 24/12/17 11.30pm 24/12/17 10.00am 25/12/17	Carol Service – Neil/Local Arr. Carols on the Green – Local Arr Christmas at the Prayer Labrinth – Local Arr. Holy Communion – G Smith Christmas Day Service - Neil
Hebden Royd	7.30pm 12/12/17 7.00pm 13/12/17 4.00pm 17/12/17 6.00 pm 24/12/17 11.00am 25/12/17	Old Town School Carol Service Christian Aid Big Sing @ Good Shepherd RC Carols by Candlelight –OA Carols in St George's Square - Neil Christmas Day Service - Neil
Heptonstall	2.00pm 10/12/17 6.30pm 17/12/17 10.00am 25/12/17	The Promise Village Carols Christmas Day Service - US & Communion Griffiths
Highgate	4.00pm 24/12/17	Carol Service – Local Arr
Illingworth Moor	4.00pm 24/12/17 11.00am 25/12/17	Carol Service - Welch Christmas Day Service - Welch
Luddendenfoot URC	-----	-----
Mount Tabor	7.00pm 15/12/17	Village Carol Service
Mount Zion	2.45pm 10/12/17	Carol Service - Melling
Northowram	10.30am 25/12/17	Christmas Day Service with Heywood URC - Briggs
Salem	4.00pm 17/12/17 9.30am 25/12/17	Carol Service - Welch Christmas Day Service - Welch
Southgate	4.00pm 10/12/17 6.00pm 17/12/17 6.00pm 24/12/17 11.30pm 24/12/17 10.00am 25/12/17	Christingle Service Lessons & Carols Carols for All - Sherwood Holy Communion - Sherwood Christmas Day Service - Sherwood
St. Andrew's	6.30pm 7/12/17 6.00pm 17/12/17 10.30am 24/12/17 11.15 pm 24/12/17 10.30am 25/12/17	Christingle Service – Keen Café Christmas Praise - Holroyd Carol Service – Keen Midnight Communion – Keen Christmas Day Service - Keen
St. Matthew's LEP		
St. Paul's	6.00pm 10/12/17 6.00pm 17/12/17 11.30pm 24/12/17 10.00am 25/12/17 6.00pm 21/1/18	Advent Praise – St. Paul's & Christ Church Carols by Candlelight – Local Arr. Holy Communion - Neil Christmas Day Service – Saville Christians Together in Sowerby Bridge - Neil
Stones	6.30pm 3/12/17 6.30pm 17/12/17 10.00 – 12.00 23/12/17 4.00pm 24/12/17 10.30am 25/12/17	Joint Advent Carols @ St. Bartholomews - Neil Carols by Candlelight – Neil A Quiet Space for Christmas – Neil All Age Service – Neil Christmas Day Service - Wilkinson
Todmorden	10.30am 25/12/17	Christmas Day Service – L Smith

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Have you ever noticed how waiting for something to happen can seem to take longer as the event draws nearer? It's a bit like a child waiting for Christmas – each day seems like an eternity! In a couple of weeks we start preparing for Christmas in the churches as we begin what is called the season of Advent. Advent means the time of waiting and preparation. Waiting is not always popular these days in a culture of if you want it you can have it now.

In the world situations we have going on around us as the moment, the appalling stories we see daily on our TV and read about in the papers and along with the effects that they are having on individuals and families within our communities, many will have difficulty looking positively and with excitement to the future. For many the expense of Christmas and the dread of families gathering or the fact that some spend time alone, will not be something they are looking forward to.

The Christian Church celebrates at this time of year the hope that came into the world through the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. Jesus was born at a time when, for the people of Israel, all seemed lost and the times hard. Israel had been conquered by the mighty Roman Empire and taxes were being imposed to fund the Empire and its vast army – there's nothing new under the sun, as they say!

Through Jesus' life, death and resurrection Christians have an example of how to look at life and all that it throws at them. However difficult your circumstances are at this moment in time, know that as well as a time of celebration, Christmas is also about a message of hope. A message of hope helps you look beyond the situations you face and the circumstances you are in to somewhere over the horizon.

May this time of waiting and preparation enable you to catch a glimpse of the message of hope for you and those you cherish. And as you prepare to start a new year in 2018 may you experience that hope in a new and refreshing way this Christmas.

Yours in Christ



Rev Terry Keen