

# CROSSGATES METHODIST CHURCH

## December 2019 / January 2020 Newsletter

MINISTER: Rev Helen White

### **Stewardship and covenant**

When you read the title at the top of this article did your heart sink? Oh no, not more reminders about giving... The church is just going to ask for more money. Or when you see stewardship is the theme of the service, are you tempted to stay away that morning?

I'm hoping you're still reading, and haven't moved on. Yes, I will mention money - but it is only one part of stewardship. And we're not necessarily asking for more money. Stewardship is an opportunity to think about how we use all our resources - our money, our time, our energy and our talents. It may be that circumstances have changed and you need to give less money to the church, or you may be able to give more. You may have more time to give, or less; more energy or less. Or maybe you need to use your time and energy differently. It is good, from time to time, to think about what God has given us, consider our current circumstances, and prayerfully ask God to help us work out the best use of those resources (time, energy, money and talents) at this point in our lives.

I hope you will be part of the congregation for Covenant Sunday (12th January at Cross Gates) as we give some thought to



stewardship, and renew our promises to God, asking for his help in what we do and say.

We have Advent and Christmas ahead of us when we'll focus on God's gift to us, of his presence with us in Jesus. As we do, perhaps we can think again about what we give to God - through the church and in what we do within our communities.

**Helen**

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### **Churches Together Services**

1<sup>st</sup> Dec. 16:00 St. Gregory's, Swarcliffe Drive, LS14 5AW

### **Services at Cross Gates in December & January**

1<sup>st</sup> Dec. 10:30 Mrs Janice Green  
8<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10:30 Rev'd Helen White (Holy Communion)  
15<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10:30 Rev'd Norma Davey  
22<sup>nd</sup> Dec. 10:30 Rev'd Harry A. Jones  
22<sup>nd</sup> Dec. 16:00 Rev'd Joyce Nicholson (Carol Service)  
24<sup>th</sup> Dec 16.00 Rev'd Helen White (Crib Service)  
24<sup>th</sup> Dec 23.00 Rev'd Helen White ( Holy Communion)  
25<sup>th</sup> Dec. 11:00 Rev'd Helen White  
29<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10:30 Mrs Dorothy Turnpenny  
5<sup>th</sup> Jan. 10:30 Dr Stanley Pearson  
12<sup>th</sup> Jan. 10:30 Rev'd Helen White (Covenant Service)  
19<sup>th</sup> Jan. 10:30 Mr John S. Summerwill  
26<sup>th</sup> Jan. 10:30 Rev'd Helen White (Parade Service)

### **Communion Services in December & January**

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 10:45am Tranquility Court – All welcome  
Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 10:30am Church  
Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 10:45am Tranquility Court – All welcome

### **Communion Stewards**

I am in desperate need of at least 2 more Communion Stewards. Could you do one duty every 6 months? I have lost 6 members of my team in the last 2 years. "Living with hope"  
Carol Smith tel. 07880 587732

## **Mid Week Communion.**

Last year it was decided at Church Council to stop the mid-week Communion in Church, but instead hold a joint Communion with the residents of Tranquility Court. This takes place at 10.45am on the first Tuesday of the month (in Tranquility Court) and is proving to be a valued event for the both the residents and church members who attend. Everyone is invited to join this special time of Communion and Worship.

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## **Recent Appeals**

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to the recent appeals. The funds raised were as follows:-

Bahamas Hurricane Appeal

£121.25 including £21.25 gift aid

Harvest Appeal

£307.46 including £45.00 gift aid

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## **Coffee Mornings 10:00 – 11:30am**

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Dec Tranquility Court Coffee Morning

Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas fair with coffee in room behind Church Hall

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec Church Hall

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Dec Church Hall

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Dec Church Hall

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec Church Hall

Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Dec Church Hall

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan Church Hall

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Jan Church Hall

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Jan Church Hall

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Jan Church Hall

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## **Church Flowers**

The money for flowers in November was given by

3rd Joan and Trevor Chorley in memory of parents

10th Keith Tingle in memory of Jean

17th Tom Morrison in memory of Joyce

24th John Blyth in memory of Jenny

The flowers were arranged by Georgina, Barbara and Jane.

Thank you to all.

Vera Johnson would like to thank the Church for the lovely flowers that Alan brought me on Sunday. Thank you and God Bless you all.

Irene Sercombe would like to thank members of the Church for their good wishes, cards and flowers following her accident.

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## **LEEDS SOUTH & EAST FOOD BANK - (Trussell Trust)**

**TON -UP!!! With our contribution on 11<sup>th</sup> November our Church reached 1.062 kg for the year !!!**

Many thanks to the people donating food and toiletries to the Leeds South and East Food Bank Distribution Centre, which supplies 8 local food banks. ***Our Church's contribution in November was 80.5 Kg***

A few details from the Food Bank November Newsletter :- From 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019 - Leeds South & East Food Banks **FED A TOTAL OF 904 PEOPLE**, 489 adults and 415 children. Various reasons caused these folk to need help from the Food Bank – benefit delays and changes accounted for 474, debt 102, low income 236, sickness 14, homelessness 23 and other reasons 55.

**FOOD BANK CHRISTMAS APPEAL.** *Christmas is fast approaching and for some families this year will be very difficult. Can you help by providing food for this special time?*

Selection Boxes, sweets, crisps and chocolates for children.

Nuts, packs/tins of biscuits, crackers, jars of chutney or pickles, mint or cranberry sauce, stock cubes, stuffing mix, custard, Christmas puddings, mince pies, dilute or concentrate orange, coffee.

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**The Hub – Cancer Support Group 11:00am – 1:00pm**  
Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec. Meet in the Wesley Room, Christmas Party.

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## **East Leeds History and Archaeology Society**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January. 8:00pm at the Methodist Church Hall.  
Admission £2.00 including refreshments. All Welcome

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# **Table Top Sale**

## **Saturday**

### **1<sup>st</sup> February**

### **7<sup>th</sup> March**

**(There will not be a sale in January)**

**Refreshments also  
available**

**Tea, Coffee,  
Breakfast baps, Toast**

**For information please see  
Lynda in the Wesley Room  
on a Sunday morning  
or Phone: 07799094472**



# Music and Lunch

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in the Month

Lunch @ 12:15

Music @ 13:15

10<sup>th</sup> December – The Lawnswood

Singers

14<sup>th</sup> January – Together in Harmony

11<sup>th</sup> February – Two Rivers Woodwind

Ensemble

10<sup>th</sup> March – The Dalehurst Trio

Tickets £7

Including lunch which must be booked  
in advance.

Ticket for concert only, £3

Order Tickets by Phone

from Kath Harwood

0113 260 3614

Thank you for your support. Proceeds in aid of  
music charities & Church

## **Carols on the Church Steps**

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec at 11:00 am. We will be singing carols on the Church steps and collecting for NCH Action for Children

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## **Church Christmas Social**

Don't forget to keep the evening free on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December. You are invited to join in an evening of fun, games, quizzes and dancing, starting at 7:00 pm with a turkey meal in the Church Hall. Come along and join in the fun, meet old friends and make new ones

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Trevor and Cynthia would like to say an enormous 'thank you' to Christine and Richard Holdstock for taking over the Newsletter for November and December.

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## **A New Psalm from the Old Testament Study Group**

It was produced by each member writing a line, folding the paper to hide it and passing it on to the next member.

Praise God, the Holy One

Because You are Almighty

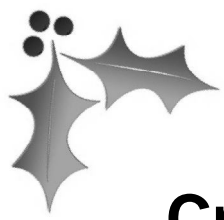
And Your Love is Wonderful

You have made majestic mountains and intricate flowers

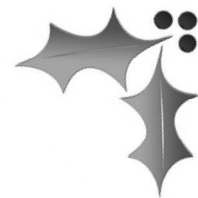
You are always with me

I will endeavour to serve you all my days.

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# **Christmas Fair**



**Cross Gates Methodist Church Hall**

**Saturday 7th December**

**9:30 to 13:30**

**Flower Arrangements - Gifts -  
Christmas Cards**

**Home-made Cakes – Tombola**

**Refreshments**

**Breakfast Baps – Jacket Potatoes**

**Proceeds to:**

**Riding for the disabled and church**

**Also supporting other charities**



We would appreciate donations for the stalls which may be left in the box in the Galilee.

Items for the cake stall may be brought to the Church Hall on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December between 9:30am and 11:30am or on the day of the sale.



**CROSS GATES METHODIST CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT**

We are a group of people who are seeking to celebrate and share God's love for all. Through Worship, Witness and Service in the Community we aim to follow Christ's example of open arms, hearts, minds and doors

Prayers

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers all those people in our prayer book and those we know who are unwell, in hospital, in Nursing Homes going for tests at Hospital, recently bereaved and who find this time of year particularly difficult.

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