

Holyhead Road United Reformed Church

Sunday 27 December 2020



Worship in the building is currently suspended – alternatives are running (please see below and page 2)

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Lectionary readings this week: Isaiah 61: 10- 62; Psalm 148;
Galatians 4: 4-7; Luke 2: 22-40.

Communicating and Worshipping:

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

A 'Podcast' service uploaded on Saturday by **Revd Bill Young** is available to listen to at 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#**.

Please see overleaf for other special services this week.



We send our love and best wishes to Revd Bill Young as he commences his retirement from Ministry on January 1st. Thank you for all that you have done for so many years Bill – as our Minister, friend, and as an absolute rock during vacancies! We wish you and Erica every happiness in this new phase.



A message from Debbie:

Dear Friends,

Christmastime reminds us that we have a God to celebrate, a God who in Jesus came to this world in humility - Emmanuel, 'God with us.' Jesus came at a time of real confusion and uncertainty and continues to do so. So, may we shine His light and bring peace to our family, friends and neighbours this season, and always, by celebrating God and sharing the message of the love of Jesus as we prepare for the joys and challenges of 2021.

Let us keep our eyes and hearts open for unexpected ways in which God will reveal to us the hope of this season. Keep safe, keep believing and keep praising.

'Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing!

Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.' Isaiah 43:18-19

Have a blessed New Year.
God bless.

Love, Debbie





On Tuesday 22nd December, Ministers Bill and Debbie, along with Elders Sue and Jill, handed a consignment of Christmas gift bags containing toiletries to a team from the Salvation Army Life House in Wyken.

Many thanks to Sue who co-ordinated this project, to Jill and Margaret who received donations along with Sue, and to all who donated gifts to make this possible.

Below is an email from Ann Campbell of the Life House team.

On behalf of The Salvation Army I would like to say a big "Thank You" for the kind donations we collected from Holyhead Road United Reformed Church.

Thank you to everyone who organised/donated items, it has been overwhelming, especially with the restrictions placed upon us with COVID19!

These gifts will be distributed to homeless people who access our service and will make a difference to the lives of others, especially at Christmas. This can be a difficult time for people who are homeless, not having a home of their own or a family to celebrate with. However, these lovely gift bags will help lift their spirits...so I thank you for thinking of us.

Merry Christmas...God Bless

Ann Campbell, Facilities Administration Coordinator, Axholme House



There are many opportunities for worship this week:

Christmas Eve

- **Bill & Erica Young's worship podcast** which will be found online at www.revdbill.uk. This will be available from lunchtime on Thursday.
- **Zoom worship at 4.00pm**, led by **Revd Debbie Brown & Karen Adams**. Please use the link sent via email or contact your Elder for details.
- **The URC national service (midnight communion)**. Please use the link sent via email which also includes a link to the printed version.

Christmas Day

- **Bill & Erica Young's worship podcast** which will be found online at www.revdbill.uk. This will be available on Friday morning.
- **Zoom worship at 10.00am**, led by **Revd Debbie Brown**. Please use the link sent via email or contact your Elder for details.
- **The URC national service**. Please use the link sent via email which also includes a link to the printed version.

Sunday 27th December

- **Bill & Erica Young's final worship podcast** which will be found online at www.revdbill.uk. This will be available from Saturday.
- An act of **worship by telephone conference call at 4.00pm**, led by **Revd Debbie Brown**. See details for how to connect on the previous page.
- **The URC national service**. Please use the link sent via email which also includes a link to the printed version.

When joining a Zoom meeting, please ensure that your microphone is on **mute at all times**, unless you are speaking. This avoids distracting background noises, and also helps to prevent echoes and sound feedback. Please be sure to choose the **video on** option when connecting.