

REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS

Please use the prayer book in the porch before the service to make requests for prayer or to give thanks. It is used in our Sunday service and again in the Wednesday Communion service.

CONFIDENTIAL PRAYER is available every Sunday. If you would like prayer support for yourself or someone else, make your way to the front of the church at the end of the morning service. Someone will be available by the piano to pray with you.

PRAYER CHAIN Please contact Steve Coombes and he will activate the prayer chain for URGENT prayer. This is available for support or in a crisis. **Email:** rachelmcoombes@hotmail.com or **Tel:** 01535 637 947

WEEKLY PRAYER TIME to pray for the work of the church, the community and beyond takes place in the Retiring Room (on the left as you enter the church) from 10.00am to 10.20am. Everyone is welcome to share in this time of prayer. For further information contact Rachel Coombes (01535 637 947)

WEEKLY CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: "Quieten the mind, open the heart to God". Mondays at 11am. All welcome. Opening prayer, silent meditation then closing prayer. Just turn up or contact David Allison on 01756 794 961.

Away From a MANGER

6pm Christmas Eve

This year our Christmas Eve service gives us all a good opportunity to invite other folk. Postcards are available for distribution in the porch. Please **use these to invite neighbours, friends and colleagues** to come and join us in exploring the Christmas story... with a twist!



TRADITIONAL CAROL SERVICE

We have an evening Carol Service, on December 18th at 6pm, which will have a more traditional format. This is a new venture and a great chance to invite folk to come and hear the Christmas story. Please invite family members and friends to come and join with us.

OTHER CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

Christmas Eve communion at Trinity 11.15pm

Christmas Day worship at St Andrew's 10am

Sunday Jan 1st United Service 10.45am at Trinity Methodist.



LEAGUE OF LIGHT BOXES

The boxes need to be handed in to Karen Bendall for counting in January.

This year we propose that the proceeds go directly to fund the work that Action for Children does in supporting Young Carers. If anyone has an alternative view, please talk to Karen or Ethel Smith. Thank you in advance for your contributions to this worthwhile charity.

COFFEE MORNING AT TRINITY

Saturday 21 January at Trinity Methodist Church. Coffee Morning in aid of 'Under the Mango Tree' Further details next year - Archie and Helen McAdam 01756 793359



ST ANDREW'S WALKERS DATE CHANGE

Sunday 8th January 12 noon from the church hall Led by Jonathan Crossley. Bring a picnic and join us for a 5-mile walk



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Thank you to everyone who helped over the weekend and who produced a tree. The winning tree was 'Christmas with the future in mind' (Wooden tree) by Craven D.E.C. who beat '50 years on' by Monday group by just 1 vote.



We believe in life before death

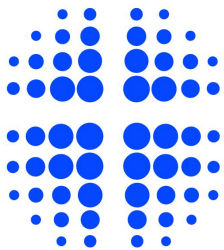
CHALLENGE QUIZ Friday January 20th at Christ Church Skipton. You are invited to form or join a team of six and enjoy an evening of competition and fun. Cost £10 per head, including supper. Prizes to be won and bar available.

Further information from: David Batchelor, Judy Rogers or David Wiseman.

WEEKLY NOTICE SHEET

Please note, there will be **no notice sheet** for Sunday 1st January as morning worship will be a United Service at Trinity Methodists, 10.45am.

THERE IS NO SERVICE here at St. Andrew's on Sunday January 1st



St Andrew's Church, Skipton

Minister: Rev Richard Atkinson BA BD

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Welcome to worship here at St Andrew's, with a special welcome to any visitors or newcomers. Please sign the Visitor's Book in the church porch. Toilets, including disabled toilets, are situated in the church hall next door. After the service refreshments will also be available in the church hall. Please join us

Sunday 18th December 2016

10.30am

Prayer Time – everyone welcome

10.30am Morning Worship led by Bill Murfitt

Hymns: 186,197, 216, 204, 193 and 213

Readings: Isaiah 7: 10 -16 (*OT page 573*)
Matthew 1:18-25 (*NT page 1*)

6pm Traditional Carol Service led by Revd Richard Atkinson, here at St. Andrew's

The words for all our hymns appear on screens at the front of church. Most of them are from 'Singing the Faith.'

If you prefer to use this hymnbook, please ask a Door Steward.

Coming up this week:

Monday 19th December

Weekly Christian Meditation at 11am

Tuesday 20th December

Parent and Toddlers Group
9.30am - 11.15am

Wednesday 21st December

Midweek Communion at 11am
Choir practice at 7pm, all welcome

Thursday 22nd December

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Saturday 24th December

Away In A Manger 'A Christmas Whodunit?'
(see over) 6pm start

Communion at Trinity Methodist 11.15pm

Sunday 25th December

10.00am Christmas Morning Worship led by Revd Richard Atkinson

This Newsletter can also be found on the St Andrew's website News page at www.standrewsskipton.org.uk

Please let Lizz Harpa have any information for next Sunday by Wednesday.

Telephone: 01756 790582 or email: lizz@harpa.abelgratis.com

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