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Notices

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There are many different ways we can offer worship, give thanks, praise; and encourage one another and the wider community in prayer and service. Please continue to pray for, and support each other in any way you can; remembering to stay safe. The church is a body of people - a living church in every sense.

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A few days later Mary hurried to the hill country of Judea, to the town where Zechariah lived. She entered the house and greeted Elizabeth. At the sound of Mary's greeting, Elizabeth's child leaped within her, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. Elizabeth gave a glad cry and exclaimed to Mary, "God has blessed you above all women, and your child is blessed. Why am I so honoured, that the mother of my Lord should visit me? When I heard your greeting, the baby in my womb jumped for joy. You are blessed because you believed that the Lord would do what he said."

Mary responded,

"Oh, how my soul praises the Lord. How my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour!

For he took notice of his lowly servant girl, and from now on all generations will call me blessed.

For the Mighty One is holy, and he has done great things for me.

He shows mercy from generation to generation to all who fear him.

His mighty arm has done tremendous things!

He has scattered the proud and haughty ones.

He has brought down princes from their thrones and exalted the humble.

He has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away with empty hands.

He has helped his servant Israel and remembered to be merciful.

For he made this promise to our ancestors, to Abraham and his children forever."

# The coming week:



### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>: 10 am Morning Worship led by Christine Campy



The angel said, "Don't be afraid! I'm here with Good News for you, which will bring great joy to all people." Luke 2 v 10 **10.30 am Online Worship** from <u>Gt Ayton</u> – Led by Rev Rob Weir

4 pm Christmas Storytime in The Chapel Hub - Come and hear special storyteller Anne tell the Christmas story and enjoy some festive family time
7 pm Carols on the Green

Steward: Clare Projection: John Musician: Lorna

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>: 2 - 4 pm The Chapel Hub and servery is open to all



Both Table Tennis and Computer Friends are taking a Christmas break. They will restart again on the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

## Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Eve

10 am – 12 noon The Chapel Hub and servery is open to all

10 am – 12 noon Knitting Together in the Schoolroom

6 - 7 pm Pop-in Communion in Chapel a chance to take a bit of time out for quiet reflection, and (if you wish) receive Communion and a Christmas Blessing.

The Chapel Hub will be closed from Christmas Day until Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2025

## Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Day

10 am All Age Celebration Service led by Rev Graham Peacock

Steward: Lynne Projection: Clare Flowers: David Helliwell

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>: 10.30 pm Joint Service at Carlton Methodist Church



10.30 am Online Worship from <u>Gt Ayton</u> - Led by Rev Rob Weir

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Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January: 10 am - 12 noon The Chapel Hub and servery is open to all 1.30 pm - 4 pm The Chapel Hub and servery is open to all 2 - 4 pm Knitting Together in the Schoolroom

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>: 10 am – 12 noon The Chapel Hub and servery is open to all



**10 am Parent pop in** - Join us near the children's corner for an open session in The Chapel Hub for parents and their little ones.

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>: 10 am – 12 noon The Chapel Hub and servery is open to all

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>: 10 am All Age Worship led by Christine Campy



10.30 am Online Worship from <u>Gt Ayton</u> - Led by Rev Rob Weir Steward: Lynne **Projection:** Mike **Musician:** Lorna **Flowers:** Andrea Holy God, come and make yourself known to us, as you did in the first Christmas. Creator of heaven and earth, Author of our salvation, our comfort and our strength, today we pause for a moment to thank you for all the good gifts you have bestowed upon us. Today, we sing your praise and offer our thoughts, reflections and time to join with the angels to proclaim that you are good and your love endures forever. Forgive us when we turn our face from you, encourage us when we step out in faith to follow you, and guide us as we seek to build your kingdom here and now. Amen.

#### In our everyday actions, we also remember others who need our prayer....

#### Please pray for:

- The situation in the Holy Land; a place of conflict where it should be a place of peace
- The political situation in Ukraine remembering the lives of the innocents, the lives of those on all sides involved in the ongoing conflict, the lives of those offering open doors; and for those lives lost
- For those affected by adverse weather, the change in climate causing devastation to homes and livelihoods, and in some cases causing loss of lives.
- For all those who put their lives on the line in order to seek refuge in a safer place
- Our country and new government, that they may govern wisely •
- The people continuing to be affected by the corona virus, and all those helping them to get through difficult times
- Workers at work, and those working from home, and for those with no work at all •
- Those involved in strike action across the country, and those trying to find a way forward
- Those whose financial burdens seem to be ever increasing; stretching already tight budgets •
- Those for whom the future is uncertain and looks bleak .
- Those in hospital, those awaiting treatment, and those recovering at home
- Young people coping with illness
- Those for whom life is not guite what it was, finding it difficult and confusing as things change
- All those who mourn, we remember them, their families and friends in our prayers
- The innocent victims of war, violence and disasters in this world
- People we know who are ill and/or in need of support:
- The poor, the hungry, the homeless, the refugees, the lonely and the sad
- Our Minister Andrew, Stef our Radio and Hub Manager, our Housekeeper Wendy, our Church, Radio and Hub volunteers
- Radio Leven Online
- The people and events on this Notice Sheet
- The work of this Chapel, this circuit, and our friends in Hutton Rudby LEP
- For new ventures within the church: that people may be comfortable in sharing their faith, and get to know Jesus in a more personal way
- The children's and young people's work in this village and Circuit
- Friends and members who, cannot meet together today •



Thank you for all you Christmas donations and 'Reverse Advent Calendars' for the foodbank Middlesbrough Foodbank; your support is very much appreciated and will go a long way to giving some Christmas cheer to many needy homes.

Help for today, tomorrow and the day after .....



The Foodbank are helping an increasing number of families through these very difficult times, and your donations of TINNED and PACKAGED food are desperately needed. Please leave them in the porch at either 6 West End, All Saints' Church, or at The Chapel Hub. You can leave them at the Spar shop too where there is a trolley ready for them on the right as you go in. As usual all donations are gratefully received. If you are unable to help with food donations, you can also donate money directly to the Foodbank to help them help others.

To donate: <u>middlesbrough.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money</u>

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It's important that we maintain a secure income for the work, mission and day to day running of the church - The Chapel Hub also depends on our remaining viable.

If you usually give your weekly offering by envelope or directly into the offering plate, please would you consider setting up a standing order or doing a bank transfer? The bank details are - a/c name: Hutton Rudby Methodist Church; sort code: 55 61 02; a/c number: 07663315.

If you prefer, you can 'give' your offering in person - the offering plate will be placed at the back of the church for any free will offerings each Sunday - there are gift aid envelopes available for use too.

If you have any questions, or require help email <u>huttonrudbymethodists@gmail.com</u>

Something to listen to ...



How about taking the time to visit our online radio and listen to our podcasts. Find something new, or listen to your favourites as you go about your day. Take a look at the website - <u>levenonline.co.uk</u>

Something to search...



Don't forget to check out the church websites for news and links to worship resources: Hutton Rudby Methodist Church: <u>huttonrudbymethodists.co.uk</u> All Saints Anglican Church Hutton Rudby: <u>whorltonbenefice.org.uk</u>

You also might like to try taking a look at: <u>engageworship.org</u> and for some family friendly bible based fun and activities: <u>engageworship.org/engage-at-home-daily-family-prayer-and-worship-activities</u>

> If you've got any news, or something you'd like to share please email: huttonrudbymethodists@gmail.com or contact me directly. Thanks Clare

