



# Emsworth Methodist Church & Pastoral Centre



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## Sunday 22 December

**10.00am**

**Nativity Service**

**A family service led by Deacon Laura Evans**

**Collection in aid of Action for Children**

**6.30pm**

**Carol Service**

**Led by: Revd Bill Stillwell and Deacon Laura Evans**

*This morning Bill is at Fareham at 10.30am*

## Monday 23 December

**Advent Antics (see page 3)**

## Tuesday 24 December **Christmas Eve**

**9.00pm**

**Christmas Eve Holy Communion Service**

**Led by Revd Bill Stillwell and Deacon Laura Evans**

## **Wednesday 25 December Christmas Day**

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

**Wednesday 25 December Christmas Day**  
**10.00am Christmas Celebration!**  
**Morning Worship led by**  
**Deacon Laura Evans**



**Thursday 26 December Boxing Day**  
**2.00–4.00pm Boxing Day Party (IH)**

Anyone who will be on their own on Boxing Day, or who is just looking for something fun to do, is welcome to join us for tea, coffee, crackers and good company in International Hall. All are welcome.

**Sunday 29 December**

**10.00am Morning Worship**  
**Led by Miss Jean Hooper**

**No evening service**

**Tuesday 31 December New Year's Eve**

Pastoral Centre open 10.00am–12.00 noon.

***No Activity Afternoon***

**Thursday 2 January 2020**

**7.30pm Wesley Guild – Games Evening**

*Followed by a Bring and Share supper*

### **Christian Aid Carols**

Thank you to those who supported the Christian Aid Carol Singing which raised £185.40, just over £12 more than last year. It was a very cold morning and there didn't seem to be many people about, but we all enjoyed a good sing with the help of Hymnal Plus. We appreciated the coffee served in the Pastoral Centre and were able to sing a few carols indoors.

Please watch out for some new fundraising events in the new year.

*Margaret Sawyer, Marian Hughes and Gill Cooper.*

## **Advent Antics: Craft Morning and Faith in Film**

A day of fun activities for children and adults 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*



## **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.

**Sunday 5 January 2020**

**Covenant Service**

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

**6.30pm      United Service of Holy Communion  
at St James  
Preacher: Revd Claire Simpson**

*Our communion bread is gluten-free and dairy-free*

*This morning Laura is at Copnor at 10.30am and this evening Bill is at Lindford at 6.30pm*

## **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.

## **Help needed in the Coffee Bar**

Mandy would be very glad to hear from anyone who is able to volunteer to help in the Coffee Bar on the following dates:

**Thursday 2 January, Friday 3 January** and **Thursday 9 January**. All slots are from **2.00–4.00pm**.

Please see the monthly News-sheet for more information about volunteering in the coffee bar.



*If you have items for the next Notice Sheet (for Sundays 5 and 12 January), please send them to [notices@emsworthmethodistchurch.org](mailto:notices@emsworthmethodistchurch.org) by 12 noon on Thursday 2 January.*