

Museum Street Landseer Road Chantry

Methodist Church

Connections



They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow
old:

Age shall not weary
them, nor the years
condemn.

At the going down of the
sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.

*We continue to pray for peace whilst remembering
Jesus' promise;*

*'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do
not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your
hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.'*

November 2021 8

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends in Christ,

What a wonderful day we had together on the 30th October at our Climate Action Open Day at Museum Street.

It was great to see so many people including BBC Look East who came by to interview our guest speaker, Rev. James Bhagwan. Thank you to everyone who read the informational material, signed the petitions, made a pledge for a specific way to care for the earth, spent time in prayer, and listened and talked to our guests Rev. James Bhagwan from Fiji and the Pacific Conference of Churches and Ph.D. student Robyn Emmerson from the University of Essex.

Note: If you missed the Open Day, then Rev. James Bhagwan's presentation was recorded and can be found here:

<https://methodistic.org.uk/rev-james-bhagwan-presentation/>.

And the circuit Climate Action pages with nine-weeks of learning material, ways to speak out, act and inspire hope can be found here:

<https://methodistic.org.uk/climate-action/>

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a continual journey of change and transformation and sacrifice.

How has this last nine weeks impacted you?

How have you changed?

What have you committed to do differently?

What conversations have you been having?

Where have you found new hope?

How are you inspiring others with hope?

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My nine-week journey has had its ups and downs. There were times when reading the week's information that I wondered if stopping climate change is possible and if there is enough cooperation and willpower to do so. And yet I have been immersed too in so many success stories, some wonderful scientific inventions and discoveries, and have seen the way that Christians all around the world are mobilizing. In our book study, we have learned to read scripture thinking about the earth and the plants and the animals and not just humans. Who is my neighbour? What does do not steal mean when we consider the earth? How can we give the earth a Sabbath day, a day of rest? I was reminded that we are made in the image of God and God's image includes creativity, love and hope and that we are empowered by God's hopefulness that has been implanted in each one of us.

This is a long and urgent journey that all the world's people are on together. It is going to require sacrifice. It will be costly. It will need us all to pull together. We will need new inventions, significant financial investment, and Government policy changes, as well as lifestyle changes. Your voice and support will help our national leaders to make those difficult decisions and see those decisions through. Please hold them all in prayer during COP26.

We are called as Christians to care for the earth and for all its inhabitants. Rev. James Bhagwan told some harrowing stories of climate-induced life for the Pacific Islanders. May our eyes and ears be opened, our hearts be touched, our minds be transformed, our voices be raised, and our hands be active. Let us remember that we do indeed serve a God of Resurrections and New Life.

In Christ,

--Pastor Joan

A PRAYER FOR COP26

God of all people and the whole of creation. We pray for COP26 as the leaders of the nations gather in Glasgow along with negotiators, government representatives, businesses and advocacy groups. We pray ...



- that climate-related disasters would be so deeply felt as to translate into action.
- that G20 nations and corporations will repent of obstruction and assume their responsibility to move away from fossil fuels.
- that the aggregate emission reduction targets (NDCs) will match what the science says about preventing a 1.5°C warming.
- that the God of Truth will reveal and counter the lies with which many people receive the work of climate scientists.
- for a global revival of love for God's creation.
- for courage for Young People to speak up and challenge those in power, and peace to know God is with them and for them as they pursue justice.
- that Glasgow will be welcoming and hospitable, and that safety, security, and logistical efficiency will facilitate transformational decision-making at COP26.
- that voices from developing nations and vulnerable communities will be divinely amplified at COP26.
- that the Holy Spirit will influence ALL leaders, official and unofficial, across all sectors involved in COP26, that wisdom and compassion may prevail in relationships, negotiations, decision-making, and reporting.
- that the Global Church will wake up, turning from misplaced triumphalism, repenting of complicity, and taking up a prophetic voice with action.

We pray for our world in the name of Jesus as we put our trust and hope in your eternal promises.
Amen.

Adapted from <https://www.climateintercessors.org/10-prayers-for-cop26-1>

CLIMATE JUSTICE OPEN DAY

Prof. David Welbourn reflects on the Circuit Open Day

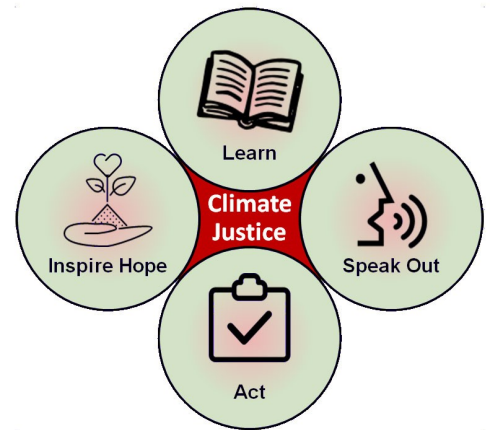
Museum Street hosted a circuit open day on Saturday 30th October on the eve of the COP26 conference. This marked the completion of the first time around the 9-week cycle beginning on Climate Sunday and continuing through to the COP26 conference in Glasgow.

The theme of Learn, Speak, Act, Hope, which has held the campaign together throughout the 9-weeks was continued in the Open Day. Material from each of the 9-weeks was summarised on an A1 poster, with all 9 weeks put on display as the learning area of the exhibition. Four of the petitions were selected, along with template letters for each of the 5 Suffolk MPs for people to take away and forward. A single letter was written to the Prime Minister, urging UK to take global leadership in accepting more aggressive targets than whatever is agreed at COP26. Letters of greeting were sent to Glasgow and by hand to the Pacific islands. A third section highlighted many of the ways to be green – the tip of the day messages on the website. Those at the event were also encouraged to make a personal pledge of something they would do differently.

The sidechapel was set-up as a prayer centre in which we held a vigil throughout the open day – offering prayers of hope for COP26 success.

One of the key messages of hope is that there is a plethora of technology solutions all capable of making a difference, if we pull together to support and adopt them.

One of the students from Essex University was most enthusiastic in sharing her work to help improve the viability of plants in new and more challenging environments.



Above all though, the day was made by the presence of Rev James Bhagwan.

He is General Secretary of the Pacific Conference of Churches and gave a powerful first hand testimony of what climate change is like as a lived reality for many people on the small Pacific islands.

It is impossible to do justice to the power and challenge of his message, without hearing him direct.

This was a challenging, rewarding and successful day. It is too tempting to describe it as an event celebrating the completion of our 9-week intense

cycle – but that would be to miss the point completely. This 9-weeks is just the beginning. It is the preparation phase, for the start of the rest of our lives – lives in which we MUST choose how we are going to respond to the things we have learnt, and take our steps forward in glorious hope, in the battle for climate justice.

DO NOT let that event mark the end of our actions. Museum Street members are invited to please join us in our discussion on the evening of the 18th November to see how we as local church take forward our discipleship and commitment to creation and to the communities within it.

Note: If you missed the open day, you can find the posters, letters and a recording of Rev. James Bhagwan’s presentation at

[https://
methodistic.org.uk/
climate-action/](https://methodistic.org.uk/climate-action/).



A SEASON TO SAVOUR

Experience deeper meaning through the practice of Intentionality.

How many times has it felt like you blinked and Christmas was already over? For most people, as soon as the calendar flips to November, it's quickly filled with tasks, shopping lists, obligations, and, inevitably, stress.

But what if this year you simplified your Christmas season so you can really savour it?

Intentionality is the practice of being deliberate and purposeful in your decisions and actions.

Proverbs 14:8 says, “The wisdom of the prudent is to give thought to their ways.”

Being intentional means you slow down enough to determine whether something is really worth saying “yes” to—knowing that anytime you say yes to something, you're also saying no to something else.

What do you want your “yeses” to be this holiday season?

1. IDENTIFY YOUR PRIORITIES.

How do you want Christmas to be different this year?

Would you like a more meaningful and spiritually engaged Advent?

A family game night?

Caroling in the neighbourhood?

More time volunteering?

Spend some time in prayerful reflection and see what rises to the surface.

2. IDENTIFY YOUR STRESSORS.

Do you always feel like you're 'scrambling to finish Christmas shopping at the last minute? Or maybe you have that one family member who makes everything tricky. Identify challenges that keep you from fully enjoying Christmas, and ask God how you could approach things differently this year.

3. MAKE TIME TO SAVOUR.

Once you've determined how you want your holidays to look, become intentional about how you'll make it happen. Put items in your calendar, set small actionable goals, and intentionally simplify so you can savour the season.

Taken from Our Daily Bread: Submitted by Irene Jarrett



A POEM FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

The blister packs on my shelf
Caused me to analyse myself.
One yellow pill I have to pop
Goes to my heart so it won't stop.
The blue ones that I use a lot
Tell me I'm happy when I'm not.
The purple pill goes to my brain
And tells me that I have no pain.
The capsules tell me not to wheeze
Or cough or choke or even sneeze.

The red ones, smallest of them all,
Go to my blood so I won't fall.
The orange ones, very big and bright,
Prevent my leg cramps in the night.
Such an army of brilliant pills
Helping to cure all kinds of ills
But what I'd really like to know is;
What tells each one where to go?

Author unknown

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Scrap the Telephone Directory... and reach for your Bible.

When in sorrow call John 14
When you worry: call Matthew 6:19-34
When you're in danger: call Psalm 91
When your faith needs stirring: call Hebrews 11
When you feel down and out: call Romans 8:31
When you want peace and rest: call Matthew 11:25-30
If your pockets are empty: call Psalm 37
When you are lonely and fearful: call Psalm 23
When you grow bitter and critical: call 1 Corinthians 13
For how to get along with others: call Romans 12
If you are depressed: call Psalm 27
If people seem unkind: call John 15
Author very well known.

Arguing with your spouse is like reading the software licensing agreement.
In the end, you ignore everything and click "I agree".

A Sunday school teacher asked her children, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."

JOHN 14:27

What does it mean?

'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.'



"Not knowing" brings its own kind of terror. Experience makes people less nervous to drive cars, fly in airplanes, endure thunderstorms, or receive medical injections. The experiences, themselves, don't change. What changes is the person's expectations—they know what is happening, and what will happen next. That brings confidence and greatly reduces fear. It brings peace.

Several times in this discourse, Jesus will point out that He is preparing the disciples to "hold fast" in a difficult time. This not only applies to His impending arrest and execution, but to the persecution Christians will face because of their faith.

The peace that Christ offers is not like that of the world. The best we can expect from the natural world is unfairness and death. Even attempts to be moral, without God, lead only to frustration. Christ's "peace" here refers to a hope and reassurance that goes beyond what a fallen world can offer. It is permanent, guaranteed, and eternal.

Here, again, Christ encourages His followers to keep their "hearts" from fear and trouble. This repeats the statement Jesus used to start this message, immediately after predicting Peter's cowardice. Here, again, scholars suggest that Jesus is distinguishing between being troubled in one's "spirit," meaning pain and unhappiness, as opposed to being troubled in one's "heart," meaning fear and despair. Jesus was said to have a troubled spirit, at times. What He calls for here is not for Christians to be stone-faced and inhuman. Rather, it's to acknowledge the reality of suffering while at the same time trusting in God to make good on His promises.

Extracted from <https://www.bibleref.com/>

AGREE OR DISAGREE

The Alphabet of Christian Behaviour

Act instead of Argue

Build instead of Brag

Climb instead of Criticize

Dig instead of Deprecate

Encourage instead of Envy

Fight instead of Faint

Give instead of Grumble

Help instead of Harm

Invite instead of Ignore

Join instead of Jeer

Kneel instead of Kick

Love instead of Lampoon

Move instead of Mould

Nurture instead of Neglect

Obey instead of Object

Pray instead of Pout

Qualify instead of Quit

Rescue instead of Ridicule

Shout instead of Shriek

Try instead of Tremble

Undergird instead of Undermine

Vindicate instead of Vilify

Witness instead of Wilt

Exalt instead of Excuse

Five Undeniable Facts of Life:

1. Don't educate your children to be rich. Educate them to be Happy. So, when they grow up, they will know the value of things not the price.
2. "Eat your food as your medicines. Otherwise, you have to eat medicines as your food."
3. The One who loves you will never leave you for another because even if there are 100 reasons to give up, he or she will find one reason to hold on.
4. There is a big difference between a human being and being human.

Six Best Doctors in the World

1. Sunlight
2. Rest
3. Exercise
4. Diet
5. Self Confidence
6. Friends

PSALM 23

The LORD is my shepherd..... That is relationship
I shall not Want.....That is provision
He makes me lie down in green pastures..... That is rest
He leads me beside still waters..... That is refreshment
He restores my soul.....That is grace
He leads me in right paths for His name's sake..... That is guidance
Even though I walk through the darkest valley..... That is testing
I fear no evil; for you are with me..... That is protection
Your rod and your staff - they comfort me..... That is encouragement
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.... That is hope
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows..... That is blessing
Surely goodness
and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.....That is prosperity
And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever..... That is immortality

ANYWAY

People are often unreasonable and self-centered.

Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish motives.

Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will have some unfaithful friends and enemies.

Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and sincere, people may deceive you.

Be honest and sincere anyway.

If you find happiness, some may be jealous.

Be happy anyway.

The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow.

Do good anyway.

Give the best you have; some will say it is not best enough.

Give the best anyway.

In the final analysis, it is between you and God.

It is never between you and them anyway!

A VISIT TO MINSMERE

David Howlett reflects on a visit with a difference...

On the BBC Radio 4 programme Ramblings, Clare Balding the broadcaster, journalist, author and former jockey meets notable and interesting people for a walk through the countryside. On March 25th 2021 the walk was recorded from Minsmere. Arabella Marshall a glass artist meets Clare and their focus is a rather old chapel. Bleak and broken it stands on the marshes near to Eastbridge It is this that provided Arabella with the inspiration for a major work of art - a new stained-glass window fitted into one of the ruin's old apertures.

History

The Domesday Survey of 1086 recorded 6 households at Minsmere, headed by a freeman with one plough team.

In the 14th century 10 homesteads made up the small village - and all lost to the sea.

King Henry's II Chief Justice Ranulf de Glanvill founded a Premonstratensian Abbey on the marshes in 1182. Severe flooding in the 14th century occurred and the site was abandoned in 1363.

Before Minsmere became a nature reserve, the area was the site of an ancient abbey and a Tudor artillery battery. Stone from the buildings were used to rebuild Leiston Abbey 2.1 miles further inland, the only visible structure remaining is the ruined chapel of St. Mary's built within the nave of the former church site and abandoned in 1537.

Marshes were reclaimed as farmland in the 19th century but re-flooded as a protection against invasion during World War II.



The Glass Art Project

Arabella describes herself as an architectural and environmental glass artist. She hopes her work enhances and brings a soulfulness to the environment. The work was funded by the Arts Council for England, local trusts and many individual contributions. Five years ago, Arabella was walking across Minsmere and came across the ruined chapel, as she made for home, she got the idea that it would be marvellous to make a kind of window for the old ruin. Arabella prefers to work with glass which is stained and fused in a furnace and allows the light to shine through.

The chapel sits in a peaceful, tranquil area. The nuclear power station at Sizewell is a paradox on the landscape in this rural surrounding.

The artist thought the project would take about 1-2 years, but 5 years later (October 2020) the work was ready for installation.

The glass had to be thick enough to withstand the coastal wind in this area, ten layers of sheet glass measuring 30mm were required and the window is 2.3metres in height. The bottom section is in a steel frame with the top section frameless. The amazing glass colours include shades of red, orange, yellow, blue, purple, brown, gold and amber. The sections are separated by clear zones and the colours in the top section soar up to sky.

The weight of the glass made the installation of the window a tricky and lengthy operation. When they had finished the installer remarked that it looked like it has always been there.

A written description does not do justice to the finished article.

Arabella has named the window A Wing and a Prayer.

On viewing a picture of the window StF Number 693 sums up the effect.

***Beauty for brokenness
Hope for despair
Lord, in your suffering
This is our prayer
Bread for the children
Justice, joy, peace
Sunrise to sunset
Your kingdom increase!***

Graham Kendrick

God of the Poor (Beauty for Brokenness)

IT TAKES TWO!

Andy Taylor submitted this in Oct 2018. Thank you and RIP mate.

A woman was on a retreat, when she suddenly exclaimed, "I must ring my husband home right away". The others on the retreat were quite concerned and enquired why she needed to with such haste.

She replied, "The rubbish bin has to be put out tonight, in order to be collected tomorrow".

"What about your husband, can't he do it?"

"No", she replied "It takes two of us to put the bin out".

"I cannot lift it, and he cannot remember to do it!"

I was talking to the postman the other day.

"Do you know the secret to a happy marriage?" he asked.

"No, tell me" I replied.

Well, we have been married for 35 years, and every year my wife and I spend a week in the same hotel where we spent our honeymoon"

I exclaimed "What a pair of romantics !"

"I go in early August, and she normally goes in mid September!"





The screenshot shows the Chantry Methodist Church website with a 'Welcome!' message and a photo of the church building. The website text includes: 'Chantry Methodist Church', 'Kingfisher Avenue, Ipswich, IP2 0QN', 'https://chantry.methodistic.org.uk', and 'facebook.com/chantrymethodist'. The church photo shows a sign that says 'Welcome to Chantry Methodist Church' and 'Sunday Morning Services 9.30am'.

More details can be seen on the website at <https://chantry.methodistic.org.uk/>

**CHANTRY METHODIST
CHURCH
COFFEE MORNING**

EVERY FRIDAY 10.00 – 11.30 A.M.



Harvest Festival and Parade Service

Our harvest service on the 3rd October was well attended with lots of food going to FIND and some baskets to local recipients.



Christmas Parade & Gift Service

On 5th December, we will be joined by the Scouts for a Parade and Gift Service. This year's gifts will be going to *Lighthouse Women's Aid* (<http://lighthousewa.org.uk/>). As last year, they are asking for £5 gift vouchers for the following stores: Matalan, Primark, Aldi, Asda, Lidl, Morrisons, Sainsburys and Tesco.



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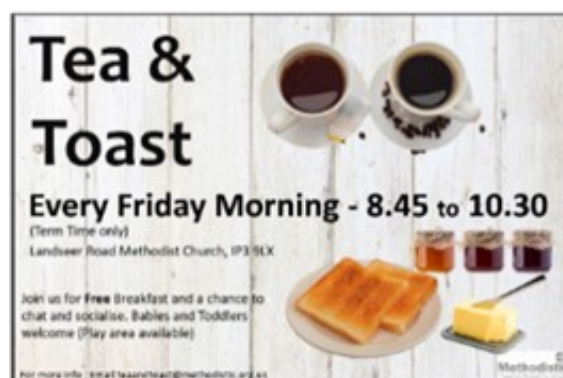
Current activity can be located on the website at <https://landseer.methodistic.org.uk/>

Worship Schedule

- 7th November Fellowship at 2 p.m.
- 14th November Worship at 11 a.m.
- 21st November Fellowship at 2 p.m.
- 28th November Joint Service at Chantry at 9.30 a.m.
- 5th December Circuit Carol Service at Museum Street at 4 p.m.
- 12th December Carol Service at 11 a.m.

Tea & Toast

At the beginning of October, we started a new ministry. Targeting parents in the Gainsborough area, we are now offering Tea & Toast on Friday mornings from 8.45 to 10.30 a.m.



Christmas Tree Festival



Our Christmas trees are coming back this year!
 Setup is on Saturday 27th November from 10 til Noon. They will be on display through the whole of December for those who attend our activities. Contact Mona Howes if you would like to enter a 3' to 4' decorated Christmas tree.

Christmas Faire

Mark your diaries for **Saturday 11th December** for our Christmas Faire. There will be lots of fun for the whole family.



Museum Street

Black Horse Lane, Ipswich IP1 2EF
<https://museumstreet.org.uk>
facebook.com/museumstreetmethodist



More details can be seen on the website at <https://museumstreet.org.uk>

Museum Street Church Council

Every three years, Church Councils are responsible for reviewing the work of their appointed worship leaders. Barbara Wearne had reluctantly decided to retire from the role which was now proving increasingly difficult.

Betty Lindsay was unanimously approved to continue. Council acknowledged that with the shortage of ministers and preachers in the circuit, the call being made on worship leaders is increasingly demanding. Council recorded their thanks for the dedication and quality of leadership they have provided.

DW presented the full year financial accounts for the year ended August 2021. He thanked members for the tremendous way they had risen to the pleas for people to review their giving, with a magnificent 23% increase in regular giving. The simple bottom line was that the church made a small surplus of £111 on the year which was almost unimaginable in mid-year.

The volatile nature of the year made it especially difficult to compare like-for-like finances, with some income and some expenditure both deferred into the current year. David is hopeful that the current year (2021/22) will enable us to meet our commitment of repaying some of the borrowed reserves, subject of course to further uncertainty as we are still affected by the pandemic.

Council considered the prospect of including online communion as we move towards streaming services on a more regular basis, following the debate at conference. This was agreed in principle, and Council gave permission to the leadership team to consider the logistics of how we might make this work, considering both the spiritual aspects and practical matters such as privacy.

Council also had a preliminary discussion about the “God in love unites us” report and agreed that it was important to hold an open study group in the spring so that we could learn more, before taking a vote at the February meeting.

DW

Museum Street Methodist Church Open Meeting: 7pm 18th November

Please come along to Museum Street and discuss how we as a Church, take forward together, a new project of outreach.

- Should it be within our community – if so, what?
- Should it be to pursue the next stages of our response to climate change post COP26
- Could we do both.

This is an important discussion of how we take forward our discipleship as a church and community.

Action for Children

We have now come to this time of the year when I ask if I could please have your home collection boxes by mid-December, so that they can be opened and the total can be banked and the details sent to Action for Children.

As we, like many, pay mostly by card nowadays and get very little loose change, I am wondering if it would help to any of you by making an annual donation by cheque? Please feel free to continue to support in whichever way you wish.

Brian Pipe: HCB Secretary.

Remembrance Sunday

On Sunday 14th November, you will need to arrive at the Museum Street car park on Black Horse Lane from the northern end via the Civic Roundabout, going past the New Wolsey Theatre and driving in through the Wolsey car park to Black Horse Lane. You will probably be unable to approach our car park from Elm Street.

LUKE ROKOBULI

Accreditation Service as a Local Preacher

Wednesday 17th November
7.30 p.m.
Chantry Methodist Church

The preacher is Rev. Joan Pell and the service is being led by
Rev Derek Grimshaw.

There will also be a used book stall with some of the late Roger
Fern's books.

Come and support Luke as we mark this momentous occasion.
To make sure that we can accommodate all who are planning to
attend, then

Please Register and Reserve your Spot.

Details on the Chantry & Circuit websites or call John Rodgers.

Circuit Advent Service

Sunday
5th December
4 p.m.

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SUNDAY SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

	7 th	14 th <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	21 st <i>Christ the King</i>	28 th <i>Advent 1</i>
<i>Video Service</i>	Roger Theobald	Rev. David Keeble	Rev. Mike Cassidy	Rev. Stephen Yelland
<i>Chantry</i>	LA with Luke Rokobuli	* Rev Joan Pell	Bryan Nichols	Dr. Liz Cope
<i>Landseer Road</i>	<i>No morning service – fellowship at 2pm</i>	* Rev Joan Pell	<i>No morning service – fellowship at 2pm</i>	@Chantry
<i>Museum Street</i>	* Rev Joan Pell	<i>Video Sermon (Keeble) led by Finbows</i>	Rev. Joan Pell	@Chantry

*=*Communion, LA = Local Arrangement*

You can find the full preaching plan on the circuit website at <https://methodistic.org.uk/november-2021-circuit-plan/>.

Mark Your Diaries - Special Christmas Services

5 th December	4 p.m.	Circuit Advent Service	Museum Street
12 th December	11 a.m.	Carol Service	Landseer Rd
19 th December	10.45 a.m.	Carol Service	Museum Street
19 th December	2 p.m.	Carol Service	Chantry
24 th December	11 p.m.	Christmas Eve Service	Alan Rd & Bramford Rd
25 th December	10 a.m.	Christmas Day Service	Museum Street
26 th December	10 a.m.	Christmas Sunday Service	Chantry

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