

**WEYBAY NEWS**

A monthly what’s on

**December 2024 and January 2025**



**Light a candle in a darkened place**

**In its flame see hope on every face,**

**Christ our Saviour will be born**

**Heralding a brand new dawn,**

**So let it burn.**

 **StF 174**

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Dear Friends

The Methodist Church’s Advent & Christmas campaign for 2024 is entitled ‘Hush the Noise’ It’s based around the Christmas Carol ‘It came upon the midnight clear’ (StF 205)

Our Advent journey begins in December, with the noise and chaos that surrounds our lives like an engulfing wave. We are encouraged not be overwhelmed by this but to discern what’s really important.

In the 2nd week of Advent, we focus on the prophets: messengers from both the Old and New Testaments who received a vision for a new way and ask how we can continue the legacy of the prophets today.

Week 3 reflects on the fact that in our weary world today we don’t have to look far to see sin and conflict as a result of humanity’s refusal to listen and respect one another. How can we mend relationships that are broken, be like glue in the community to reduce disconnection and disintegration?

At the first Christmas, the angels sang a love song over the world. Week 4 focuses on Mary’s song, The Magnificat, a song of praise to God for overcoming injustice through God’s power and provision.

Christmas is loud; so much expectation, so many voices telling us how we should celebrate; telling us what to wear, what to eat and drink, what to watch and what to buy.

This Christmas we’re invited to hush the noise, to listen for the love song that the angels bring, this and every year. They sang it for the first time more than 2,000 years ago, on the midnight clear. They’re just waiting for us to join in.

As we travel through Advent, celebrate Christmas and then venture into the New Year, may we hear the love song that the angels bring but not grow deaf to the sound of their message of God’s peace and be prepared to share it with others.

Wishing you a very Happy Christmas and a peace-filled New Year.

Ruth

**PREACHERS AT WEYMOUTH BAY for the coming weeks:**

1st December Rev Peter Clark

8th December Rev John Walker HC

15th December **3pm** **Carol service**

22nd December Pam Woodland

24th December **11.15pm** **Rev Ruth Lownsbrough**

 **Midnight Communion**

29th December Jacqui Trent

5th January Rev Ruth Lownsbrough

Covenant Service

12th January 10.30am Tony Boyden

12th January 6.30pm Rev Ruth Lownsbrough

19th January Tim Wells

26th January Rev John Yarrien

2nd February Rev Ruth Lownsbrough HC

**Saturday 14th December** Christmas meal and carols.

Coffee will be served from 11am. Then sing Christmas carols at 11.30am followed by our Christmas lunch at 12.30pm. Coffee will be served from 11am. £10 each, numbers limited to 50 so sign up early. The list is on the notice board.

The **church carol service** on Sunday, 15th December at 3pm will be followed by light refreshments. There will not be a service in the morning.

**On Christmas Eve** the church will be open from 10.45 pm for refreshments with the Midnight Communion servicestarting at 11.15pm

**Other Christmas services and events in the Circuit**

Thursday 12th December 7pm: Chickerell carol service

Tuesday 24th December 4pm: Christingle service at Lanehouse led by Jacqui Trent

**Christmas Day services**:

10 am: Easton Methodist United Service at All Saints

 with Rev Lownsbrough

10 am: United Service at Hope URC with Neil Riches

10.30am: United Church Dorchester with Rev John Yarrien

**The Christmas Craft Fayre** on 9th November was very successful. The money raised from stallholders, bric-brac and the raffle totalled of £532.70 for the Food Bank. Refreshments raised £404.58 for church funds. Thanks to all who attended and to everyone who helped make this such a successful day.

All money raised for coffee on Sundays and at Wednesday coffee mornings throughout December, together with donations for refreshments at the carol service will be given to **Christians against Poverty.**

**Church Christmas Card**

This year, instead of one large card, we are inviting you to write a Christmas card to all your friends at the church, all the cards will then be displayed.

**REGULAR EVENTS**

**Coffee morning** – every Wednesday, coffee and cake served from 10.00 until noon. We also have books and jigsaw puzzles that may be borrowed.

**A short time of prayer in the chapel** every Wednesday at 9.50am beforethe coffee morning. This is a time for you to bring your own anxieties before the Lord and also to pray for the life of our church here at WeyBay and how we can go forward with God.

**Grace Notes** singing groupmeets every Wednesday at 10.30am New members welcome. Come and sing and have some fun*.*

**Cameo *-*** our regular fortnightly meeting for women, alternate Wednesdays at 2pm

Only one meeting in December:: Make a Christmas decoration with Mary Gracie.

Cameo will restart on January 8th and the new programme will be available in the coffee bar from 11th December.

**Miscellany,** themusic group meets in the church every Wednesday from 5-6 pm. This is for anyone who plays a musical instrument, however brilliant or rusty you may be. You would be very welcome. If you are interested speak to Rosemary or Ailsa for further information.

**Bible Study -** This is a very informal group with plenty of opportunity for discussion. Our Advent study course began on 28th November and we welcome anyone who would like to join us. Thursdays from 2pm to 3pm at Weybay.

**Dementia Cafe:**

Our drop in cafe for people with dementia and their carers. An afternoon of fun with activities, music and of course cake.

More details from Esme on 01305 812637

**Friday 6th December**: Christmas celebrations this month with Christmas food and music . 2pm till **4.30pm**.

**Friday 3rd January** ‘usual time 2pm until 4pm

**Garden Gang**

The next gardening session is on Saturday 28th December from 10am to 12 noon. Please feel free to come and help maintain the church garden, refreshments provided.

**Weymouth Foodbank**

The foodbank are grateful for all your donations throughout the year, and the money raised at the Christmas Craft Fayre will be so useful this Christmas time. The need doesn’t get any less so please continue to remember the Foodbank with your donations and in your prayers. Cash donations can be made online at [www.weymouthfoodbank.co.uk](http://www.weymouthfoodbank.co.uk)

**Games afternoon** Saturday 7th December from 3pm to 5pm. Refreshments will be provided. Still time to add your name to the list on the notice board. £2 per person

**Looking ahead**

1st February 2005: The Mike Denham Trio 7.30pm

£12 on the door or £10 in advance from Pete 01305 812637

The WeyBay News team wishes everyone a very happy Christmas and many blessings for the New Year

