WOKING UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Minister: Revd Lucy Brierley

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

Advent Sunday
29th November 2026, 10.30am

Christ's Second Homecoming - Keep Awake?

Morning Worship
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, our YouTube Channel or via our Facebook page.

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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. There is also a Dyslexia Friendly Bible available in separate books. 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 - O Come, O Come Immanuel

Holy, Holy, Holy, In A Manger Lowly

Prayers & The Lord's Prayer

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Family Time

Hymn - In Christ Alone

Children & Young People continue in groups

Bible Readings -

Isaiah 64 v1-9 read by Chris Temple

Mark 13 v24-37 read by John West

Hymn - Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Sermon

Hymn - How Long (We Have Sung Our Songs Of Victory)

Prayers for Others & Offering Prayer

Hymn - Across The Lands (You're The Word Of God The Father)

Blessing

NEWS AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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.

Neighbourhood Christmas greetings cards are available today for delivery to around 2000 homes in the area surrounding the Church. This exercise does rely on your help. Please see Nick Brook in the foyer to choose a road and make your delivery during the week. Please give the spare cards in the Forum to a relative, neighbour or friend and offer a personal invitation to the Services which are listed.

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 this QR code & Select ‘Donations-church Funds’.

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. **List for 2027 now available.**

Leading Worship elsewhere. Andrew Gibb is at Elstead URC this morning. This is his last Service before retiring as an Assembly Accredited Lay Preacher in the URC.

Christmas greetings supplement. A reminder that this popular way of sending greetings to the whole Church family will be organised again and, in return for a donation to WaterAid (as you will have saved money on cards and postage), you are invited to send your personal message (with photographs and children's pictures if you wish). Full details of how to do it in this month's Church Magazine - closing date Friday 4th December.

18-29s Lunches are held first Sunday of the month at 1pm, hosted at various homes in the Church family. All 18-29s are welcome. Good food, fun and friendship are the aims. Bring a friend…come hungry! Join the WURC 18:29 WhatsApp group for details of these and other 18-29 social events or see Heather Fowler. Offers to host these lunches would be welcomed. Please contact Heather.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

TODAY	Singing practices for Christmas after the Service. Children first and then adults and young people.
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.
TUESDAY	9.30 am Tuesday Prayers - children and youth work focussed 11.00 am Bible Study 11.00 am Children, Youth and Young Adults Strategy Committee 7.30 pm Elders' Gathering
WEDNESDAY	10.00 am Baby and Toddler Group
THURSDAY	11.00 am Prayers and reflection in person and by Zoom. Zoom link: https://Zoom.us/j/95986431118
FRIDAY	
SATURDAY	From 9.30 am - Decoration of the Sanctuary and Forum for Christmas. From 10.30 am, practice singing carols for the Advent and Christmas Service. Decorate and sing, or just sing along! If you can donate a poinsettia plant, that day or before, it will be welcomed.
NEXT SUNDAY	10.00 am Prayers in the Vestry 10.30 am Communion Service with Reception of new Church Members led by the Minister - *Preparing the Way* Eco-living goods stall, also with Palestininan products, after the Service 12.30 pm approx - Food & Fellowship - *sign-up sheet in the Forum* 1.00 pm 18-29s Lunch - *please see previous page* Singing practices for Christmas after the Service. Children first and then adults and young people.
UPCOMING	**Sunday 13th December** 10.30 am Christingle and Gifts Service with Brigades' Parade and Reception of new Church Members. See Church Magazine for list of gifts for the York Road Project and Your Sanctuary. 4.00 pm Service of Carols and Readings, followed by tea. Girls' Brigade Cakes and Crafts Stall after both Services.

Collection point for food and other items for the York Road Project and Your Sanctuary open every Sunday. Requested items are listed on the Church website, in the Church Magazine and on the box in the Forum where goods may be left.

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.