



DENHOLME SHARED CHURCH

Website: www.denholmechurch.org.uk

What Does Christmas mean for you?

Well I suppose the answer to that very much depends on who you are! If you are in the retail business it's an opportunity to boost profits and we are already being bombarded on television by Christmas adverts; the shops are playing Christmas music, and the shopping centres are lavishly decorated with trees and lights. If you are a parent or grand-parent, then it is an exciting time as you prepare with young children for visits to Santa and the writing of Christmas lists. For some it is a time to enjoy the festive season with parties and celebrations, carols and mince pies, or simply to enjoy a break from work.

For others though, it is a lonely and worrying time as they remember happier times when families were together, or they worry about the financial means of providing presents and food. It can be a miserable time especially if you are living away from home; or even homeless on the streets. You might even think it is just a load of 'humbug'.

Whatever Christmas means for you I was reminded by a post on Facebook that we should not forget to put Christ back into Christmas. The coming of a little baby, all those years ago reminds us of God's immense and empowering love for us. God sent Jesus so that we might know Him, and know that He is with us in everything we do. It is significant that Christ was first revealed to ordinary people, shepherds in the field who came to worship and adore Him.

Jesus came to share God's love which lasts longer than the chocolate in the Advent calendar, longer than the turkey and trimmings. He came for YOU and for ME - but we must open our hearts and let Him in.

Why not come and hear the story again in either carols or readings, lighting a Christingle candle, or in the sharing of midnight communion. You will be welcome at any of our Christmas services.

Wishing you a blessed Christmas,
Judith

Weekly Services:

Sundays 9.30 a.m.
Jesus for ALL—an informal pattern of worship with refreshments available throughout



11.15 a.m. Morning worship followed by refreshments

Denholme Shared Church is a partnership of the Baptist, Church of England and the United Reformed Churches.

In our worship and life, together we seek to stay faithful to the traditions of all three denominations

"One faith, three traditions"

DECEMBER WORSHIP

Sunday 3 December - 9.30 Jesus for ALL followed by bacon butties
11.15 — Morning worship led by Revd Liz Moy

Sunday 10 December - 9.30 am Jesus for All led by Worship Team 11.15 - communion service led by Janice Le Blancq

Sunday 17 December - 11.15 - Carol Service led by Chris Wilcock *Please note there is no 9.15am service today*

Sunday 24 December 9.30—Jesus for ALL 11.15 — communion service led by Revd Liz Moy; 4.00 pm Christingle Service 11.30pm midnight communion service led by Revd Ian Slater

Sunday 31 December - 11.15am Morning worship led by Chris Wilcock *Please note no 9.15am service today*



Denholme Shared Church Celebrating Christmas

Please come along and join us



Sunday 17th December

11.15am Carol Service

Sunday 24th December Christmas Eve

9.30am Jesus For ALL

11.15am Communion Service

4.00pm Christingle Service

11.30pm Midnight Communion



DENHOLME VOICES CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Saturday 16th December at 7.30 pm Tickets are £7 (£3.50 if under 16) and include a light supper.



Denholme Voices and Denholme Primary School Choir will be joining together to celebrate the festive season through music and song. Tickets available on the door or from Chris Wilcock

SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER BREAKFAST WITH SANTA FOLLOWED BY CHRISTMAS FAYRE

9.00 - 9.45 am Breakfast with Santa - £2.50 including a gift for all children - SOLD OUT



10.00am - 1.00pm Christmas Fayre - lots of good quality stalls and hot turkey sandwiches!



Each month donations received for refreshments are sent to a chosen charity. This month we're supporting the Children's Society, a charity working to support vulnerable children in England and Wales.

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