

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

Sunday 1st December 2024 10.30am

Advent Sunday

Getting Ready

Communion Service with Reception of new Church Members

Led by 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

Hymn - Make Way, Make Way, For Christ The King (R&S 141)
Come Thou Long Expected Jesus (R&S 138)

Lighting of the Advent Candle & Advent Hymn

Reception of New Church Members

Hymn - There's A Story To Tell Of Creation (*tune: R&S 523 Sing Hosanna*)

Children & Young People continue in groups

Bible Readings -

Jeremiah 33 v14-16 Read By Ronald Smith
Luke 21 v25-36 Read By Margaret Marcham

Sermon

Hymn - Sing We The Song Of Emmanuel

Prayers for others & Offering Prayer

Hymn - From The Squalor (Immanuel)

Communion

Hymn - Across The Lands (You're The Word)

Blessing & Closing Words

Gluten free bread and non-alcoholic wine are used for Communion

NEWS AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Christmas greetings card to the neighbourhood. Please offer to help deliver these in the early part of this week to nearly 2000 homes in the area of the Church - choose a road and collect a bundle in the foyer this morning. Please take any spare cards away to give to your friends and relatives who are not close to the Church.

You are invited to stay for **refreshments after the Service**. They will be served in the Forum and in the Sanctuary. There will be cake most Sundays made by Sophie Freeman, as part of her Duke of Edinburgh Award and as a gift from the Freeman family. Please do stay if you can to enjoy a time to meet and talk with each other.

Prayer Handbook (£7) and URC Diary (£9.50) for 2025. If you ordered either of them please collect from the Forum this morning. Payment via card machine, cash or cheques.

Heathside Car Park. Free Sunday morning (up until 1 pm) parking 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.

If you would like to donate to the work of the Church this can be done in a variety of ways as described on the "Giving to the Church" page of the website. For one-off gifts, there is a direct link to the Dona online page from the "Give Online" button on the Home page, and the contactless device in the Forum is also available. There is a plate at the back of the Church and an offering bag under the Dona device in the Forum for anyone wishing to make a cash donation.



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 2025. Someone else will arrange them for you.

Christmas greetings to the Church family. A Christmas 'Extra' issued during December is being planned again. Instead of sending individual cards your short Christmas greetings and, possibly, pictures (drawings or photos) will be included for 'the whole Church family'.

Email message/picture can be sent to magazine@wokingurc.org.uk and handwritten entries can be left the Church office or phoned through there or to Kate Gray. These messages, and any pictures are required **by this coming Friday, 6th December**.

To take part in this you are invited to make a donation to WaterAid. This can be - 1. By selecting WaterAid on the card machine in the Forum; 2. Via the "Give Online" link on the front page of the church website and select Water Aid; 3. Direct to the Church CAF Bank account, Sort Code 40-52-40; Account Number 00033567, reference WaterAid. The HSBC account, details on the "Giving to the Church" section of the website, may also be used if more convenient. 4. By cheque, payable to Woking URC, with Water Aid written on the back.

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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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| TODAY | Children's and adults singing groups practicing for Christmas after the Service. 3.00 pm T@3 |
| MONDAY | 7.00 am Early morning Community Coffee for passers-by the Church Boys' and Girls' Brigades groups: Anchors and Explorers (ages 4/5 - school year 3) 5.30 to 7.00 pm. Junior Section Boys and Girls (school years 4-6) 5.30 to 7.00 pm. Company, Senior and Brigader Sections (school years 7-13) 7.15 to 9.15 pm. 7.30 pm Taize style Advent Service at St Dunstan's RC Church, Shaftesbury Road - <i>all welcome</i> |
| TUESDAY | 9.30 am Tuesday Prayers - Children and Youth Work focussed. 11.00 am Bible Study. 11.00 am Children & Youth Strategy Group 7.00 pm Elders' Meeting |
| WEDNESDAY | 10.00 am Baby & Toddler Group. |
| THURSDAY | 10.00 am Refill – Bible Study and Discussion Group (children welcome to come along with parents / carers) 11.00 am Mid-week Prayers and Reflection in person and by Zoom Zoom link: https://Zoom.us/j/95986431118 Meeting ID – 959-8643-1118 12.45 pm Lunch & Talk. European Rail Journey with Chris & Mary Temple. Lunch sign-up sheet in the Forum. |
| FRIDAY | |
| SATURDAY | From 9.30 am - Decoration of the Church for Christmas. Poinsettia plants welcome that morning or during the week beforehand. |
| NEXT SUNDAY | 10.00 am Prayers in the Vestry. 10.30 am Christingle and Gift Service, with Brigades' Parade and Reception of new Church Members led by the Minister. (<i>List on a separate sheet of gifts which would be appreciated by the York Road Project and Your Sanctuary; and also in the current Church Magazine</i>) 4.00 pm Service of Carols and Readings, followed by tea. Girls' Brigade 'Christmas Market' Stalls in the Chapel after both Services today. Collection point for food and other items for the York Road Project and Your Sanctuary open every Sunday. Please see list on previous page. 2.30 pm The ActAbles (LinkAble) Pantomime - <i>Snow White</i> - Buzz Theatre, Victoria Place - see poster in foyer, or Church magazine (<i>ends in time to get to 4 pm Service at the Church</i>) |
| UPCOMING | Wednesday 11th December 10.00 to 11.30 am Baby & Toddler Group Christmas Party 8.00 pm Recharge Christmas Praise Sunday 15th December at 10.30 am - Nativity Festival Service |

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.