

Wednesday Dec 13

Ladies Group 7:30pm – Christmas Fuddle. Next will be Jan. 2024

Centre Stage Performing Arts School

Thurs - 5pm – Fusion Dance

Sat 1pm – Drama/Theatre

SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER – 7PM

SOUL CAFE

Theme

LOSS

Ilkeston Methodist Church  
Wilmot Street

Join us To Find Out  
More - Music, Poetry,  
Media Clips

Ilkeston Themed Christmas  
Tree Festival

Saturday 9th December  
from 10am

Come and join us for a spectacular showcase of Trees in their glory. The theme this year is Christmas Movies including trees, food, activities, music and Stall. You can also view them on Sunday at Christingle or Soul Cafe

Items for next Week's Notices: pparkin70@gmail.com

## The Week Ahead

Tuesday Ladies Group – 2pm

Thurs - Music Group Practise  
7:30pm

Friday - Craft Club – 10am  
Friday – Beat the Freeze -  
10am-12

Saturday – Pilates – 9:30am

### Christmas Planner

Christmas Eve (Sun)  
10.30am - Morning worship;  
all ages catered for

Christmas Eve Service  
7pm St Mary's

Christmas Eve Mass  
West Hallam Church 11pm

Christmas Day (Mon)  
10am - Morning worship for all  
ages

New Years Eve  
10.30am - Songs of Praise

2024 – Coming Soon

Uniformed Groups (Tues  
@ IMC)

Rainbows - 5pm / Brownies -  
6pm

/ Guides - 7pm / Explorers -  
7.30pm

News sheet – 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 2023 - Rev Tim Simms - 01773750659  
Tim.simms@methodist.org.uk



## Sunday Services @IMC

Wilmot Street DE7 8BB

Dec 10 - 10:30am – 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent Sunday

Christingle Service

Dec 10 – 7pm – Soul Café

Interview Guest- Colin Swinburne

Dec 17 - 10:30am – 3<sup>rd</sup> Advent Sunday

Sheila Gent and Rachel walker

Dec 17 – 6pm – 3<sup>rd</sup> Advent Sunday

Carol Service

Christmas Services See Back Page

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/93901521518?pwd=Ndc1bFZTUStCU1JXNW1mVU5EallqZz09>

Meeting ID: 939 0152 1518  
Passcode: 919658

### Welcome!

Welcome!  
We are delighted you are here with us. If it is your first visit, then a particularly warm welcome to you.

We have tea and coffee at the end of our services. Please stay and chat with us; we will be very happy to answer any questions you may have.

“Lord we pray for your healing touch on all who are ill or troubled. Thank You”

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## CCLI Top20

Based on reporting data from small to large United Kingdom churches across all denominations licensed with CCLI.

1. 10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)
2. In Christ Alone
3. Goodness Of God
4. How Great Is Our God
5. Praise The Name (Anástasis)
6. What A Beautiful Name
7. Cornerstone
8. This Is Amazing Grace
9. Living Hope
10. How Great Thou Art
11. Build My Life
12. Way Maker
13. King of Kings
14. Yet not I But Through Christ
15. How Deep The Father's Love For Us
16. Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)
17. Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)
18. Psalm 23
19. King Of Kings Majesty
20. Blessed Be Your Name

73% of Brits confess to receiving an awful Christmas gift in the past, according to a survey of 2,000 adults for Argos. The top 5 worst gifts:

5. Something you'd given to them the year before
4. Toilet roll
3. Out of date chocolates
2. A dead plant
1. An expired gift voucher

## Mince Pies Please!

Is anyone willing to donate a few mince pies, stollen bites or other Christmas "cakes" to be served after the evening carol service on Sunday 17th at 6pm? If so, please see Chris Stevens asap.

## Prayer

Holy God, in the wonder and diversity of your awesome creation, your glory is revealed all around us in a myriad of ways. Yet often we are blinded to the treasures that you have placed for us to discover because our eyes are focused on our own priorities, or we look in all the wrong places! The most wonderful treasures are often to be found in surprising corners, unexpected people and new experiences. Help us by your Spirit to have patience to understand that you are always at work; even when it remains unseen by us. Give us eyes that are open to see where your activity is evident and ears to hear when you are inviting us to share in the process of bringing new things to birth.

May your light shine in all the dark places of our lives, our churches, our communities and our world, so that the treasure that lies within might be revealed to us.

**In the name of Christ, Amen.**

65% of Brits who celebrate Christmas admitted to having their own Advent calendar to open, according to you a YouGov poll of over 1,600 people. More than half of those opening Advent calendars didn't do it as a child, but say they do it now.

**Rooted on Sunday 14th January @IMC;**

Arrival at 4.00pm for hot food; worship commencing at 4.30pm. Details are on the posters at church.

## Advent

The heart widens, opens the door:  
Four candles burn on the wreath,  
the healing time is near again,  
I am there with my congratulations,  
You mustn't despise him:  
Blessed Christmas!

unknown author

"In this day, this season, miracles will grow within, unfurl, bear fruit. And the heart that makes time and space for Him to come will be a glorious place. A place of sheer, radiant defiance in the face of a world careening mad and stressed. Because each day of Advent, we will actively wait. We will wait knowing that the remaking of everything has already begun."

- Ann Voskamp, The Greatest Gift

"At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern."

- Mother Teresa, Love: A Fruit Always in Season

## Chatsworth Christmas Market

**Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec 11:30am**

Soak up the Christmas market atmosphere as you browse more than 100 stalls offering a wide range of Christmas gifts and decorations – you'll be sure to find perfect presents for all the family.

**Warm Spaces Beat the Freeze (Warm and Welcoming Spaces) Friday 10 – 12,**

## Matthew 5:14

You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.

## Dates for Diary

### **BIG Kirk Hallam Christmas Market**

**Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 1-4pm**

Kirk Hallam Community Academy

### **Kirk Hallam Christmas Fayre**

**Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 10:30am – 2pm**

Kirk Hallam Community Centre

### **Barefeet in the Park. Victoria Park. Events**

#### **Christmas Shopping Day**

**Sun 10 Dec 10am – 4pm**

Live Music, crafts, food, drinks, ice cream

Doggy Ice Cream

#### **Christmas Party in Park Victoria Park**

**Dec 23 - 10am – 2pm**

Fun for all the family, wrap up warm and enjoy a day of festive fun.

## Derby Cathedral Christmas

### **Services. Carol Service**

**Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> – 6pm**

Join us at one of our two Christmas Carol Services, where you can enjoy a mix of traditional carols and bible readings.

### **Sing Christmas Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**12:45pm**

Sing the Christmas favourites in this informal lunchtime service of congregational carols for all the family, with organist accompaniment.