Martin Way Methodist Church

Notices for week commencing 22nd November 2026

New Sunday Rota

A new quarter, a new rota for Sundays just waiting for you to fill its empty slots! Please consider entering your name against a date and a task where you can serve your fellow friends. Not liking to see an empty slot, the usual suspects feel they need to step in to provide a welcome to the preacher or to prepare and serve refreshments as they don't like to see you go without, which would happen if they didn't step in at the last minute. So, please look at the rota on the wall in the church, see what each task entails and sign up for those where you are able to help. If you are not sure how the refreshments work, ask someone who does it regularly - they would be more than willing to show you how. Thank you.

Gift Service - Christian Care Merton Christmas Toy Appeal

Christian Care have been very grateful for our support of their annual Christmas toy appeal in the past and hope we will be able to support them again this year. To this end, you are invited to bring toys, etc to our Cafe Worship / Gift service on Sunday, 6th December. A leaflet is attached which includes details of what is needed plus details of what happens to the Christmas toys and hampers they supply to families. They are seeing lots of need this year with people struggling for food, so come Christmas they imagine things will be very tough. Also attached is their leaflet "*Introducing Christian Care*" for you to read if you are not familiar with the work they do.

A message from Sylvia

Volunteers are still needed to run Cafe Worship on **24th January** 2027. If anyone would like to speak to me about it or perhaps shadow us on the 22nd November that would be great.

Local Arrangement Service

For **3rd January** 2027, a local arrangement service has been allotted to us. This means that there isn't a preacher coming to lead worship, and that we need to arrange this amongst ourselves. We have had these services before, in the past house groups and Sunday Club have led them. If needed, the Methodist Church has resources available for worship that can be used as a foundation for this service. If you are willing to take a lead in this please contact Paul.

Old Hall Chest Freezer

Important notice: the old Hall Chest Freezer is being disposed of due to high electricity costs. If you have items stored in the freezer, kindly contact **Anne Conquest** to arrange for collection and potential alternative storage arrangements by **Sunday 6th December**.

A request from Sunday Club

Ahead of their Nativity service, Sunday Club asks that you please save any large cardboard (from deliveries of white goods etc) that you may have at home. If you are able to bring it to church, please do so by the **beginning of December** and give it to one of the Sunday Club leaders. Thank you!

Community Christmas Weekend - Call for Donations

We're busy preparing for this year's Community Christmas Festival and would be very grateful for donations to help make the event a success.

We are looking for:

- Thin wire or metal coat hangers for Christmas wreath making
- Foraged pine cones, dried orange slices, cinnamon sticks for festive craft and decoration projects
- Jars filled with anything you like for Christmas Jar Tombola (e.g sweets, new gifts, unused toiletries, new pocket money toys etc. Any size, any contents you like).
- Homemade cakes and biscuits for our popular cake stall (drop off no earlier than 4 Dec please)
- New Handmade arts, crafts and gifts from local makers, including:
  - - Greetings cards
  - - Candles
  - - Jewellery
  - - Knitwear and sewn items
  - - Christmas decorations
  - - Any newly created homemade crafts or gifts suitable for sale

All proceeds will help support the Night Shelter and our church activities.

Please pass donations to: Anne, Abby, Yvonne, Jane, Marie or Shelley

Thank you for your generosity and support. Every donation, large or small, is greatly appreciated and helps make our Community Christmas Festival a wonderful event for everyone.

WAM Community Listening Line – A Support Service for Women in Merton

With increasing cost of living pressures, family responsibilities and social isolation affecting many women, having someone to talk to and a space where they feel heard can make a real difference. This offers up to 30 minutes of dedicated listening time with a trained Volunteer Listener, providing a supportive space for women to talk openly about whatever is on their mind, without judgement or pressure. It is a non-clinical service and does not provide counselling or advice. No formal referral is necessary.

The Listening Line is available:

- **Mondays and Wednesdays, 4pm–7.30pm** (excluding bank holidays)
- **Telephone:** 020 7302 3260

Join our WhatsApp Community!

If you haven't already, become a member of our WhatsApp community for all updates via the link https://chat.whatsapp.com/EmM8QekM6tW1StRPGJm7OP or the QR code:



Fundraise for Martin Way!

It's free and easy! Just visit https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/ and search for Martin Way Methodist Church in the 'support a cause' section. The church will then receive money each time you shop online with certain retailers.

Church Diary for November - December 2026

Sunday	**22nd**	**10.30**	**Revd Paul Timmis (Café Worship)**
Tuesday	24th	10.30	Coffee and Chat
		19.30	On the Way Course [6]
Wednesday	25th	11.30	Open Table - our surplus food café
Saturday	28th	10.00 -16.00	Lantern Christmas Celebration
Sunday	**29th**	**10.30**	**Revd Paul Timmis (Advent Sunday)**
Tuesday	1st	10.30	Coffee and Chat
		19.30	On the Way Course [7]
Wednesday	2nd	11.30	Open Table - our surplus food café
Saturday	5th	from 10.30	Christmas Tree Festival
Sunday	**6th**	**10.30**	**Revd Paul Timmis (Gift Service and Café Worship)**
			Christmas Tree Festival
Tuesday	8th	10.30	Coffee and Chat
Wednesday	9th	11.30	Open Table - our surplus food café
Friday	11th	12.00	Lunch Club
Sunday	**13th**	**10.30**	**Tony Loft**
		18.00	**Revd Paul Timmis (Carols)**