

26th December 2021



St Georges Church

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For your thoughts & prayers.

- For travelling mercies for those who are visiting friends and relations.
- That those who live alone will enjoy the company of others and not feel lonely.
- For those in our emergency services who must work over the Christmas break.
- For those in our armed forces who will not be able to make it home to share this Christmas with their families.
- For everyone who is suffering anxiety.

Church team for 9th January. On the basis that nothing is going to change regarding COVID restrictions, then the team that will support the service on the 9th of January should be as below, **let me know if you can't make it.**

Duty Elder: Caryl Horscroft.

Church Singers: Liz & Sarah.

Musicians: Bill & Les.

Welcome Team: Steve & Margaret.

Sound Desk: Pieter Malan

Church office closure. Just a reminder that the office will close today and will re-open on Wednesday 12th January. I will be at St John's on Christmas Day, so I will say **Merry Christmas** to you all and **I will see you all in 2022.**

This Week...

24th December 6PM –
9 Lessons & Carols - **Candlelit service. Led by Julia & Roy.**

Church Services to come.

25th December 10AM –
Christmas Day – **Bryan Cox.**

26th December – NO SERVICE.

2ND January 2022 – Jim Wignall –
First Service of the New Year!!

9th January 2022 – Caryl
Horscroft – **Guest speaker David Alpin.**

Click on or copy, the link below into your web browser to go to our **Online Sunday Services.**

<https://zoom.us/j/5181132409>

Stay in touch with us via our webpage. www.st-georges-urc-hemel.org.uk

Or the Church's Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Georges-Church-HH-687803111369184/>

Other Online Resources...

Online URC Services - Access the devotions here:

bit.ly/URCdevotions or
subscribe here:

bit.ly/URCDDsubscribe

These are short links, but they will take you to the website.

**"Making mature and active disciples of Jesus Christ,
who worship God and show God's love inside and outside the Church."**

Church Calendar 2022. I am sharing with everyone the **proposed Church Calendar for 2022** – it goes up to August. Given that there are far fewer of us we may need to remain flexible, whilst at the same time recognising that we may not be available to carry out all activities. If for any reason you are not able to meet your suggested rota activities don't worry about it too much – let one of the leadership team know or failing that, send me an email in the office. **The ambition is to have live music every week, we may not be able to achieve this.**

The rota is a revised and simplified version. It contains most of the elements that make up our weekly services. The only rota not shown is **Tea & Coffee**, this can be found in the **Church Hall Kitchen** and is managed by **Mary & Stan**. The **NEW Church** rota can be found at the back of the Church. You can amend it in pencil/pen and I will update the master copy.

St Johns Church, Boxmoor. Christmas Tree Festival. If you were unable to get out and check out the many trees decorated by local businesses and Schools on display at the Church, then fret not – check out this Facebook Page and you can have a look at all the trees – at your own pace in the comfort of your own home. They looked fabulous as always.

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=963249244594837&set=pcb.963269437926151&type=3&theatre>

Email from Free Church Choirs. Every two years they organise a Festival of Church Music. Due to the pandemic, the October 2021 festival was postponed and is now scheduled for **the 21st May next year, in Lichfield Cathedral**. This is an invitation to either sing in the choir or be part of the congregation. There will be local rehearsals. Many denominations will take part. To register interest and order music, contact their treasurer, **Adrian Prisk** on aprisk@doctors.org.uk or call 01908 605815

Christmas Services at St George's Church. Here are the services that are taking place at St George's in the run up to Christmas.

24th Dec at 6 p.m.	Candlelit service - 9 Lessons & Carols.
25th Dec: 10 a.m.	Christmas Day Service.
26th Dec.	No Service.
2nd January 2022	First Service of the year will be led by Jim.
9th January 2022	Cary Horscroft – Guest Speaker – David Aplin.

Contacts & Information

Pastoral Care: Please contact either **Josephine** or **Denise** via the office number **01442 212320**. Leave a message and they will call you back.

Church Office – stgeorgesurc@gmail.com 01442 212320

Hall Hire – Contact the admin office - 01442 212320.

Lifts Co-Ordinator – denise.chennell@coolemail.co.uk - 07808 442215.

Please send newsletter items to – stgeorgesurc@gmail.com

Website - www.st-georges-urc-hemel.org.uk

The church website has details of events, services, & recordings. The member's area includes lots of other information. Please contact the office for the member's password. Articles for the website send to stgeorgesurc@gmail.com

Reminder. When not in organised group sessions, children should be supervised by parents/carers at all times whilst on the premises.

Junior Church - (Term-Time)
Sunday mornings 10.30 am.

- Cell Group 14+
- 7up – Year 7 (11+)
- Junior Church (5+)
- Creche
- Child Friendly services during Half-Term.

Pilots - (Term-Time) Thursday -
Meet in the church hall.

- **Deckhands** - Key Stage 1 - Years 1 & 2 (17:45 - 19:00)
- **Adventurers** - Key Stage 2 - Years 3-6 (17:45-19:00)

Toddler Group - (Term-Time)
Thursday mornings 10-11.45 am -
Please see Carol Edgeworth for details.

Homegroups - Monday to Thursdays - See noticeboards for details.

Wednesday Welcome - (Term time) Open to all. 10.15 am to 11.30 am Speakers, Activities & Fellowship.

- **12th January** – Welcome Back
- **19th January** - Denise Chennells
- **26th January** – MacMillan Coffee Morning

Editor's Note: To all members of Wednesday Welcome a very Happy Christmas and New Year. **See you all in 2022.**

Prayer chain - Please speak to Josephine Sam.

Prayer Meeting - Wednesdays 7pm to 7.30 – meet online via Zoom - <https://zoom.us/j/96361611856>