



Emsworth Methodist Church
& Pastoral Centre



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Sunday 15 December

10.00am Service of Holy Communion
Led by: Revd Bill Stillwell

6.30pm United Carols by Candlelight at St James

Our communion bread is gluten-free and dairy-free

This morning Laura is at Copnor at 10.30am

Tuesday 17 December

2.00pm Activity Afternoon
Carols and Mince Pies in the
Pastoral Centre

Thursday 19 December

7.30pm Wesley Guild (IH)

A Christmas Evening

Christmas Thoughts and Readings

Please bring a surprise Christmas present to the value of £1



*A serving and worshipping Christian church in the heart of Emsworth
working closely with other churches and with the local community*

Sunday 22 December

- 10.00am** **Nativity Service**
A family service led by Deacon Laura Evans
- 6.30pm** **Carol Service**
Led by: Revd Bill Stillwell and Deacon Laura Evans

This morning Bill is at Fareham at 10.30am

Portsmouth Churches Homeless Action Voucher Scheme

Today there will be an opportunity to give vouchers to the Portsmouth Churches Homeless Action Voucher Scheme. If you would like to donate vouchers/gift cards, please could these be for £5 and from stores such as Tesco, Asda, Sainsbury's and Argos.

David Sawyer

Christmas Coffee Morning – All Welcome

Saturday 21 December from 10.00am to 1.00pm at the home of David and Margaret Sawyer.

Open Church Project

The Open Church Project for the homeless in Portsmouth is going to run again this winter, this time for four weeks, beginning on Monday 3 February. Eastney Methodist Church will again be the venue on Tuesday nights. Generous donations of money and bedding in previous years means that this time we are only asking for extra volunteers. If you would like to offer or find out more, please contact Revd John Mills on 02392 731858.

Dementia Friends: 22 January 2020

A free information session open to anyone in Emsworth. Quite a number of people have attended and found the session very informative, so please do join us if you have not been before. No booking needed – just arrive at 10.00am and the session should be completed by around 11.00am.

God in Love Unites Us

In response to the *Marriage and Relationships* Report, the Leadership Team has arranged a Conversation in our church on Sunday 2 February 2020 between 11.30am–1.30pm, including a short lunch break (please bring your own packed lunch). It's our opportunity to share our thoughts and respond to Synod's request for our input.

Andrew, Laura and Bill will be there to steer the discussion. If you have any questions or observations, please feel free to contact Andrew.

It will be important to have looked at the Report before attending the Conversation in order to facilitate a fruitful sharing of thoughts: copies are available in the atrium. Everyone is warmly encouraged to take part in this significant discussion.

Andrew de Ville

Havant Passion Play Carol Singing



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Saturday 21 December in the Meridian Centre, Havant. Meet by the piano on the ground floor at 12.30pm to start singing at 1.00pm. Also on Christmas Eve at The Ship, Langstone, PO9 1RD; meet at 3.00pm to start singing at 3.30pm.

Help needed in the Coffee Bar

We have the following time slot when volunteers are needed in the Coffee Bar: **30 December, from 2.00–4.00pm.**

PS: Don't forget the special afternoon of carols and mince pies in the Pastoral Centre on Tuesday 17 December!

Advent Antics: Craft Morning and Faith in Film

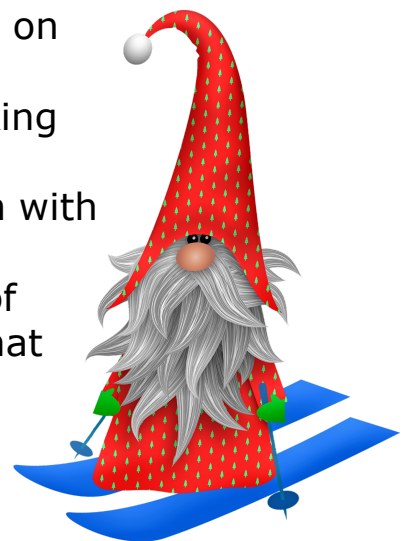
A day of family-friendly activities in the Pastoral Centre on **Monday 23 December.**

From 10.30am–12.30pm Sandra and Laura will be making table decorations and 'Nordic Gnomes'.

At 1.30pm there will be a family-friendly Christmas film with popcorn and other goodies to enjoy.

If you've got young family members staying, or know of anyone looking for something to do with the children that day, please let them know about this free event. All we ask is that children are accompanied, and everyone has lots of fun!

Laura, Mandy and Sandra



News from St James

Revd Andrew Sheard has been appointed as Joint Area Dean of Havant.

Anne Field

There will be a Thanksgiving Service for the life of Anne Field at **5pm on Wednesday 18 December** at Emsworth Methodist Church, to be followed by tea and refreshments.

Anne joined our church in 2014. She left Emsworth in February to be nearer to family and passed away on Sunday 1 December.

*Light of the world
you stepped down into darkness,
opened my eyes, let me see...*



If you have items for the next Notice Sheet (for Sundays 22 and 29 December), please send them to notices@emsworthmethodistchurch.org by 12 noon on Thursday 19 December.