



## Welcome to Chepstow Methodist Church

A Worshipping Church  
at the Heart of the  
Community

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### CHURCH NOTICES - 21ST & 28TH DECEMBER 2025

#### OUR MINISTER IS REV IAN GRIFFITHS

If you have any concerns, personal or church related,  
please contact Ian by phone (01291 497874)  
or email ([rev.ian.griffiths@gmail.com](mailto:rev.ian.griffiths@gmail.com))

*Please note that Friday is usually his day off,  
so he may not respond until he is back in the office.*

For those who prefer to worship from home, most services will also be live on Zoom (see Zoom link below), with a recording later posted on YouTube and our Church website:

<https://chepstowmethodist.org.uk/keeping-in-touch/podcast-videos/>

**ZOOM - Please Note, that the Zoom Link, Meeting ID & Passcode have changed and you will be held in a 'Waiting Room' prior to being able to access the service.**

**Please also note that, due to practical presenting reasons, people will only be given access up until the start of the service so NO access will be given after 10.30am.**

Zoom Link: [https://zoom.us/j/96959863156?](https://zoom.us/j/96959863156?pwd=O8apr7xq1Jfb9q8yy4dolmHapB31k6.1)  
[pwd=O8apr7xq1Jfb9q8yy4dolmHapB31k6.1](https://zoom.us/j/96959863156?pwd=O8apr7xq1Jfb9q8yy4dolmHapB31k6.1)

Meeting ID: 969 5986 3156  
Passcode: 905885

**For those without the Internet**, you can join the service in audio through your **phone** by dialling any of the numbers below; entering the Meeting ID followed by the # key, followed by the Passcode and once again the # key as instructed by the verbal prompts from Zoom's recorded message. (Meeting ID & Passcode above)

0203 481 5237 / 0203 481 5240 / 0203 901 7895

### WORSHIP ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

We extend a warm welcome to ALL who join us in our Morning Worship and, if you are able to, to stay afterwards for a cup/mug of tea/coffee (sometimes even cake!!) - we would love to get to know you in a relaxed atmosphere.



**Sunday, 21st December - our 10.30am Morning Worship for Advent 4** (in Church/on Zoom/recorded) will be led by Rev Lin Healey



**ALSO, Carol Service at 6pm** (in Church/on Zoom/recorded), led by Rev Anne Ellis

**More Services over the next 2 weeks are detailed on Page 4**



#### Stewards & Assistant Stewards

Sunday 21st December	10.30am	John Giles and John Westlake
	6.00pm	Russell Collins And Jacqueline Horrod-Tottem
Christmas Eve	3.00pm	Margaret Bishop & Pauline Davies
	9.00pm	Margaret Bishop & Stuart Nuttall
Christmas Day	10.00am	Stuart Nuttall
Sunday 28th December	10.30am	John Giles and Sharon & Kev Brewer
Sunday 4th January	10.30am	Margaret Bishop & Janet Ellard

**In the quietness of our hearts  
we offer up prayers for those we care for:**

Sheena Houghton

Lord we all expect so much from the festivities of Christmas.  
We always think that other people are having the perfect time  
with families round the tree.

But there can be so much stress, Lord.

We pray for families who only see each other at Christmas;  
they may all want to celebrate in quite different ways.

We think about the empty places at tables  
where loved ones no longer sit.

We pray for new family groups making their own traditions;  
for those who have to be away from home, or just at work.

Lord, help us all to relax and rejoice  
in the true meaning of the season.  
Amen.

The Flowers for  
Week of 21st December  
are in memory of:

**Jack Prevett**

The Flowers for  
Week of 28th December  
are in memory of:

**Dave Middleton**



Do you know anyone who is sick, bereaved or in  
need of a visit or flowers?  
Or has moved to this area or Church?  
If so, please contact *Kathy Griffin*

**THANK YOU...**

As we come towards the close of 2025, without naming individuals (I don't want to forget anybody!), I would like to thank all of those in our Church Family who work so hard and give of their time to make our Church the welcoming place that it is. So much goes on behind the scenes of which I am very grateful.

*Elena*



**M&S PARKING FOR  
CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY**



It has been agreed by M&S (thank you, Keith!) that **we can use the M&S car park** for our services Christmas Eve evening from 8.00 pm to 1.00 pm on Christmas Day without fear of receiving fines. If anyone *does* get a 'ticket' for parking over this period, **DO NOT** pay it, but let Keith Harvey know asap and he will get it cancelled.

**BEACON - CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR**

The Beacon is closing for Christmas from 18th December and will reopen on Monday 5th January 2026.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who give their time to help in Beacon, all those who bake the beautiful cakes and my support committee.

I really appreciate all you do for me personally and The Beacon ... it wouldn't run without you all!

Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

*Debbie*



## ON SUNDAY 28TH DECEMBER....

...We welcome Lily & Harry Newby and their family and friends as they bring their son, Elijah, forward for Baptism (this will be the day after Elijah's 1st Birthday!)



### CHRISTMAS POSTING BOX

The **CHRISTMAS POSTING BOX** will remain in the Church foyer for your cards until Christmas. This is for you to send one card to the whole church family and then give a donation in lieu of postage etc. either with the card or in a separate envelope placed in the posting box. These Donations will be split between **Action for Children** and **All We Can**.

Your card will be placed on the special board in the Church Hall to make a lovely display!

Many Thanks  
Cynthia

### MEANWHILE, FOR WHEN YOU DO RECEIVE CARDS (or other stamped post).....

The RNIB are collecting used or new postage stamps to help with their fund raising (they turn them into funds to help people living with sight loss).

There is a box in the Church foyer for the stamps.

Thank you  
Joy Wilson



**NOTE: All loose Offerings over our Christmas Services will be passed on to support the work of**



Methodist  
relief and  
development

All We Can  
and  
Action for Children



## A REMINDER ABOUT THE 'TUB2PUB' INITIATIVE

**Tub2Pub** is the initiative set up by Greene King pubs to ensure these plastic tubs don't go to waste; instead, they are collected from the pubs and taken to a plastic reprocessing centre where they are shredded, before being sold onto plastic manufacturers to use in place of virgin plastics.



**All money raised** from the sale of Tub2Pub plastics will be given directly to **Macmillan Cancer Support** (in early 2025 **over 240,000 tubs** were collected raising **£10,916** for the charity).

Greene King pubs, hotels and restaurants will be accepting clean and empty Confectionery, Biscuit and Cracker Tubs from 1st January - 15th February 2026.

Russell & Hilary are willing to be a 'depository' for your tubs so just bring them along to church over the coming weeks.



Any questions, please speak to

Hilary or Russell Collins  
[admin@chepstowmethodist.wales](mailto:admin@chepstowmethodist.wales)

**Men's  
Breakfast**

**For more information,  
contact Tony Williams**

**Come and join us for great food  
and conversations - 9.30am at CMC**

**1st Saturday of the month, so next one  
is Saturday 3rd January**





## Diary Dates for Week Beginning 21st December

Day	Event	Time	Other Info
Sunday 21st	Morning Worship	10.30am	Led by Rev Lin Healey
	Carol Service	6.00pm	Led by Rev Anne Ellis
Beacon Café (Mon-Wed) <b>NOT open until Monday 5th January</b>			
Babies & Toddlers (Mon -Wed) <b>NOT meeting until Monday 5th January</b>			
Tuesday 23rd	Housegroup	10.30am	<b>Not Meeting until Early January</b>
Christmas Eve, Wednesday 24th	Christingle (NOT on Zoom/ recorded)	3.00pm	Led by Heidi Robertson
	Christmas Eve Communion (NOT on Zoom/ recorded)	<b>9.00pm</b>	Led by Rev Ian Griffiths
BB are on their Christmas Break - <b>back on 14th January</b>			
Christmas Day, Thursday 25th	All-Age Service (NOT on Zoom/ recorded)	10.00am	Led by Rev Ian Griffiths
	Bible Study	On their Christmas Break - <b>back 8th January</b>	
	Warm&Cosy@CMC	10.00 – 12.00noon	<b>Not Open this week</b>
Boxing Day, Friday 26th	Warm&Cosy@CMC	10.00 – 12.00noon	<b>Not Open this week</b>

## Diary Dates for Week Beginning 28th December

Day	Event	Time	Other Info
Sunday 28th	Morning Worship (& Baptism)	10.30am	Led by Rev Ian Griffiths (See Page 3)
Beacon Café (Mon-Wed) <b>NOT open until Monday 5th January</b>			
Babies & Toddlers (Mon -Wed) <b>NOT meeting until Monday 5th January</b>			
Tuesday 30th	Housegroup	10.30am	<b>Not Meeting until Early January</b>
Wednesday 31st	BB are on their Christmas Break - <b>back on 14th January</b>		
	Housegroup	7.30pm	<b>No Meeting until 7th January</b>
New Years Day, Thursday 1st	Bible Study	On their Christmas Break - <b>back 8th January</b>	
	Warm&Cosy@CMC	10.00 – 12.00noon	<b>Not Open this week</b>
Friday 2nd	Warm&Cosy@CMC	10.00 – 12.00noon	<b>Not Open this week</b>
Saturday 3rd	Men's Breakfast	9.30am	See Page 3

	<u>Church Cleaning -</u> Week Beginning 22nd December	Mair & Richard Liddell
	29th December	Sandy Dickson & Pauline Davies
	<u>Coffee Rota</u> Sunday 28th December	Pauline Davies & Joy Wilson
	Sunday 4th January	Angie Middleton & Margaret Bishop

If you have anything to share with the Church Family  
via these notices,  
please contact Hilary Collins  
by email: [admin@chepstowmethodist.wales](mailto:admin@chepstowmethodist.wales)  
(by 6pm, Wednesday)

