

Sherburn-in-Elmet Methodist Church
Notices for Week beginning 7 December 2025

Sunday 7th December

10.45am morning worship service led by Mrs Jackie Gaitley.

Ministry Team:

Our ministry team: Rev. Ruth Gilson-Webb, Rev. Joseph Kwallah, Rev. Arthur Harbottle, and Mrs Eileen Clarkson can be contacted at contact-us@gooleselbymethodist.org.uk . Other enquiries can be sent to sherburnmethodists@gmail.com

Prayer Chain

To request prayer for yourself or for someone else with their permission, please contact either Janet Thomas on janetethomas1@gmail.com or Janis on 01977 683653

A letter from Rev. Leslie Newton, District Chair

Dear friends,

As some of you will know, the past few years have brought a number of health frustrations for me following some unexpected faints in January 2023. These have prompted ongoing reflection about sustainability and well-being.

Earlier this month I met with Occupational Health. Together we concluded that, for the sake of my long-term health, it would be wise for me to move into a part-time role in the next season of ministry. After prayerful reflection, I have therefore informed the District Leadership Team of my intention to step down from the role of District Chair at the end of this connexional year. I will be seeking a parttime appointment, and the process of discerning a new District Chair will begin shortly.

It has been an enormous privilege to serve the Yorkshire North and East District since its inception in 2017. I will continue to savour the role and offer my best through to the summer and will do all I can to ensure a smooth and hopeful transition.

I would be grateful for your prayers during this period—both for those entrusted with guiding the District's next steps and for my own discernment as I seek the next phase of ministry.

With all good wishes,

Leslie

CHURCH MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Monday 8 December Tots and You

9.30-11.00am for all carers and pre-school children

Monday 8 December Fellowship Group

7.30pm – 9pm at Lynda Woods' house (please contact Jenny on 07738735061 for address). This week we will be led by Jackie Gaitley on Romans 15:4-13 & Matthew 3:1-12. All are welcome.

Wednesday 10 December Tots and You

9.30-11.00am for all carers and pre-school children

Friday 12th December

12.30pm Thanksgiving Service for Brenda Tiksmann

Saturday 13 December Coffee Morning

10am-12pm

Sunday 14th December

10.45am morning worship service led by Mr Peter Finneran

Sunday 14th December

3pm Messy Church . All welcome.

The Bumper coffee morning raised £466. Thanks to those who helped and those who supported it.

The Flower rota

There is a new flower rota on the board. Please add your name if you are able to help. Also, there is no money left in the flower fund, so contributions would be very welcome.

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FUTURE EVENTS

Saturday 20th December

10am Carol singing outside Tesco: please join us!

Sunday 21st December

No Morning service

4pm Carol service led by Mrs Jackie Gaitley

Thursday 25th December

10am Christmas Morning worship led by Rev. Arthur Harbottle

Sunday 28 December

No morning service. Please ask a steward by Sunday 21st December if you would like a lift to join the service at Portholme led by Mr Nigel Currey.

Saturday 24 January Feedback, Vision and Action Morning at Portholme

USE OF CHURCH BUILDING BY COMMUNITY GROUPS THIS WEEK

Monday:	Brownies 6.00-7.30pm	
Tuesday:	Community Larder 8.00-10.00 am	Bettany Dance 3.30pm-7.00pm
Wednesday	Bettany Dance 3.30pm-7.30pm	
Thursday	S.V.S. Chat In 10.00am – 1.00pm	Bettany Dance 3.30pm -8.45pm
Friday	Bettany Dance 3.30pm-8pm	

PRAYER SUGGESTIONS

- Staff in the medical centre in Sherburn
- Messy church next week
- Christmas event at our church