

## CHRISTMAS ON THE BOX

Weakest link and Blankety Blank Christmas Special – 23<sup>rd</sup> – 8:10 / 9pm BBC1

### Christmas Eve

Songs of Praise – Carols 4 Christmas Eve – 24<sup>th</sup>  
1:15pm BBC1

Carols from King's – Christmas Eve 6:40pm BBC2

Carols at Christmas – Christmas Eve 11:30pm ITV1

### Christmas Day

Dr Who BBC1 5:55

Morecambe and wise Christmas Special BBC2 5:55

Ghosts BBC1 7:45

Masked Singer Christmas Special ITV 7:30pm

**See you in 2024**

We can't talk about Christmas without a mention to the big bearded, rosy-cheeked jolly man... Father Christmas! But have you wondered how he got the name Santa Claus? It's from Sinterklaas, which means Saint Nicholas in Dutch, the language of the Netherlands. St. Nicholas was a Christian bishop who lived in the 4th century – known for being kind and generous, he later became the patron saint of children.

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

**Wishing all Members, Friends and  
the Community a Happy Christmas  
and All the best for 2024.  
Have a great day and season.**



Next Notices will be Jan 5th : pparkin70@gmail.com



## Christmas Services @IMC

Wilmot Street DE7 8BB

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 by Candlelight**

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

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

New Years Eve - 10.30am - Songs of Praise

Jan 7 (2024) - 10.30am – Covenant Service &  
Holy Communion - Rev Tim Simms

### 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.

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### **A Prayer to Keep Christmas Simple**

Dear Lord, don't let us miss You this Christmas season. Help us to simplify our activities and traditions so we can focus our celebration on Your birth. Thank You for being the Prince of Peace, and I ask You for that supernatural peace to reign in our hearts. Thank You for the simple but life-changing message of Your love for us. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

~ Melanie Chitwood

### **A Christmas Prayer to Re-Focus**

Dear God, sometimes I get too caught in the Christmas commercialism. OK, a lot of times. Today, I'm going to refocus my heart and remember why I'm celebrating this wonderful day in the first place. I'm celebrating Jesus today...and every day! In Jesus' name, Amen.

~ Sharon Jaynes

### **Mince Pies Please!**

Is anyone is 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.

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### **Warm Spaces Beat the Freeze (Warm and Welcoming Spaces) Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 10 – 12,**

### **Warm Spaces Beat the Freeze Family Fun Day (Warm and Welcoming Spaces) Friday 27<sup>th</sup> 10 – 12,**

Still in the Christmas Spirit and pre New Year, join us for a all age warn fun day

### **Christmas Eve Service The Ilkeston Christmas Eve Carol Service**

**@St Mary's church 7pm**

Hosted by the Ilkeston Churches Live music with the Salvation Army Brass Band

### **Christmas Eve Mass West Hallam Church 11pm**

### **Rooted Food / Faith /Family "You Are Chosen" Sunday 14th January @IMC;**

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

**Guest Speaker: Joe McCay**

### **Dates for Diary**

#### **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.

#### **Chatsworth Christmas Market Sat 23rd 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.

### **Season Greetings**

**Wishing all** my Church family, all my friends and anyone who knows me a Peaceful, Joyful and Blessed Christmas tide. Ann Sutcliffe xxx

### **"Christmas gift suggestions:**

To your enemy, forgiveness.  
To an opponent, tolerance.  
To a friend, your heart.  
To a customer, service.  
To all, charity.  
To every child, a good example.  
To yourself, respect."  
-- *Oren Arnold*

### **Christmas Fact Box**

We all love to sing along to Jingle Bells, but have you ever noticed that the song doesn't have the word Christmas in it? Or Jesus or Santa Claus?  
That's because it wasn't originally a Christmas song! In fact, the jolly anthem was written in 1850, entitled One Horse Open Sleigh, for the American holiday, Thanksgiving!

### **Stay Connected**

"The Church WhatsApp group is still running. It is a fun and informal way to keep connected, sharing stories, pictures, prayers and news. You just need a mobile phone – let Paul know if you would like to join.

**"I will honour  
Christmas in my  
heart, and try to  
keep it all the year."  
— Charles Dickens**