

Dorset Gardens Methodist Church

Minister: Revd Andy Lowe



Welcome to church today. If you are visiting us we hope you will make yourself known before you leave. Please do join us for coffee after morning worship.

Bibles & Large Print Hymn Books are available at the back of the church and there is a **loop system** for the hard of hearing, please switch your hearing aid to 'T'. We always try to address individual needs to the best of our ability. Please let us know if there's something we can do to improve what we currently offer.

Offering: If you would like to make a financial contribution our offering plate is located at the back of the church. We now also have a Card Reader for donating with your Debit/Credit card. Or you can still donate via JustGiving: www.justgiving.com/dgmc

Sunday 22nd December 2024

Fourth Sunday of Advent

10.30 am

Advent Worship with Communion

Led by Revd Andy Lowe

Keyboard Player Will Mason

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Welcome

Hymn StF 178 Long ago, prophets knew

Prayer

Advent Liturgy: Advent Four Receiving Christ

Reading Luke 1: 30-33, 38a

Reader Before I was born the Lord called me.

All In the shadow of his hand he hid me.

Reader We use these Chrismons to remind us of Mary, who allowed God to be born in her and we open our lives that the Christ may be born in us.

Place Chrismons on tree

Reader God is love.

All Whoever lives in love, lives in God and God in them.

StF 673 Will you come and follow me (verses 1 & 5)

Intergenerational

Hymn O come, light's dawning, burn within my soul,
the tinder of my heart you can make whole.

O come, ignite my passion to see
the truth of who I am, who I can be.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

To fear I bid farewell

that light may come within my heart to dwell.

O come, light's beauty, come amongst and cheer

Our spirits by your radiant presence here.

O come, ignite our passion to see

that we can live in peace and harmony.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
To anger bid farewell
that light may come within our hearts to dwell.

O come, light's wisdom, be our certain guide
as arrogance and greed we set aside.

O come, ignite our passion to see
the beauty born in all humanity.

Rejoice! Rejoice!
To priv'lege bid farewell
that light may come within our hearts to dwell.

O come, light's piercing truth, come and reveal
all that our planet needs from us to heal.

O come ignite our passion to see
the splendour in Earth's vast diversity.

Rejoice! Rejoice!
To darkness bid farewell
that light may come within our hearts to dwell.

By Gretta Vosper, inspired by words translated
from the Latin by John Mason Neale, 1851

Reading Luke 1: 39-45 Read by Ian Lamb

Magnificat StF 793 (spoken)

Sermon

Hymn StF 186 Tell out, my soul

Prayers

Hymn StF 594 Lord Jesus Christ

Communion

Hymn StF 706 Longing for light

Blessing

News and Notices

Open House and Prayer & Praise: Open House will not meet on Boxing Day or 2nd January. Prayer & Praise will not meet on Boxing Day, but will return on 2nd January.

Christmas Day Collection: As is our custom, this collection will go to Action For Children. If you are away on Christmas Day, but would like to make a donation, envelopes are available. Please speak to Rosemary Cuthbert. Thank you for your generosity.

Community Lunch: Our regular Lunch for the homeless and lonely will be held on Sunday 29th December. As it is the festive season several of our regular helpers are away, so if you have an hour or two to spare on that day and would like to help set up, serve or clear up afterwards, please speak to Rosemary Cuthbert or Jennie Lamb. Many thanks.

Food and Fellowship: Sunday 5th January. Please do stay on after morning worship.



Festive Flowers

The lovely flowers decorating the church this festive season have been given by: **Jean Morley** in memory of Dick; **David Helsdon** in memory of his mother Lydia; **Beth Whittaker** in memory of her Mum; **Rosemary Cuthbert** in memory of John, Margaret and David.