



# Holyhead Road United Reformed Church

## Sunday 20 December 2020



Worship in the building is currently suspended. Alternatives are running – please see below for details.

**Ministers:** Revd Debbie Brown 024 7659 6433; brown\_debbie@sky.com  
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**Lectionary readings this week:** 2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16; Luke 1: 47-55 (or Psalm 89: 1-4, 19-26);  
 Romans 16: 25-27; Luke 1: 26-38.

### Communicating and Worshipping:

Please contact the ministers or Elders with any concerns or prayer requests.

A 'Podcast' service uploaded every Saturday by **Revd Bill Young** is available to listen to at [revdbill.uk/worship-material](http://revdbill.uk/worship-material). The podcast link also allows for downloading a service transcript.

**Revd Debbie Brown** will lead phone-in worship every Sunday afternoon at 4:00. You can join on any telephone by calling the number **0330 606 0403** and listening to the instructions. When you are asked for it, enter the following access code on your phone pad: **442786#**.

### A message from Debbie:

Dear Friends,

By the time you receive this message we will be approaching the 4th Sunday of Advent and it will be less than a week to Christmas. The Christmas Season is a time of celebration, of hope and joy and looking forward to the future, another year. This Christmas will be a challenging one for us all with the restrictions in place and we hope, we pray, for a better year ahead. This pandemic has given us the time to reflect on what is important to us in our relationships with one another and with God; I pray that our world will see and acknowledge the greatest gift on offer - Jesus Christ.

As we journey to Bethlehem to see and experience the gift of comfort and joy through the precious gift of Jesus, we are reminded that God has the power to heal when we are not too afraid to move closer. Then the world would silence the noise, end all conflict, and hear the angels' song. May we always be united in our desire to worship God, Emmanuel, one with us, and spread His message of love and peace for all.

"May the Spirit of Christmas bring you peace,  
 the gladness of Christmas give you hope,  
 and the warmth of Christmas grant you love."

May you have a blessed Christmas and a peaceful New Year

God bless. Love, Debbie



### A message from Karen - worship



#### Sunday 20th 6:30pm

A different way of holding our Candlelight Carol Service! To create the atmosphere of excitement and anticipation we encourage people to turn the main lights off and switch Christmas tree lights on, light candles or LED nightlights.

#### Christmas Eve worship at 4pm

If you *can*, find a Christmas cracker and some strips of coloured paper and Sellotape / glue to make a paper chain – but this isn't essential! Please do join us to hear once again the Christmas story and reflect on what it means to us today.

### A message from Joyce and Roger Woodall:

To all our friends at Holyhead Road URC. We wish you happiness and peace for this Christmas season and a healthy New Year. We have decided this year to make a donation to your Church in lieu of cards and stamps. We hope you are all safe and well. We are all fine despite Joyce's mobility problems, getting slower and all the restrictions. We remember with great affection the happy times we had at Holyhead Road in the 60's, 70's, and 80's. Love to you all and God Bless.

**Joyce, Roger Jill, David and Richard.**