



# Denholme Shared Church

A partnership between the Baptist Church, the  
Church of England and the  
United Reformed Church  
***Three traditions One Faith***



## Newsletter for 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> December 2024

### Fourth Sunday in Advent and First Sunday in Christmas



#### Christmas Eve Services

4.00 pm – Christingle Service



9.00 pm – Bethlehem midnight communion

Although only 9.00 pm here it will be midnight in Bethlehem

#### Christmas Day

No service at Denholme but 10.00 am Christmas Services at  
both Wilsden and Cullingworth



#### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December



10.30 am United Benefice communion service at Wilsden

10.30 am Morning worship at Denholme

**Quote of the week:** “Once in our world a stable had something in it  
that was bigger than our whole world” C S Lewis

## DONATIONS FOR REFRESHMENTS

Donations received for refreshments during the month of December will be forwarded to the Children's Society.



If you have a collection box at home please will you empty and bring the money to church and it will be forwarded to the Children's Society together with any donations for the December monthly refreshments. Thank you for your support.

## Inn Churches

Shipleigh Baptist Church is hosting Inn Churches in the week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025 and volunteer helpers are needed. If you are able to help, please contact 01274 533732.

*Thank  
You!*

Christmas is a time when thanks are given to those who accompany us on our life's journey, both individually and as groups of individuals.

Thank you to all those who help in any way to make the life of Denholme Shared Church, and its outreach, possible. You know who you are and your tireless efforts are much appreciated!

Dear God,  
We thank You for the gift of Your Son, Jesus, the Light of the World.  
Help us to reflect His love and grace in all that we do.  
"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!" (*2 Corinthians 9:15*).  
May this season remind us of Your endless love.  
Amen.

*A Christmas prayer by Robert Louis Stevenson:*

Loving Father, help us to remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.

Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clean hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be Thy children, and the Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' name. Amen



Denholme Shared Church is a partnership of three denominations; Baptist, Church of England and the United Reformed Church.

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**Donations or Regular Giving** – a plate is provided for donations or envelopes during our services. You can also send your gift to Denholme Shared Church Sort Code 30-63-55, account number 56734560 but please include your name as a reference or we will be unable to thank you. Cheques can be sent to the Treasurer c/o Denholme Shared Church (address above)