

	2 Dec Advent 1	9 Dec Advent 2	16 Dec Advent 3	23 Dec Advent 4	30 Dec	6 Jan Epiphany Covenant	13 Jan	20 Jan	27 Jan Homeless	3 Feb	10 Feb Racial Justice	17 Feb	24 Feb
<b>Lectionary</b> (Principal Service)	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thess 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36	Malachi 3:1-9 Luke 1:68-79 Philippians 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6	Zeph 3:14-20 Isaiah 12:2-6 Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:7-18	Micah 5:2-5a Luke 1:46b-55 or Psalm 80:1-7 Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45(46-55)	1 Sam 2:18-20, 26 Psalm 148 Colossians 3:12-17 Luke 2:41-52	Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-7,10-14 Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12	Isaiah 43:1-7 Psalm 29 Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3:15-17,21-22	Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 36:5-10 1 Cor 12:1-11 John 2:1-11	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6,8-10 Psalm 19 1 Cor 12:12-31a Luke 4:14-21	Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6 1 Cor 13:1-13 Luke 4:21-30	Isaiah 6:1-8(9-13) Psalm 138 1 Cor 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11	Jeremiah 17:5-10 Psalm 1 1 Cor 15:12-20 Luke 6:17-26	Genesis 45:3-11, 15 Psalm 37:1-11,39-40 1 Cor 15:35-38,42-50 Luke 6:27-38
Prayer for:	Christ Church LEP	Clifton	Cross Hills	Hebden Royd	Heptonstall	Highgate	Illingworth Moor	Luddendenfoot URC	Mount Tabor	Northowram	Salem	Southgate	St. Andrew's
<b>Bethesda WL 10:30</b>	J Taylor	Sherwood C	Welch	LA CS	Cheetham	Ng	Sherwood Cv	Whitaker	Robinson	LA	Sherwood C	Melling*	S Watson
<b>Blackshaw Head WL 10:30</b>	Heathcoat C	Asquith	Briggs	LA N	LA CW	Heathcoat Cv	C Stafford	Munday	LA A	Kent C	Heathcoat	Munday	LA CW
<b>Boothtown &amp; Southm 10:30</b>	LA	Prosser ExC	Prosser CS	Christie	Heathcoat	Brown/Dobson*	Prosser Cv	Melling*	Prosser	S Watson	Prosser ExC	LA	Prosser
<b>Brighouse Central WL 10:30</b>	G Smith	G Cheetham C	Cheetham	Asquith N	Revill	LA - Choir	Cheetham C	Cheetham	Melling*	Cheetham C	Tolson PP	Cheetham PP	Brackenridge PP
<b>6:00</b>	Choir	Cheetham	Sherwood	Cheetham CS	-----	Cheetham Cv	Cheetham	P Taylor	Cheetham	Heathcoat	Cheetham C	Keen	Cheetham
<b>Christ Church LEP 10:30</b>	Keen	P Taylor	P Taylor C	Carols & Readings @ 4pm	Robinson	P Taylor Cv	Story	Scott	Stead	LA CCWG	P Taylor	Stead	P Taylor C
<b>Clifton WL 10:30</b>	Briggs C	G Smith	Hales	Neil	Dobson*	Briggs C	Asquith	Hales	LA	Briggs C	Robinson	Hales	Christie
<b>Cross Hills WL 10:30</b>	Neil EMC	-----	LA ABC @ 9:15 am	-----	-----	Neil EMC	-----	LA ABC @ 9:15 am	-----	-----	-----	LA ABC @ 9:15 am	-----
<b>6:00</b>	Dobson*	LA	Neil ABC	M Stoner*	G Smith	J Taylor	Neil C	Partington ABC	Story	Neil @ St Thom's C/US @ 10:00 am	Saville	Gunson ABC	Brook
<b>6:00</b>	-----	@ Halifax URC 2:00 pm	Carols at the Star 6:30 pm	LA CS	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>Hebden Royd WL 10:30</b>	Heward* A/G	Hargreaves	J Taylor N	Heathcoat C	Kent	L Smith A	Lawton	Heathcoat Cv/US	Whitaker	Heathcoat A	Munday	G Smith C	M Stoner*
<b>Heptonstall 10:30</b>	Kent	Heathcoat C	Munday	LA N	-----	Saville	Munday	H Royd-WT	Heathcoat	Whitaker	Christie	Briggs	Kent
<b>Highgate WL 10:30</b>	Melling* PP	Story PP	Keen CC	LA CS	Heward*	Keen Cv/PV	Robinson	J Taylor	LA	Keen C	Neil	Keen	Cheetham
<b>Illingworth Moor WL 10:30</b>	Tunncliffe T	Welch C	C Stafford	Cheetham	Keen	Welch Cv	Melling*	Heward*	S Watson	Welch A/C	G Smith	Brown / Dobson*	Cockburn CA
<b>Luddendenfoot URC 10:45</b>	Walker	Ng	Story	Pollard C	United URC Service US	TBA	Keen C	Walker	Pollard C	TBA	C Stafford	Walker	Pollard C
<b>Mount Tabor 10:30</b>	E Appleyard	Robinson P	Sherwood C	Sherwood CS	S Watson	Brook	S Watson P	Sherwood Cv	Hargreaves	Dobson*	Whitaker P	LA	Sherwood C
<b>Northowram 10:30</b>	Cheetham C	J Taylor	Ng	Melling*	P Taylor	G Smith	P Taylor Cv	@ Heywood URC US	Asquith	P Taylor C	Dobson*	Whitaker	LA 30 mins
<b>Salem 10:30</b>	Welch C/CTS	Brook	S Watson	-----	-----	Gunson	Welch Cv	Clark	Neil	Christie	Welch C	LA	J Taylor
<b>Southgate WL 10:30</b>	Sherwood C	Dobson*	Gunson	Jacobs	Jacobs	Sherwood Cv	Christie	C Stafford	Sherwood	Sherwood C	Lawton	Sherwood	Jacobs
<b>6:00</b>	Cheetham	Sherwood CT @ 4:00 pm	Choir/Sherwood CS	Sherwood CS @ 5:00 pm	-----	Heathcoat	P Taylor	Sherwood US	Sherwood C	Neil	Booth	Briggs	Sherwood C
<b>St. Andrew's WL 9:00</b>	Keen C	-----	-----	-----	-----	Keen C	-----	-----	-----	Keen C	-----	-----	-----
<b>10:30</b>	Christie A/G	Keen C	LA N	Keen A/CS	Partington	Cheetham A	G Smith C	LA	Keen	Stead A	Keen C	L Smith	Keen
<b>6:00</b>	-----	Ng	Keen	-----	-----	-----	Sherwood	Asquith Pr	Keen C	-----	P Taylor	Whitaker Pr	Keen C
<b>St. Matthew's LEP 8:00</b>	Lydon C	Russell/M'dale C	G Smith C	Lydon C	Russell C	Lydon C	Russell C	Lydon C	Russell/Tatton C	Lydon C	G Smith C	Russell C	Lydon/M'dale C
<b>10:00</b>	Hannam P/T	Russell/M'dale C	Brackenridge	Hannam C	Russell C	Hannam A	Russell Cv	Hannam	Russell/Tatton C	Hannam A	M Appleyard C	Russell	Hannam/M'dale C
<b>7:00</b>								Evening Worship				Evening Worship @ St. John's	
<b>St. Paul's WL 10:30</b>	Neil P	Scott C	Carols by Daylight LA	G Smith	Welch	Neil/Dick Cv/US	Whitaker	Slim	M Stoner*	Gunson A/PP	Revill PP	Hargreaves PP	Neil C/PP
<b>Stones WL 10:30</b>	Whitaker	Neil	Saville C	LA N	Ng	Robinson	E Appleyard	Neil A	Briggs Cv	Slim	Cheetham A	Neil C	G Smith
<b>Todmorden 10:30</b>	M Stoner* A/G	L Smith	H'coat/B Stoner CS	Ng	LA	Kent	Heathcoat Cv	G Smith	C Stafford	Brook	Scott C	H Royd-WT	Heathcoat
<b>Special Services</b>		Mount Zion Carol Service							Hebden Royd @4pm Heathcoat - Healing				Hebden Royd @4pm Heathcoat - Taize
<b>Open To God 10am</b>	Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec Illingworth Moor	Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec Illingworth Moor	Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec Illingworth Moor	Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> Dec No Meeting	Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan No Meeting	Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan St. Andrew's	Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan St. Andrew's	Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan St. Andrew's	Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan St. Andrew's	Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb Salem	Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb Salem	Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb Salem	Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb Salem
<b>Key:</b> WL = Worship Leader/s available	*=Transport required, A=All Age, ABC=All Age Breakfast Church, C=Communion, CA=Church Anniversary, CC=Coffee & Carols, CCWG=Christ Church Worship Group, CS=Carol Service, CT=Christingle, CTS=Christmas Tree Service, Cv=Covenant Service, CW=Cafe Worship, EMC=Early Morning Communion, ExC= Extended Communion, G=Gift Service, N=Nativity, P=Parade All Age, PP=Planned Preaching, Pr=Praise Service, PV=Pastoral Visitors Dedication, T=Toy Service, U or US=United Service												

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**Mount Zion Carol Service**  
2:45pm Sunday 9th December 2018 – Stead

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Please can March 2019 to May 2019 plan requests from churches be submitted **through Ministers by 2 January 2019**

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## Christmas Services – Additional to Normal Service Times

Bethesda	11.00am 25/12/18	Christmas Day Service - Sherwood
Blackshaw Head	6.00pm 21/12/18	Village Carols
	10.00am 25/12/18	Christmas Day All Age Worship - OA
B'town & Southowram	7.00pm 19/12/18	Brigades Carol Service
Brighouse Central	2.30pm and 7.15pm 8/12/18	Carol services x 2
	2.30pm 9/12/18	Carol service - Cheetham
	6.00pm 24/12/18	Christingle - Cheetham
	11.30pm 24/12/18	Christmas Communion - Cheetham
	11.00am 25/12/18	Christmas Day Service - Cheetham
Christ Church LEP	2.00pm 16/12/18	Carols & Readings @ Sandholme Fold Care Home
	10.00 - 12.00 19/12/18	Community Carols
	4.00pm 24/12/18	Crib Service - Stead
	10.00am 25/12/18	Christmas Day Service - Stead
Clifton	4.00pm 02/12/18	Joint Advent Service with St. John's
	4.00pm 23/12/18	Carols & Nativity
	11.00am 25/12/18	Christmas Day Service – Briggs & Hales
Cross Hills	07/12/18	Carols at West Vale – Local Arr
	2.00pm 09/12/18	"The Promise" at Halifax URC
	6.30pm 16/12/18	Room at the Inn "Carols at The Star" – Local Arr
	7.00pm 24/12/18	Carols on the Green – Local Arr
	7.45pm 24/12/18	Carols on the Prayer Labyrinth – Local Arr.
	11.30pm 24/12/18	Holy Communion – Neil
	10.30am 25/12/18	Christmas Day Service – Sue Ng
Hebden Royd	7.30pm 11/12/18	Old Town Primary School Carol Service
	4.00 pm 23/12/18	Carols by Candlelight – Heathcoat
	6.00pm 24/12/18	Carols in the Square
	10.45am 25/12/18	All Age Worship for Christmas - Heathcoat
Heptonstall	6.30pm 23/12/18	Village Carols @ St. Thomas'
	10.00am 25/12/18	Christmas Day Service - US @ St. Thomas'
Highgate	6.30pm 16/12/18	"Still before Christmas" - Keen
	10.30am 25/12/18	Christmas Day service - Keen
Illingworth Moor	6.00pm 23/12/18	Carol Service - Welch
	11.00am 25/12/18	Christmas Day Service – Welch
Mount Tabor	6.30pm 13/12/18	Community Carol Service – with Southgate choir
Mount Zion	2.45pm 9/12/18	Carol Service - Stead
Northowram	10.30am 25/12/18	Christmas Day Service with Heywood URC – P Taylor
Salem	4.00pm 23/12/18	Carol Service - Welch
	9.30am 25/12/18	Christmas Day Service – Welch
Southgate	4.00pm 09/12/18	Christingle
	6.00pm 16/12/18	Choir Carol Service
	5.00 pm 23/12/18	Outdoor carols in Elland following evening service
	6.00pm 24/12/18	Carols for all - Sherwood
	11.30pm 24/12/18	Holy Communion - Sherwood
	10.00am 25/12/18	Christmas Day Service - Sherwood
St. Andrew's	6.30pm 13/12/18	Christingle Service – Keen
	11.15 pm 24/12/18	Midnight Communion – Keen
	10.30am 25/12/18	Christmas Day Service -
St. Matthew's LEP	3.00pm 16/12/18	Christingle
	7.00pm 16/12/18	Nine Lessons & Carols @ St. John's Rastrick
	7.00pm 24/12/18	Nine Lessons & Carols
	11.30pm 24/12/18	Midnight Communion @ St. John's Rastrick
	10.00am 25/12/18	Holy Communion
St. Paul's	6.30pm 16/12/18	Carols by Candlelight – Neil
	11.30pm 24/12/18	Holy Communion - @ Christ Church
	10.30am 25/12/18	Christmas Day Service – Neil
	4.00pm 20/1/19	Christians Tog in Sowerby Bridge – Neil @ Christ Church
Stones	6.30pm 2/12/18	Joint Advent Carols @ Stones - Neil
	10.00 - 12.00 22/12/18	A Space for Christmas – Neil
	6.00pm 23/12/18	Carols by Candlelight - Neil
	4.00pm 24/12/18	GLOW - All Age Service – Neil
	10.30am 25/12/18	Christmas Day Service – D Wilkinson
Todmorden	TBC 24/12/18	Civic Carol Service @ Parish Church
	10.00am 25/12/18	All Age Worship for Christmas – Heathcoat/B Stoner

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I was walking around the supermarket recently I was beginning to wonder if I had been asleep for about three months as I saw the Christmas items on display! Then I realised that it was still September. The shops seem to push us earlier and earlier each year to think about what we need for Christmas. Some of our churches haven't even had Harvest yet and we still need to think about Remembrance Sunday, Bonfire night and possibly some alternative to Halloween. Even Advent is still some weeks away and here we are looking at Christmas cards, chocolate Santas, etc.

For some, however, Christmas is not a time of celebration and to have all its trapping on display so early only adds to their struggles. There was a long period in my life when I found it difficult to celebrate this wonderful occasion because of memories of a very difficult Christmas my family experienced many, many years ago. As with all difficult situations we face it coloured how I saw the world around me and made it difficult for me to enjoy Christmas for a very long time. For others this time of year emphasises the loneliness and isolation they feel throughout the year as families gather together to celebrate and share gifts and meals.

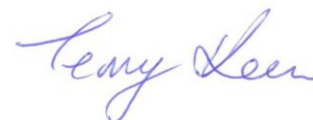
The turning point for me came just after I had returned to church life. In a Bible study at my home church in Oldham we were looking at the book of Philippians. This little book talks about Paul's relationship with Jesus and how he considers all that he has and does as nothing compared to knowing Jesus personally.

Each year some of us spend time racing round getting presents and spending a small fortune on food and drink. Yet many miss the greatest gift of all which is the whole reason for the celebration in the first place, the birth of a baby who transformed the world.

It was the development of my relationship with Jesus through the book of Philippians that changed the way I saw Christmas. It became possible for me to see the memories I had in a different way. They were still difficult to look back at but no longer affected future Christmases in the same way.

Are you looking forward to Christmas this year or is it a time you dread? Either way I encourage you to make it a time when you re-assess what Jesus means to you and how the birth of a baby boy who grew into a man that demonstrated his love for the world and for each individual on it by giving up his own life.

Linda and I wish you a blessed Christmas and a great New Year.



Tony Keen