

CEMC Advent Diary



Today, after service - **Soup & Roll Lunch**
12:45pm - **NCT Carols in the Square**

Sat, 15th Dec, 7.30pm - **Christmas Concert**,
The Dalkeith & Monktonhall Brass Band

Tues, 18th Dec, 10.30am to 3.30pm - **Advent Quiet Day**
in the Chapel. A drop-in space for quiet prayer & reflection.

Wed, 19th Dec, 12.15pm- **Weds@TW** Lunchtime Carol Service

Thurs, 20th Dec, 2:15pm - Epworth Fellowship

Sun, 23rd Dec, 6:30ish - Evening Service goes out, **caroling**

Mon, 24th Dec, 6pm - **Christmas Eve** Carol Singing in the
Square, followed by hot chocolate and mulled apple.

Tues, 25th Dec, 10:30am - **Christmas Day** worship service

*Gardeners are currently in hibernation until Spring.
Credit Union - Wednesdays, 10am to noon at reception desk.
Choir practice Thursdays at 7:45pm. All singers welcome!*

If any of the CEMC groups or activities mentioned here are something you would like to know more about, do ask a Steward, check church notice board or call the office, to get in touch with the right person. Thank you.

*Please send submissions for Sunday notices to cemc.notices@gmail.com (or drop off at office) no later than **Thursday**. While every effort is made to include submissions into the notices, there may be times when information has to be reworded, summarised or withheld. Thank you.
If you wish these notices, or the service sheet for the upcoming Sunday morning, to be delivered by email, please contact cemc.notices@gmail.com.*

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Mon - Fri: 8:30am - 3.30pm

CITY OF EDINBURGH 
Welcome to this church
God bless your time with us. **METHODIST CHURCH**

9th December 2018

11:00am Service led by Rev Helen Jenkins & Priscilla Samasuwo

6:30pm Worship led by Anne Pennington

16th December 2018

11am **Nativity service**, led by Breakout

6:30pm **Carols & Holy Communion** led by Rev Helen Jenkins

Wednesdays@TheWell

11am: Christian Conversation

Noon: prayer worship in chapel **After:** lunch together

Advent programme: Who is Coming?

12th Dec - the prophecies

When we stand empty,
in the dark,
what is there for us?
When we are too full
to hold anymore,
what is there for us?
When we cannot stop,
or find ourselves so stuck,
what is there for us?
When there is no power left
to make a way,
what more can we ask?



It is then,

in that moment,
when we wait for answers we do not have,
the Power is there.

This Power forges the way,
the refiner's fire,
through the empty,
through the dark,
through the overload,
through the busyness,
through the stall,
through the powerlessness.

Thankfulness and Light.

This comes.

Can we stand it?



Today, 12:45pm - NCT Carols in the Square

Sing along with Salvation Army Band. *See posters.*

There will be a **Soup & Roll lunch** after this morning's service also, to be ready to sing whatever the weather.

Sat, 15th Dec, 7.30pm - Christmas Concert,
The Dalkeith & Monktonhall Brass Band

A seasonal fixture in our yearly calendar, this talented band will, once again, entertain and set the mood for Christmas, for the benefit of funds and festivities.

*Gillian would still welcome more volunteers to help out with:
Selling tickets!!! Welcoming and helping with refreshments.*

Tues, 18th Dec, 10.30am to 3.30pm - Advent Quiet Day

Our chapel will be open to drop-in for Advent prayer & reflection.

Wed, 19th Dec, 12.15pm- Wednesdays@TheWell Carol Service

Stop for a midweek break and time of anticipatory singing and prayer.

The Well Café Christmas Menu - Christmas lunch will be served **Fri, 14th & Thurs, 20th only. Book Ahead!**

Thurs, 20th Dec, 2:15pm - Epworth Fellowship

Lunch at The Well with coffee in the chapel.

Caroling & Evening Services over Christmas and New Year

There will be **No** services on either the **23rd** or the **30th** this month. *However*, **Caroling** will be done, instead, on **23rd**, by **Anyone willing**, visiting members of our congregation who are housebound or otherwise unable to attend services & carol concerts. Please talk to **Anne Pennington** if you are willing and/ or you know someone who might enjoy a visit.

Tues, 15th Jan, 10:30am - Novels and Natter

The current book is *The Betrayal* by Helen Dunmore
The Betrayal is a powerful and touching novel of ordinary people in the grip of a terrible and sinister regime, and a moving portrait of a love that will not be extinguished.
See church notice board for more.

All are welcome Further details: Marion Hellewell

Beginning 24th Jan, 6pm - Disciple

A programme of bible study, the first in the series, exploring the Old Testament, is 12 weeks. Come and, hopefully, discover new things, once a fortnight, 6pm till 7.30pm *with a prompt finish and start time.*



Thank you! Please see the extra page from the Children's Services Manager at Action for Children, Gilmerton Road Support Services outlining what everyone's efforts to raise funds, through our Annual Church Project last year, has achieved.

Listening Service Board is in real need of people to take part in policy and management decisions *and* a new chairperson! Please talk with Hilda or Margaret Walker.

House keeping requests - Please contact Helen or F&D team Laptop donation?

We are wondering whether anyone has recently upgraded and has an old laptop they'd be willing to donate - it would need to be able to run our finance package plus Microsoft Office, and have internet access. To ease staff /volunteer need to share at busy times.

Data entry volunteers

We could also do with another couple of people who would be willing to spend a couple of hours a week on data entry. **Full training would be given.**

Room Booking!

Due to the increase in bookings for our building and with new staff involved, it is now becoming very important to book rooms for any church activity with *good notice (as far in advance the better) and using the relevant forms!* Any catering requests will also need proper form to ensure The Well staff have it securely in their plans. Call the office and the venue & facilities manager (*Alex*) can make sure you have what you need. Thank You

Outwiths - *Please do keep reviewing our notice boards, reception + lots of leaflets on shelves by The Well, for more details & other information that might be of interest, including:*

Greyfriars Charteris Centre Community Christmas Concert 11th /
Lothian Hospitals' Carol Concert Usher Hall, 12th / ...
