

## DENHOLME SHARED CHURCH



Dear Friends,

As we enter the season of Advent and preparation for Christmas, festive songs are being played on the radio and in the shopping centres. One popular song is the Twelve Days of Christmas which first appeared in a children's poetry book in 1780. Later, music was added and ever since, people have tried to remember the assorted gifts in the correct order as they sing. And what an array of gifts, though I wonder where we could buy such items these days. Local supermarket's shelves seem totally empty of drummers drumming, pipers piping or maids a-milking! Strange choices but really, the main point is that the gifts were sent with love.

For many people, one highlight of Christmas is giving gifts. Unfortunately, for some people it can also become a fraught time as they rush through their Christmas lists or go into debt in order to lavish extravagant gifts on loved ones. Does that dull the joy of giving? Or for those not receiving any gifts, it can be a time when feelings of loneliness or need are compounded. Which gift would enrich their lives?

Whatever situation we find ourselves in, there is one gift which God has given generously to all people. At Christmas, we celebrate God's gift of love to the whole world, given through the birth of his Son, Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, God with us.

A gift of hope for all, bearing love, peace and the promise of a better future. A gift of love which will last for eternity. And like many of the best gifts, this is a gift which is best shared. We are called to share God's love, with each other and with those we meet.

My prayer for each of us is that the gift of God's love which the Christ child brings will enrich Christmas as we celebrate his birth. It would be lovely to share those celebrations with one another - maybe at one of the services in this special season.

Wishing you a blessed Christmas.

Liz

### 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 2 December - 9.30** Jesus for ALL followed by bacon butties  
**11.15** — Morning worship led by Revd Suzy McCarter

**Sunday 9 December - 9.30 am** Jesus for All led by Worship Team 11.15 am - communion service led by Janice Le Blancq

**Sunday 16 December - 11.15** - Carol Service led by Chris Wilcock \*Please note there is no 9.30 am service today\*

**Sunday 23 December 9.30**—Jesus for ALL led by Worship Team/ 11.15 communion

service led by Revd Suzy McCarter

**Monday 24 December**  
4.00 pm Christingle Service;  
11.30pm midnight communion  
service led by Revd Ian Slater



**Sunday 30 December - 9.30** Jesus for ALL led by Worship Team  
11.15am Morning worship led by Judith Drake



### **Denholme Shared Church Celebrating Christmas Please come along and join us**



**Sunday 16th December**

11.15am Carol Service (Please note there is no 9.30 am service today)

**Sunday 23rd December**

9.30am Jesus For ALL

11.15am Communion Service

**Monday 24th December**

4.00pm Christingle Service

11.30pm Midnight Communion

**Sunday 30th December**

9.30am Jesus for ALL

11.15 Morning Worship



**Advent Course - Herald the Coming King** - Every Wednesday evening at 7pm and Thursday morning at 10 am up to and including 19th and 20th December.

**Sat 1st December 10-12.00 midday**  
Christmas crafts for children and coffee morning. Home made cakes and Christmas stall



**Saturday 15th December - 9.30 and 11 am** Breakfast with Santa - **SOLD OUT**

**7.30 pm Denholme Voices**  
Christmas Concert Tickets £7 (£3.50 if under 16) and include a light supper.



**Saturday 5th January 2019 4.00-6.00 pm**



**Epiphany Party** - Come and celebrate Twelfth Night with fun and games for children and adults alike. Bring and share tea. Everyone welcome



Donations received from refreshments this month will go to Candlelighters

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