Beeston Methodist Church

Sunday Services

Sunday 29 November

First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64 [1-9]	1 Corinthians 1 [3-9]	Mark 13 [24-37]
Isaiah 1 [1-20]	Psalm 25 [1-10]	Matthew 21 [1-13]

10.30am	Morning Worship joint with the Nottingham Korean Church Sermon Title: On Guard and Awake	Martin Weir, Rev Joseph Kil and Edward Yoon
6.30pm	Lessons and Carols for Advent	Paula Dawson

Sunday 6 December

Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40 [1-11]	2 Peter 3 [8-15a]	Mark 1 [1-8]
1 Kings 22 [1-28]	Romans 15 [4-13]	Matthew 11 [2-11]

10.30am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion	Rev Andrew Checkley
2pm	Nottingham Korean Church	Rev Joseph Kil
6.30pm	Evening Worship	Colin Firbank

The Zoom Link to the BMC Sunday service is:
https://zoom.us/j/99137116392?pwd=ZFQ2UVEyZ2g5Vk1aRmVCSG9iZURqdz09
Meeting ID: 991 3711 6392 **Passcode:** 955943

Beeston Methodist Church welcomes the Nottingham Korean Church who use its premises each week.

Beeston Methodist Church Registered Charity No. 1129035.

Minister
Rev Andrew Checkley can be contacted on Tel: 07458 002303
Email: revacheckley@btinternet.com Andrew's day off is Saturday.

Beeston Methodist Church diary for the coming week

Sunday 29 November

10.30am Junior Church.

Monday 30 November

9.30am to 11.15am Little Acorns Toddler Group in the Hall.

Tuesday 1 December

9.30am to 11.15am Little Acorns Toddler Group in the Hall.

11am Open Space coffee and fellowship in the church. Everyone is welcome.

7.30pm Prayer meeting on Zoom. All are welcome to join us for our online monthly prayer meeting which includes a bible reading. The prayer structure is similar to that in a service with space for people to share in intercessions, if they wish. You are invited to come and 'be' as you feel comfortable. It is fine to be silent and it is fine to pray out loud. We hope this provides a way of gathering together and encouraging one another in this important ministry of prayer. The Zoom link is the same as the Sunday Service. We would love to hear from you if you have any questions or would like further information. Malcolm Wilson and Claire Milligan.

Wednesday 2 December

10am to 11am Wednesday Morning Housegroup. Thinking about Carols. Led by Mike and Mary in the Wesley Room. You are welcome to join us.

11am to 1pm Wholly Ground open for coffee, cakes and light lunches. As it is the first Wednesday of the month, there will be a short act of worship at 11.15am, with free coffee/tea and cake available at 11am.

Friday 4 December

7.30pm Singers' Rehearsal in Hall B.

Saturday 5 December

3pm to 5pm Christmas Messy Church in the Hall.

Sunday 6 December

10.30am Junior Church.

3pm Organ Recital by Philip Sherratt. Organ Music for Advent and Christmas.

29 November On this International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, we remember in prayer Embrace partner International Christian Committee in Israel (ICCI) as they work in Acre, Galilee, providing additional support to Palestinian-Israeli teen girls in danger of dropping out of school.

EMBRACE the Middle East



Today's flowers are give by Barbara Brown in loving memory of her mum and dad.

Thank you for the beautiful flowers. They were a lovely surprise. Lin Walters.

Thank you for the lovely flowers delivered by Heather Pettifer. They are beautiful. Margaret Hollingsworth

On Sunday, we welcome members of the Nottingham Korean Church to share in morning worship. We also welcome members of the Nottingham branch of the British Korean War Veterans Association which has a longstanding friendship with the Korean Church. During the service they will present their standard (flag) to the Nottingham Korean Church for safekeeping and remembrance. Please remember them in your prayers.

Each Sunday in Advent, we will publish a letter from Mary to Elizabeth prepared by the Junior Church. These are offered for personal reflection as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

The Advent Carol Service will be on zoom using the normal Sunday service details

There will be a Christmas coffee morning on Saturday 12 December from 10am - 11.30am We also hope to serve warm/hot mince pies as well, all at a very reasonable price. Paul Tivey.

The Junior Church is looking to borrow two wooden stools for use in this year's Church Nativity Service. If anyone can help please let Paul Tivey or Peter Gray know. Thank you.

Calling all Bakers! We would be delighted if you would like to join the small team of bakers who provide cakes for Wholly Ground. A baker's information pack and free access to online Food Safety and Hygiene training will be provided.

If you are interested please speak to me at church, contact me on 0115 9136219 or email me at randj.heasley@ntlworld.com

NHCT Ride and Stride 2026 The sponsor money for the Ride and Stride walk that Dave Lowe and I took part in back on 12 September has now been sent to the Notts. Historic Churches Trust. Thank you everyone for your support and donations - the amount raised was £339 which will be split equally between the Trust and BMC. Andy Taylor

With immediate effect all invoices, along with a signed authorisation form, and authorised Expenses Forms should be submitted to the BMC office for payment **not** to the treasurer. Paperwork received by mid -day on a Monday will be processed for payment that week otherwise it will be the following week. Thank you, Ray Howard.

Bridgeway Hall Methodist Church in the Meadows runs an outreach project with the homeless. They are very short of men's coats, socks and hats. If you are able to supply any of these please bring them to church where they will be collected by Alan Stopard. Thank you. Susan Holmes.

What is next? Well we have had our chance to buy Charity Christmas Cards at the October coffee morning. The Light Party has taken place, so it is all downhill to Christmas, and closely following that - New Year. What will God have to say to us next year?

The 2027 edition of the IBRA Bible reading notes - Fresh From the Word gives us every day, a short Bible reading, a reflection, a prayer and a thought for the day from 45 writers around the world.

The price starts at £18.99 plus postage. If 3 people want a copy then we can get 10% discount (so £17 plus postage) . Postage starts at £4.75 but is less for 3 - 8 copies.

If you would like a copy I shall be ordering at the end of November and at that point I shall be able to tell you how much each copy is including postage and packaging. I personally will be ordering a copy, so if only one more person would like one, each copy will cost £21.37 - that is 41 pence per week compared with the weekly sum of £11.20 for fish, chips and mushy peas from a local chip shop!

Ring me - Lesley Gray 0115 9222352 or email me lesleygray2121@gmail.com.

Green Pastures - Dementia Friendly Service: This will take place on Tuesday 1 December at 2pm at Beeston Parish Church. It is a short service of music, prayers and reflection with tea and coffee afterwards. Thanks Hilary Davies.

A massive thank you to all who helped at the Peoples Emergency Briefing film and discussion evening on Wednesday evening at BMC. The organisation went like clockwork as we welcomed 170 people to the church. It was a great community event and it was great to see so many in the new worship space. Mick Towlson.

There's another screening of the film at the Middle Street Resource Centre on Monday 7 December 1pm. If you feel you can help at that. Please contact Mick Towlson.

Can you make room for our Travelling Nativity this Advent? We would love more members of our church family to welcome our Travelling Nativity (Posada) into their homes for just one night during Advent. Unlike the Beeston Sheep Trail, **there is no need to display anything in your window!** The Nativity is simply for you to enjoy in your own home. Find a little space for Mary and Joseph, perhaps on a shelf, a table or beside your Christmas tree. There will be some optional prayers and reflections, a travelling notebook in which you can leave a message if you wish, and an opportunity to take a photograph.

Before passing the Nativity on, each household will receive a little sheep to keep as a reminder of the visit and of belonging to God's family.

Whether you live alone or with others, everyone is welcome to take part. There is no need to entertain anyone or do anything special, and help is available if you have difficulty passing the Nativity on.

Please consider signing up and being part of our shared Advent journey. It starts on Tuesday 1st December.

For more information or help, please speak to Sue Yardy or contact her on 07742 598622. **Many homes, one church family, one Good Shepherd.**

Thanks to everyone who supports the BMC Coffee Mornings.
They are held on the second and last Saturdays of the month from 10am to 11.30am.
Wholly Ground is open on Wednesdays 11am to 1pm.
Contact the administrator 0115 9431164 office@beestonmethodist.church.
The **deadline** for the next notices is **12 noon** Wednesday 2 December.