

# Perry Hall Methodist Church

Sunday 24th December 2017 - 10.45am

**Growing Disciples | Building Community** 



# Who's preaching today

Sunday 24th December 2017 @ 10.45am

Rev'd Deborah Humphries - Holy Communion

Sunday 24th December 2017 @ 7.30pm

Rev'd Deborah Humphries - Candlelight community carol service

Who's preaching next week

Sunday 31st December 2017 @ 10.45am

Own Arrangement

We pray for Deb as she leads our worship today, along with all those who enable our worship to take place.

# Thought for the day

# The quiet drama of God Luke 1.26-38

- How would you react to an angel's visit?
- How do you feel about God's glory being scandalous?
- Has God ever disrupted your life?



#### Who's preaching this month?

# Sunday 24th December 7.30pm

Rev'd Deborah Humphries Candlelight community carol service

# Monday 25th December 10am

Rev'd Deborah Humphries Christmas Day All-age service & Holy Communion

# Sunday 31st December 10.45am

Own Arrangement

# Who's preaching next month?

# Sunday 7th January 2018 10.45am

Rev'd Deborah Humphries Covenant service & Holy Communion

# Sunday 14th January 2018 10.45am

Rev'd Deborah Humphries Parade/All age

#### Sunday 21st January 2018 10.45am

Rev Dr Jane Craske



# Upcoming events at Perry Hall Methodist Church .....

Tonight - Christmas Eve - Candlelight carol service @ 7.30pm

Christmas Day - All-age service to include Holy Communion @ 10am

Coffee morning - Thursday 4th January 2018 10am to 12 noon

## **Tuesday Club**

Tuesday 9th January 2018 - 2.15pm to 4pm

#### Word on Wednesday 7.30pm

Exploring parables

10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> January 2018 and 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018

After Ash Wednesday we will join with the Great Barr Churches Together Lent groups.

## **Monday Night Bible Study**

Concluding our series on Abraham, Isaac and Jacob

8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 - Genesis 32, 33

The story of Joseph

12<sup>th</sup> February 2018 - Genesis 37

5<sup>th</sup> March 2018 - Genesis 39-41

16<sup>th</sup> April 2018 - Genesis 42

#### Rotary Shoebox Appeal

Thank you to all those who contributed to the Rotary shoebox appeal this year. Thank you for your gifts and for those who used their gifts to pack what others brought.

We filled a total of 52 shoeboxes to children, teenagers and households in need.

#### **Presidential Christmas message**

The President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, the Revd Loraine N Mellor and Jill Baker, have released their 2017 Christmas message on the subject of visitation. You can read and watch their message here: http://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/news/latest-news/all-news/christmas-message/

#### Statement on Jerusalem

The President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference have released the following statement regarding Jerusalem.

The Heads of Churches in Jerusalem this week wrote to President Donald Trump, saying that their "solemn advice and plea is for the United States to continue recognizing the present international status of Jerusalem". We share the profound concerns expressed in that letter. The unilateral action of the United States government over Jerusalem makes the path to a negotiated settlement less clear.

The Methodist Church has previously said that Jerusalem's special status as "a place for two nations and three faiths is the real basis upon which trust could be built up among the different communities". We believe that a lasting peace can only be based on trust, security and freedom from fear for all people. We offer prayers for the people of Palestine and Israel, for Jew, Muslim and Christian, as we pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

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# **Perry Hall Carol Service Choir**

A singing group will lead some carols during the candlelight carol service tonight. Rehearsals will be held each Sunday after morning service, continuing today 24th December. Anyone who would like to be part of this group is very welcome.

#### **Christmas events and services**

Please pray for all those who will attend each of these services, that they might be touched by the love of God - with - us, Immanuel, this Advent and Christmas. Please also pray for Deb and all those who will lead our worship.

#### **Christmas Eve**

Christingle service at Great Barr Methodist Church @ 3pm Candlelight community carol service at Perry Hall Methodist @ 7.30pm An offering will be taken for the work of Acorns

# **Christmas Day**

All-age service to include Holy Communion at 10am Please bring a gift that you have received for 'Show and tell' An offering will be taken for the work of Acorns

## 'Ceremony of Carols' with Birmingham Cathedral Choir

Sunday 28th January 2018 @ 4.30pm St Paul's Church, 840 Walsall Road, Great Barr This is a free event. All very welcome.



#### **Administrative Assistant Methodist Church Birmingham District**

12 hours per week @ £9.00 per hour.

The position is within a busy Interfaith Chaplaincy environment based at the NEC. Flexible hours between 09:30hrs – 15.00, Monday to Friday. Further information at: https://www.birminghammethodist.org.uk/vacancies/administrative-assistant-to-themission-in-the-economy-officer/

# What we gave last week -

Sunday 17th December 2017 - £221.00 Monthly total of collections made by Direct Debit £350.00

#### Contact us

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# What happens during the week?

Day	What	Time		Contact
Monday	Badminton	7.30pm	Community Activity	Andrewguest48 @hotmail.com
	Rainbows Brownies Guides	5pm - 6pm 6pm - 7.30pm 7.00pm - 8.30pm	5 - 7 years 7 - 10 years 10 - 14 years	Maggie Jones 07853 137555
	Bible Study	8pm to 9pm	Once a month	Rev'd Deborah Humphries 0121 554 2338
Tuesday	Art Group	10am to 12 noon	Community Activity	
	Tuesday Club	2.15pm to 4pm	Friendship, games, activities & a cuppa	Olive Townend 0121 360 0225
	Weight Watchers	6pm to 8pm	Community Activity weightwatcherslocal.co.uk	0345 677 7788
Wednesday	Word on Wednesday	7.30pm	Bible study and singing	John Townend 0121 360 0225
Thursday	Coffee morning	1st Thursday of the month 10am to 12 noon	Friendship, refreshments and a varied programme	Jean Clarke 0121 358 3162
Friday	Beavers Cubs Scouts Explorer Scouts	6pm - 7.15pm 6pm - 7.30pm 7.45pm - 9.30pm 7.45pm - 9.30pm	6 - 8 years 8 - 10½ years 10½ - 14 years 14 - 18 years	Roy Smith 0121 357 6064
Sunday	Prayer Group	4th Sunday of month @ 10.15am	Gather around the prayer table	All welcome