



Minister: Revd Lucy Brierley

Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome.

Sunday 14th December 2025, 10.30am

Third Sunday in Advent

Light in the Darkness

**Christingle & Gift Service with Brigades' Parade
led by the Revd Lucy Brierley**

**Groups for children and young people meet
after sharing in the first part of the service.**

This Service, broadcast live from the Church can be found via the Church's website - www.wokingurc.org.uk our YouTube Channel or via our Facebook page. There is an archive of service recordings, including this one, on our website which can be viewed at home. If you would like some help to access any of them please email - office@wokingurc.org.uk or telephone us on 01483 763078. If you would like a recording of this Service, and any other, they are available in various formats by request. Please contact the Church Office.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

The Church is fitted with a loop system. The words of hymns and songs, and Bible readings etc are displayed on the screen. Bibles and hymn books in standard and large print are also available from the Welcomers. As the Service is live streamed you (and / or your family) could be on camera as efforts are made to help those watching at home to feel a part of the worshipping congregation in the Church. If you have any concerns regarding this, please speak to an Elder or Welcomer.

Welcome and Notices

Call to Worship

Hymns - Angels From The Realms Of Glory (R&S 163)
Joy Has Dawned (*Bringing forward Gifts*)

Prayers & The Lord's Prayer

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Christian Aid Christmas Appeal Video

Christingles

Hymn - Lord The Light Of Your Love (Shine, Jesus Shine)

Children & Young People continue in groups

Bible Readings - Isaiah 9 v2-7 read by Peter Bryant
John 1 v1-18 read by Lewin Cox

Hymn - Who Would Think That What Was Needed (R&S 178)

Sermon

Hymn - Light Of The World (Here I Am To Worship)

Prayers for Others & Offering Prayer

Hymn - You're The Word Of God The Father

Blessing

NEWS AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Christmas greetings cards with details of the Services from today through to Christmas Day are available for you to give to your neighbours, relatives and friends who do not live close to the Church and would not have received one before. Please take some away with you today.

You are invited to stay for **refreshments after the Service**. They will be served in the Forum and in the Sanctuary. Please do stay if you can to enjoy a time to meet and talk with each other.

Heathside Car Park. Free Sunday morning parking (*up until 1pm*) for those attending this Church. Please key in your registration number on a device in the Forum in the Church *before the Service* each time you are here. The barrier will rise to let you out of the car park because your number will be recognised. If the device indicates 'number not recognised' please write your details on the sheet next to the devices and press the HELP button as you reach the car park barrier. Your number will have been notified.

Christian Aid Christmas Appeal. This is being launched today and will run until Sunday 4th January. You may donate through the card machine or by using one of the envelopes for cash or cheques in the Forum or via the Church website - click on Donate. For easy access this QR code will take you there.



If you would like to donate to the work of the Church this can be done either here at Church or from home. The *Dona device in the Forum may be used for contactless donations and there is an offering bag underneath it for anyone wishing to make a cash donation. For one-off gifts, there is a direct link to the Dona online page from the "Donate" button at the top the home page of the Church's website or just scan the QR code above & Select 'Donations-church Funds'.

Prayer requests. There is a box in the Forum with a pile of blue cards in front which you are invited to use to request prayers particularly on a Thursday morning or at other appropriate times at the Church.

Would you like to make a donation for flowers on a particular Sunday? May be an anniversary, special birthday or remembering someone. There is a sign-up sheet in the Forum to offer a date in 2026. Someone else will arrange them for you.

Leading Worship elsewhere. Vivien Gerhold is at St Paul's URC, Bracknell and Andrew Gibb is at Guildford URC this morning. John Sinclair is at Homebeech House, Mount Hermon Road this afternoon.

Please save franked stamps from your Christmas post envelopes and packages and bring them to the Church where there is a box in the Forum. They will go to a new charity this year as the previous one no longer accepts them.

Expenses claims for remainder of 2025. Please submit to Church Treasurer by 31st December if possible but no later than 10th January.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

TODAY	4.00 pm Service of Carols and Readings, followed by tea. <i>Car parking charges apply in Heathside but no restrictions in the side roads.</i>
MONDAY	7.00 pm Early morning Community Coffee for passers-by the Church - Christmas special Girls' and Boys' Brigades - 5.30 to 7.00 pm - Anchors, Explorers and Juniors 7.15 to 9.15 pm - Company, Seniors and Brigaders (Year 7 +)
TUESDAY	9.30 am Tuesday Prayers - Children and Youth Work focussed
WEDNESDAY	10.00 am Baby & Toddler Group with Toddler Friendly Christmas Service beginning at 10.45 am - <i>all welcome</i> 7.30 pm Christmas Praise - contemporary worship with music led by the band
THURSDAY	10.00 am Refill – Bible Study and Discussion Group (children welcome to come along with parents / carers) 11.00 am Mid-week monthly Communion Service in person and by Zoom - Zoom link: https://Zoom.us/j/95986431118 12 noon Christmas Lunch Club - <i>sign up sheet in the Forum.</i> 6.30 pm Woking Football Club Carol Service at St Peter's Church, Old Woking (Football related activities from 5.45pm)
FRIDAY	
SATURDAY	9.00 am Children's and young people's practice for the Nativity Service, and other activities (<i>until 12 noon</i>)
NEXT SUNDAY	Fourth Sunday in Advent 10.00 am Prayers in the Vestry 10.30 am All-age Nativity Family Service Collection point for food and other items for the York Road Project and Your Sanctuary open every Sunday. Please see list below. 5.00 pm Youth Group at Wintershall Nativity
UPCOMING	Christmas Eve, Wednesday 24th December - 3.30 pm Crib Service, followed by seasonal refreshments 11.00 pm Communion Service - refreshments from 10.30 pm Christmas Day, Thursday 25th December 10.00 am Family Celebration Service

Collection point for food and other items for the York Road Project and Your Sanctuary open every Sunday. The following items would particularly be appreciated: Sugar sachets, coffee sachets, jars of coffee, tea; pasta, rice; squash (orange or blackcurrant), bottled or cans of water; pot noodles; fresh fruit and vegetables; individually wrapped biscuits or other snacks, individual chocolate bars, tinned goods; boxer shorts (new) - men's small and medium. Your Sanctuary would particularly be grateful for pasta, rice, pasta sauces, jam, peanut butter and marmalade. Tuna, squash, baked beans, ketchup, mayonnaise, and tinned meats.

Please take this paper home with you for reference and to use the information on this page and the previous one about meetings and events in your prayers this week.