

We give thanks to all who lead our worship

		Dec 1st 1st Sunday in Advent	Dec 8th 2nd Sunday in Advent	Dec 15th 3rd Sunday in Advent	Dec 22nd 4th Sunday in Advent	Dec 29th 1st Sunday of Christmas	Jan 5th 2nd Sunday of Christmas	Jan 12th Sunday after Epiphany and the 1st in Ordinary	Jan 19th 2nd in Ordinary	Jan 26th 3rd in Ordinary	Feb 2nd 4th in Ordinary	Feb 9th 5th in Ordinary	Feb 16th 6th in Ordinary	Feb 23rd 7th in Ordinary	
Lectionary Year C 2024/2025		Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36	Malachi 3:1-4 Canticle: Benedictus (Luke 1:68-79) Philippians 1:3-11	Zephaniah 3:14-20 Canticle: Isaiah 12:2-6 Philippians 4:4-7	Micah 5:2-5a Canticle: Magnificat (Luke 1:46b-55) or Psalm 80:1-7 Hebrews 10:5-10	1 Samuel 2:18-20 26 Psalm 148 Colossians 3:12-17	Jeremiah 31:7-14 Psalm 147:12-20 Ephesians 1:3-14 John 1:(1-9) 10-18	Isaiah 43:1-7 Psalm 29 Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22	Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 36:5-10 Corinthians 12:1-11 John 2:1-11	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Psalm 19 Corinthians 12:12-31a Luke 4:14-21	Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6 Corinthians 13:1-13 Luke 4:21-30	Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13) Psalm 138 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11	Jeremiah 17:5-10 Psalm 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 Luke 6:17-26	Genesis 45:3-11, 15 Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50 Luke 6:27-38	
	BISHOP AUCKLAND DL14 6EN	10:30 am	E. Hird	Pinkney	Watson	Pinkney Carol	CS at WHC	Pinkney COV/HC	J. Spencer	Nodding	Pinkney	J. Hird TP	Pinkney HC	Gibson	Swinbank
	COCKFIELD DL13 5EN	10:30 am 10:45 am 2:00 pm	J. Hird TP - -	Armstrong - -	Pinkney HC - -	- - Payne Carol	CS at WHC - -	Nodding - -	E. Hird - -	Gibson - -	Payne COV/HC - -	Swinbank - -	Andrew HC - -	- Payne -	Bean - -
	DENE VALLEY DL14 8UE	3:00 pm	Pinkney	J. Spencer	Watson	Pinkney Carol	CS at WHC	Pinkney COV/HC	Holiday	E. Hird	Pinkney	Holiday	Pinkney HC	Payne	J. Hird
ETHERLEY DL14 0HZ	9:30 am 10:00 am	- Pinkney	Payne HC -	- Gibson	- Payne Carol	- CS at WHC	Payne COV/HC -	- J. Hird TP	- Swinbank	- Bean	- Nodding	- J. Spencer	Payne HC -	- E. Hird	
HAMSTERLEY DL13 3PP	10:30 am 10:45am	Pitt -	PS -	Payne HC -	PS -	PS -	Pitt HC -	PS -	Payne COV/HC -	PS -	- Payne HC	PS -	Pinkney -	PS -	
HEIGHTON DL5 6PP	9:30 am	Payne HC	PS	PS	PS	PS	E. Hird	PS	PS	PS	Payne COV/HC	PS	PS	PS	
NEWTON AYCLIFFE DL5 5DH	11:00 am 3:00 pm	Watson -	Payne HC -	J. Hird -	- J. Spencer Carol	CS at WHC -	Armstrong -	Payne COV/HC -	Bean -	Gibson -	E. Hird -	Payne HC -	Nodding -	Pinkney -	
SHILDON DL4 1AH	10:30 am 10:45 am 2:30 pm 6:00 pm	- Payne - -	Gibson - - -	- Payne HC -	Nodding Carol - - -	CS at WHC - - -	- Payne COV/HC - -	- Payne -	J. Hird - - St John CoE CUS	J. Spencer - - -	Pinkney - - -	- Payne HC -	Stenson MWiB - -	Armstrong - - -	
WITTON PARK DL14 0DG	10:30 am 6:00 pm	- Payne	Bean/Swinbank MC/CT -	- Swinbank	- Pinkney Carol	- CS at WHC	- Pinkney COV/HC	Pinkney MC -	- Pinkney	- Barrett	- Pinkney HC	Bean/Swinbank MC -	- Payne	- Pinkney	
WOODHOUSE CLOSE DL14 6PD	9:30 am 10:00 am 10:30 am	- Hutchinson -	- Thorns HC -	- Nodding -	- Watson Carol/HC -	- - Payne CS/HC	- Thorns -	Payne COV/HC - -	- Pinkney -	- Plumpton HC -	- Gibson -	Payne HC - -	- Thorns -	- Hutchinson HC -	
Carol:Carol Service CRIB:Crib service COV:Covenant Service CS:Circuit Service CT:Christingle CUS:Christian Unity Service HC:Holy Communion MC:Messy Church MWiB:Methodist Women in Britain PNS:Pop up Nativity Service PS:Parish Service TP:Transport															

Christmas Eve			Christmas Day		
Bishop Auckland	4:00 pm	Pinkney CRIB	Bishop Auckland	11:00am	Pinkney
Dene Valley	2:00 pm	Pinkney PNS	Newton Aycliffe	10:30am	Payne
Hamsterley	11:00 pm	Payne / Pitt HC	Shildon	9:30am	Payne
Heighington	11:30 pm	PS PS	Witton Park	9:30am	Pinkney
Woodhouse Close	6:00 pm	Payne CT	Woodhouse Close	10:00am	Gibson

Conference encourages every Presbyterian to keep one day free from Circuit responsibilities. Please respect that day except of course for emergencies.
Rev David Payne - Tuesday
Rev Rachel Pinkney - Friday and Saturday (Day off and study day)

BISHOP AUCKLAND AND SHILDON METHODIST CIRCUIT 13/10

December 2024 - January 2025 - February 2025

**LOCAL PREACHERS**

1955	Maureen Howe*	2000	Evelyn Swinbank
1958	Raymond Horner*	2000	Robin Young
1960	Margaret Dack*	2003	Joyce Hird
1967	Jeanne Spencer	2005	Christine Bennett
1985	Margaret Nodding	2010	Carol Bean
1992	Andrew Robinson	2010	Gwen Morrison*
1997	Jane Armstrong	2013	Edwin Hird
2000	Clifford Holliday		

*Preachers no longer on Active Service

CHURCH OF ENGLAND LICENSED LAY READER	Roger Gibson
WORSHIP LEADER - Newton Aycliffe	Marion Anderson

VISITING PREACHERS

Rev Barry Hutchinson - URC/WHC
 Rev Kim Plumpton - URC Northern Synod Moderator
 Pamela Stenson - Cleveland & Danby Circuit
 Rev Joanne Thorns - Church of England

A message from the Superintendent Minister:

Dear Friends

There seems to be something orderly about Advent Sunday falling on 1st December this year. We can focus upon the lead-up to Christmas right from the beginning of a new month. Advent is, of course, a time for reflection and preparation, although the frenetic pace of life in the 21st century appears to offer little opportunity for the reflection part of that equation. The Methodist Church is encouraging us to consider the theme, "Hush the noise: join the love song this Christmas," and there will be references to this during the Advent season and opportunities to be further involved in and challenged by the theme. This modern age creates much noise. Opportunities for silence, or even relative quietness are few and far between. However, there is a sense of peace when the noise is hushed. We find ourselves able to think and reflect, and at this time of year contemplate what it might mean to hear the joyous sound of love in the angel song.

I wish you a joyous and peaceful Christmas filled with the love of God.

Every blessing, David

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