

# Holyhead Road United Reformed Church

## Sunday 17 January 2021



We regret that church continues to be closed for worship. Elders will review this situation regularly in the light of government and Synod guidance. Please check the website ([www.hhrurc.org.uk](http://www.hhrurc.org.uk)) and our Facebook page for updates.

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**Lectionary readings this week:** 1 Samuel 3: 1- 10 (11-20); Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18;  
1 Corinthians 6: 12-20; John 1: 43-51.

### Communicating and Worshipping:

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

**Revd Debbie Brown** will lead phone-in worship on Sunday morning at 10:45. 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,

Looking back through the journey of Advent and the Christmas season we are reminded that the Nativity is Christmas - God's purpose revealed in Jesus Christ.

Advent candles and themes remain reminders to us of this importance even after Christmas - of the hope, peace, love and joy that Jesus brings.

Christmas is a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, a time to look beyond ourselves and communicate the Gospel Message to people longing to hear a word of hope. A time to hear again the story of the birth of Jesus, a baby born in difficult circumstances, in a dirty stable, as a refugee, yet born to be a King bringing peace on earth and goodwill among all people.

In this season of Epiphany, we are invited to look beyond the baby and to see the signs of hope, peace, love and joy that Jesus brings. We are asked to do our best in bleak situations by praying for justice, peace and security; to share God's gift of love and hope not just at Christmas with our neighbours but now and always - and we are to be a listening ear, supporting one another in this terrible pandemic, recognising our own care too.

God bless you all and stay safe.

Love, Debbie

### Summary from the Elder's meeting held on Tuesday 12/1/21:

- Sam Adams has been appointed as the Safeguarding Officer for the church.
- The decision was taken to make an interim payment of £3400 to our charity project, Coventry Street Pastors. This will be sent in the Spring in preparation for the costs of eventually resuming patrols. During the pandemic, Street Pastors have been helping food banks and various charities with collection and delivery of items to vulnerable people.
- Elders are exploring the practicalities of providing Zoom-based worship including a dial-in option every Sunday morning at 10.45. There will hopefully be more information to share in next week's news sheet.

### Events for your diary / notices:

- There will be a monthly prayer meeting between 7 and 8pm, starting on Weds 27<sup>th</sup> January. Details to follow.
- Debbie hosts a fortnightly coffee morning at 11am. The next will be on Tues 26<sup>th</sup> January.
- There will be a Lent course organised by Coventry URC Ministers. Details to follow nearer the time.
- A notice from Jackie Kemp: Covenant and Kingdom are offering a 6 week wellbeing course that they hope people will find helpful. This will run every Monday evening via zoom. [www.covenantandkingdom.org](http://www.covenantandkingdom.org)
- She is also looking for volunteers with experience of Dementia to act as befrienders for people who need additional support at this time. If you can help – or know somebody who would benefit from the service (not necessarily suffering from Dementia) - please contact Jackie at [www.hopecoventry.org.uk/projects/good-neighbours-coventry](http://www.hopecoventry.org.uk/projects/good-neighbours-coventry)