



10.30 Mr Joseph Musungu

Advent Sunday



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Welcome to everyone worshipping with us today; for those who have difficulty hearing we have a loop system in operation. Refreshments will be served after the service.

Next Sunday Rev Mark Tidey & Deacon Som Okonkwo

2nd Sunday in Advent with the Children

14.00 Memorial Service at St Mary's

16.00 Messy Church Christingle Service at Holy Trinity Shaw



Activities in Toothill Church

Monday 10.00 – 12.00 The Hub

Monday 14.00 - 16.00 U3A History Group 1st & 3rd Mondays

Monday 17.00 - 19.00 West Swindon Youth Club Mondays

Tuesday 10.00 – 12.00 U3A Travel Group

Wednesday 12.30 – 15.30 Welcome Space every week

Thursday 10.00 – 11.30 Toothill Tinies

Thursday 12.30 – 13.45 Bible Study in the church

Friday 10.30 – 12.00 Music Group every 2nd and 4th Friday

Friday 17.00 – 19.00 Friday Club

Every week

Next 4th December

Every week term time only

Next 19th December

Every Week

Every week

Every week (See Below)

Next 8th December

Every week term time only

Saturday 9th December 13.30 – 15.30

There will be a practice for anyone who is taking part in the Carols by Candlelight Service - This will include readers and musicians. You can come and go at any time there is no need to stay for the entire time.

Also on Saturday 16th December during the day the church will be decorated for the Carols by Candlelight Service and for Christmas.

Sunday 17th December Carols by Candlelight at 4.00pm



Come and enjoy a service of carols, readings, poetry and prayers all in Candlelight. All words of carols will be on the screen. A service for all the family.

Messy Church Christingle, Sunday 10th Dec 4pm-5.30pm at Holy Trinity Church, Shaw

Methodist News – Sunday 10 December at 3.00pm

There will be a Circuit Service for the last service to be held at Braydon Methodist Church. Service starts at 3pm.

Welcome Space Wednesdays 12.30pm – 3.30pm

Toothill Church is open for anyone to come and meet and have a chat while keeping warm. There is: Free soup, bread and hot drinks available, and a selection of board games, Jigsaws, dominoes, crafts and adult colouring etc.

Bible Study Thursday afternoons 12.30 – 13.45

The series includes discussion, activity and colouring.

Blessed Are the Merciful – 7th Dec.

Advent/Christmas activity - **TBA**

8 Blessed Are the Pure in Heart - 11 Jan

9 Blessed Are the Peacemakers - 18 Jan

10 Blessed Are Those Who Are Persecuted - 25 Jan

11 Blessed Are You When - 1 Feb

12 Coming Down the Mountain - 8 Feb

Dates may need to be flexed, but the objective is to complete the sessions before Lent 24.

Thanks Rachel

Prayers for today

Do please let us know if you would like to add someone to the list for prayer, remembering that we must have the permission of the person for whom we would be praying.

Don't forget that it is also helpful to receive updates about those being prayed for and to know when things have improved.

Please pray for: Alan (Emma's brother-in-law) Diana, Eileen and Tony Hendry, Emma's friend Kate Storer having completed a round of Chemotherapy, Ruth's brother James Horton, Carly and all the Burns family, Steph, a friend of Sarah's, Debbie, Jan and Gordon, Norma, Rhoda, Ann Beaumont, Sarah, Hazel, and all those you know in need of God's special love, care and healing.

We also pray for

Our ministers Clive, Trevor, Mark, Som and Joseph,

Our children's and worship leaders and their families across the Partnership,

Welcome Space in our churches,

Our home congregation,

The continuing work with children, Hazelwood Academy, young people and families in West Swindon.

May God bless us all with wisdom and strength to face each day's challenges as we continually give thanks for his great Love and Faithfulness.

For Members who are unable to get to church.

For those unable to get to church here is the link for you to worship online with words and hymns included <https://devotions.urc.org.uk/> By using the same link you may also receive daily devotions which are sent out 6.00 am each day.

Friday Morning Prayers at 9.30 via Zoom

To Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87105668938?pwd=OERYZ0FEUndjcnVpRUJxaVhrOWswUT09>

Meeting ID: 871 0566 8938 Passcode: 6pPH0J

Prayer Be Prepared - A prayer for Advent Sunday

I was in a rush –
Presents to buy, mince pies to bake, cards and letters to post;
December is never long enough.
All complete by Christmas?
Not likely.

‘Prepare to meet your Maker!’
The roadside sign proclaimed as I sped by.
Good God. I’m not going to die, am I?
I don’t think I’m ready yet.
The second sign was full of Christmas cheer –
A gurgling baby in a manger:
‘Prepare to meet your Maker!’
Good God,
Thank you for sending Jesus
to stop us in our tracks
and show us the right way
to get ready for to receive you
at Christmas....
And Always. Amen

URC Prayer Handbook Carol Dixon

DG4J – Day Group for Jesus - Autumn Programme Sep to Dec 2023

Meeting on Zoom – 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
7. Monday 04 December 2023 Romans Study 7 Host Angela
8. Monday 18 December 2023 Romans Study 8 Host Peter

Ethos – ‘All’ are warmly welcome to join our meetings.
For further details contact:
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Zoom Details:
Click on link below to join meeting:
<https://zoom.us/j/92404636497?pwd=bFJLbFM5TFdsalppekdRV2o1QzJEZz09>

Meeting ID: 924 0463 6497 Passcode: 181042
The Armour of God - Ephesians 6: 10 to 11 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armour of God

Methodist News

Dear Stewards

Stella Tidmarsh has asked me to circulate to you all that on SATURDAY 9th DECEMBER 2023 from 11 am to 3 pm Longcot Methodist Church will be open for representatives from Circuit Churches to call and see if any of the contents would be useful for their own churches e.g chairs, lectern, hymn books, crockery etc. Any donations for items will go to Circuit funds.

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December Services

Sunday 17th	16.00	Mr David Hoar	Carols by Candlelight	3 rd Sunday of Advent
Sunday 24th	10.30	Rev Joseph Ribiero	Christmas Eve	4 th Sunday Of Advent
	18.00	Invitation to the Village Inn Shaw to sing Christmas Carols with HTS.		
	23.30	Rev Mark Tidey	Midnight Communion Service.	
Christmas Day	10.30	Rev Mark Tidey	Christmas Morning Service	
Sunday 31st	No service at Toothill Church but there are services at:			
	10.00	Peter Roslyk Communion Service at St Mary's, Lydiard Tregoze		
	10.30	Rev Clive Deverell Hoy Trinity Shaw		

January 2024 services

Sunday 7th	10.30	Rev Trevor Day	Epiphany
Sunday 14th	10.30	Rev Mark Tidey	
Sunday 21st	10.30	Rev Joseph Ribiero	
Sunday 28th	10.30	Rev Mark Tidey	

Peace begins with a smile – with some seasonal jokes



A man walks into a bar with a newt on his shoulder.
The barmaid looks at the creature and asks the man what he calls it.
'Tiny', answers the man 'Why's that?' enquires the barmaid.
'Because he's my newt' answers the man.

It was Christmas Eve at the meat counter and a woman was anxiously picking over the last few remaining turkeys in the hope of finding a large one.
In desperation she called over a shop assistant and said, 'Excuse me. Do these turkeys get any bigger?'
'No, madam, 'he replied, 'they're all dead.'

Newsletter

Please let me have any items for inclusion in the Newsletter before 12.00 Noon on Wednesdays Thank you.

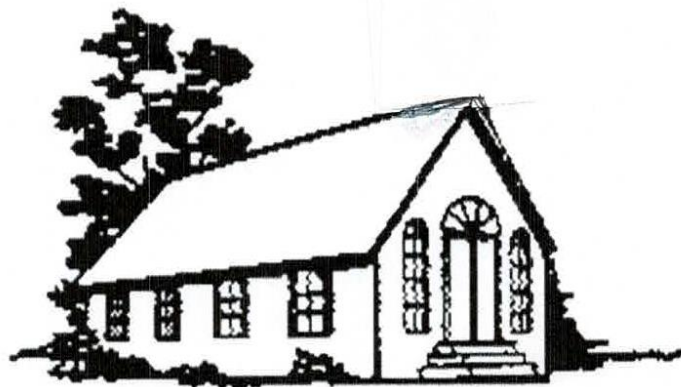


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**THE CIRCUIT CLOSING SERVICE
FOR BRAYDON METHODIST CHURCH
Queens Street, Braydon. SN5 0AQ**

SUNDAY 10th DECEMBER 2023 at 3 pm

**Led by Rev Dr Jonathan Pye
Chairman of the Bristol District**



"Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father"

ALL ARE WELCOME