



Minister: Revd Lucy Brierley

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

**Sunday 4th January 2026, 10.30am**

# **Arise, Shine!**

**Communion Service**

**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](http://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](mailto: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 -** Light Of The World  
Everlasting God

### **Prayers & The Lord's Prayer**

### **Family Time**

**Hymn -** I Will Offer Up My Life

### **Children & Young People continue in groups**

**Bible Readings -** Isaiah 60 v 1-6 Read by Ronald Smith  
Matthew 2 v 1-12 Read by John Godsland

### **Sermon**

**Hymn -** As With Gladness Men Of Old (R&S 184)

### **Prayers for Others & Offering Prayer**

**Hymn -** From The Squalor

### **Communion**

**Hymn -** Your Grace Will Never Be Forgotten (For All That You Have Done For Us)

### **Blessing**

# NEWS AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Christian Aid Christmas Appeal. - *LAST DAY TO CONTRIBUTE TODAY!*** Make payment by using the card machine or 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.



**The Christmas decorations will be taken down after the Service.** If you are able to stay to help do this it would be greatly appreciated.

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.

**If you would like to donate to the work of the Church** this can be done either here at Church or from home. The card machine 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 giving 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. Someone else will arrange them for you.

**Leading Worship elsewhere.** Andrew Gibb is at St Paul's URC, Bracknell this morning and John Sinclair is at Woking Homes, Oriental Road on Wednesday afternoon.

**Free copies of *Reform* - the magazine of the URC** - are available in the Forum. Please take one away. If you would like to subscribe there are details of rates - paper and digital - inside the magazine.

**Service of Thanksgiving for Crawford Graham** - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 12 noon in the Church,

**A way to dispose of your Christmas tree.** Shooting Star Children's Hospices are offering to collect your tree in exchange for a donation. There are leaflets in the Forum about this project and how to book your collection via a QR code or website link.

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

<b>TODAY</b>	12.30 pm Food and Fellowship
<b>MONDAY</b>	Boys' and Girls' Brigades return next Monday, 12 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>TUESDAY</b>	7.00 pm Early morning Community Coffee for passers-by the Church 9.30 am Tuesday Prayers - Children and Youth Work focussed
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Baby & Toddler Group returns next Wednesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>THURSDAY</b>	10.00 am Refill – Bible Study and Discussion Group (children welcome to come along with parents / carers) 11.00 am Prayers and Reflection in person and by Zoom - Zoom link: <a href="https://Zoom.us/j/95986431118">https://Zoom.us/j/95986431118</a>  12.45 pm Lunch & Talk - <i>Bagpipes for all</i> - John Sinclair - <i>sign up sheet in the Forum</i>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the formation of Woking URC
<b>SATURDAY</b>	
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	10.00 am Prayers in the Vestry 10.30 am Morning Worship led by the Minister Collection point for food and other items for the York Road Project and Your Sanctuary open every Sunday. Please see list below. 4.00 pm Remembering Service - an opportunity to remember and give thanks for the lives of those who have died recently or longer ago.
<b>UPCOMING</b>	<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 12 noon</b> - next Lunch Club - <i>sign up sheet in the Forum.</i> <b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January</b> - Ordination and Induction of Elders  <b>18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> January</b> - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

**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.*