



**December 2024**

**Welcome to Well Street United Church**

Welcome to Well Street United Church especially if it is your first time.

If you would like to receive electronic weekly updates please speak with a Welcomer.



**Sunday 1st December**

Pray for the team , residents and staff as they meet at 3.00pm .



**Breakfast @ Bethlehem**

Saturday 7th December 10.00-12 noon  
 Open to all families— please invite your friends and family to join us in Christmas craft.

Renew Café will be closed on 8th December



**Monday 9th December**

A yearly Christmas event run by the Churches in Buckingham for all year 4 children in Buckingham



**Wednesday 11th December**

Christmas Dinner and Carols  
 Please contact Ros to book a meal cost £10

**Youth Nights Christmas Party**

**Friday 20th December @ 6.30pm**

**Venue: Well Street United Church.**

To book a place use the link

<https://bpchurch.churchsuite.com/events/fmrasdgo>

**Weekly Activities**

**Sunday**

10.30am Morning Worship  
 Lace Hill Academy MK18 7RR

**Tuesday 10.00am**

First Steps (Toddler Group)

**Tuesday, Wednesday and**

**Thursday - Life Groups –contact Church Office for details**

**Thursday 5.00pm**

Explorers (5-11year olds)  
 (Term time only)

**Saturday 10.00am-12 noon**

Renew Café

**Monthly Activities**

**First Sunday**

10.30am Café Church at  
 Lace Hill Academy  
 3.00pm service at  
 Lace Hill Manor (Care Home)

**First Wednesday**

CAMEO  
 12.30pm at Well Street United Church. Booking is required

For more information contact Church Administrator (details on back)

## Minister's Message

I wonder what you understand by the phrase, 'down to earth'?

Dictionary definitions suggest the following: sensible, pragmatic, realistic, grounded. None of these things sound particularly exciting, but if someone were to describe me as 'down to earth', I'd probably take it!

A theological definition of 'down to earth' could be very different: recklessly loving, intentionally forgiving, generously giving, miraculously saving. For we often describe how God has come 'down to earth' from heaven in the person of Jesus Christ the Son, and only in Him do all these alternative definitions come together. John 3 verse 16 describes the actions of this down-to-earth God saying, 'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.'

As a young Christian, I was involved in a mission to young people called 'Down to Earth'. We booked a local theatre and an evangelist, added in some organisation and a lot of prayer, not least that the money would come in to pay for it all. We opened the doors on the first night, wondering if people would come. They did. Ten days of planned meetings became three weeks as ordinary young people responded to the extraordinary God. This down-to-earth God lifted up these teenagers to fullness of life on earth, and the hope of heaven to come.

As we enter this season of Advent, I want to wish you a down-to-earth Christmas. Would you pray for those who we encounter as a church that they may know hope in the birth of the Saviour? Would you pray and share faith with people young, old and in between that they encounter the reckless love of the down-to-earth God?

And may we hear again the sound of the heavenly host who sing of the Saviour Jesus:

*'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests. (Luke 2:14).*

**Tim**



## Family News

Sheila Pollard—we give thanks for the life of Sheila and pray for her family at this time . The funeral service will take place at Maids Moreton church, 16th December at 1.00pm.

We also remember Geoff, Katie and Hattie on the home calling off Geoff's mum

We celebrate with our friend Sylvia C on her recent baptism at Long Buckby Baptist Church

## Service Dates for December

Date	Venue	Time	Theme	Leader
1st December	LHA	10.30am	<b>A Model to Follow</b> <b>Proverbs 31:10-31</b> <i>Including The Lord's Supper</i> <i>(NB there is no CAFÉ Church this week)</i>	Tim Edworthy
1st December	WSUC	6.00pm	Praise and Prayer	Tim Edworthy
8th December	LHA	10.30am	<i>Pop up Nativity</i> <i>The Shiny Bright Sparkling Light</i> <i>An opportunity for you to come</i> <i>dressed as king, shepherd,</i> <i>Mary, Joseph etc</i>	Tim Edworthy Matt Forsyth
15th December	LHA	5.00pm (no 10.30am service)	Community Carol Service	Tim Edworthy
22nd December	WSUC	10.30am	Preacher's choice	Tim Edworthy
25th December	WSUC	10.30am	<i>Christmas Day Service</i>	Tim Edworthy
29th December	WSUC	10.30am		Tim Edworthy
5th January	LHA	10.30am	<i>Covenant Service with</i> <i>Communion</i> <i>(no Café church this week)</i>	Tim Edworthy

Venue LHA– Lace Hill Academy WSUC Well Street United Church

Christmas Offerings: - gifts received at our Community Carol Service and Christmas Day Service will be donated to a Charity—more information to follow.

## Where we meet and who we are



The office and mid week activities are based at our building in:  
Well Street. MK18 1ET



On a Sunday morning we meet for worship at :  
Lace Hill Academy, Catchpin Street,  
MK18 7RR

Well Street United Church is an LEP (local ecumenical partnership) of Baptist, Methodist and United Reformed churches. In reality, many of us come from other churches or no church background, but we have felt at home in this church.



As part of our worship we have an offertory box available by the hall door. If you are visiting please feel under no obligation to give.

If you are a regular worshipper please speak to James Knapton or Wendy Collins as to how you can give by Standing Order or online and also about Gift Aid if you are a tax payer.

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