

DIARY FOR DECEMBER

Elder on Duty – Brian Bellwood

Sun	1 st	10.45am	Hybrid Worship for Advent 1 led by Revd Dr Nicola Robinson to include the reception into membership of Claire Calder-Jones
		3.00pm	Christmas Concert by the Leeds Concert Band
Mon	2 nd	11-2pm	Lunch Club
Tue	3 rd	2.15pm	Advent Course at West Park URC LS16 5BB
		7.30pm	Elders' Meeting
Wed	4 th	10.45am	Advent Course at Beeston Hill LS11 8PD
Thu	5 th	11-1pm	Church Café opens for tea/coffee cakes toasties, sandwiches and friendship.
		7.30pm	Advent Course on Zoom – Stainbeck link.
Sun	8 th	10.45am	Hybrid Worship for Advent 2 with Holy Communion led by Revd Angela Hughes
		3.30pm	Christmas Messy Church at Stainbeck
Mon	9 th	11-2pm	Lunch Club
Tue	10 th	2.15pm	Advent Course at West Park URC LS16 5BB
Wed	11 th	10.45am	Advent Course at Beeston Hill LS11 8PD
Thu	12 th	11.30-2.00pm	A festive treat - Christmas Party replaces our regular Café – with thanks to Maureen, the Council, DJ Dan and faithful volunteers.
		7.30pm	Advent Course on Zoom – Stainbeck link
Sat	14 th	10am-3pm	Meanwood Valley Urban Farm
Sun	15 th	10.45pm	Hybrid Worship for Advent 3 led by Revd Jamie Kissack – Moderator of the Yorkshire Synod
		6.00pm	Carols round the Firepits in the Car Park (details below)
Mon	16 th	11-2pm	Lunch Club Christmas Dinner
			The Lunch Club will close for two weeks and re-open on Monday 5th January 2025
Tue	17 th	2.15pm	Advent Course at West Park URC LS16 5BB

7.30pm Blue Christmas on Zoom – Stainbeck link
Wed 18th 10.45am Advent Course at Beeston Hill LS11 8PD
Thu 19th 11-1pm Church Café opens for tea/coffee cakes
toasties, sandwiches and friendship.
7.30pm Advent Course on Zoom – Stainbeck link

The Church Café will close for two weeks and re-open on
Thursday 9th January 2025

The Annual Carol Singing round the estates with InterACT leaving
from Stainbeck Church at 6.30pm (back door)
Followed by hot drinks and mince pies

Sun 22nd 10.45am Hybrid Worship – a Service of Carols and
readings led by the Elders and friends
Mon 23rd 11-2pm Lunch Club Closed
Tue 24th 11.30pm Christmas Eve Midnight Communion led
by Revd Angela Hughes
Wed 25th 10.00am Worship for Christmas Morning will be
led by Revd Dr Nicola Robinson
Thu 26th Café closed
Sun 29th 10.45am Hybrid Worship for Christmas Sunday
led by Ann Coates

DIARY FOR JANUARY 2025

Elder on Duty – Avril Bellwood

Sun 5th 10.45am Hybrid Worship for the New Year led by
Revd Dr Nicola Robinson
Mon 6th 11-2pm Lunch Club
Thu 9th 11-1pm Café opens for tea/coffee, cakes, toasties,
sandwiches and friendship.
7.30pm Thursday Prayers on Zoom
Sun 12th 10.45am Hybrid Worship to include Holy
Communion led by Ann Coates and Angela
Mon 13th 11-2pm Lunch Club

- Thu 16th 11-1pm Café opens for tea/coffee, cakes, toasties, sandwiches and friendship.
7.30pm **Thursday Prayers on Zoom**
- Sun 19th 10.45am **Hybrid Worship for Unity Sunday led by Revd Angela Hughes**
3.30- **Messy Church back at Stainbeck**
5.30pm
- Mon 20th 11-2pm Lunch Club
- Thu 23rd 11-1pm Café opens for tea/coffee, cakes, toasties, sandwiches and friendship.
7.30pm **Thursday Prayers on Zoom**
- Sun 26th 10.45am **Hybrid Worship led by Alex Walker, Elder in Local Leadership at South Leeds**
2-4pm **Launch of The Cabin – see page 12**
- Mon 27th 11-2pm Lunch Club
- Thu 30th 11-1pm Café opens for tea/coffee, cakes, toasties, sandwiches and friendship.
7.30pm **Thursday Prayers on Zoom**

Diary for February

- Sun 2nd 10.45am **Hybrid Worship to include the Church AGM led by Revd Dr Nicola Robinson**
- 9th 10.45am **Hybrid Worship led by Revd Angela Hughes to include Holy Communion and the re-dedication of Elders, Members and Friends.**

A reminder of the Stainbeck link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7019277749> (Meeting ID 7019277749).

WE GET READY FOR CHRISTMAS:

The **MESSY CHURCH** with Nativity on **Sunday 8th December at 3.30pm** – all are welcome. We are back at Stainbeck.

CHRISTMAS PARTY with entertainment, food and opportunity to chat with friends old and new on **Thursday 12th December from 11.30am – 2.00pm.**

CAROLS ROUND the FIREPITS on **Sunday 15th December at 6.00pm** followed by the traditional mince pies and a hot drink.

A **PARTNERSHIP BLUE CHRISTMAS** Service via Zoom on **Tuesday 17th December** starting at **7.30pm**

CAROLS ROUND THE ESTATE on **Thursday 19th December.** All friends invited to join us and if you would like us to sing for you please call Angela on 07752904317. Meet outside the back door at Stainbeck at **6.30pm** and back at Stainbeck for refreshments before **8.00pm!**

MIDNIGHT COMMUNION at **11.30pm** on Christmas Eve followed on **CHRISTMAS** morning by worship at **10.00am.**

All dates should be in the diary – look out for further opportunities to come together – for more detail please contact one of the Elders or Ministers.

At the beginning of **FEBRUARY** we will hold our AGM and take time to look back and reflect on the past year. It hasn't been an easy one on any level; please take time to think and pray as we move from Advent, through Christmas to the Season of Epiphany.

What will our priorities be in 2025? Personal? Yes of course. But also as God's people here at Stainbeck in the city of Leeds. Let us embrace the changes which we each face – individually, but also in our church life and in an ever changing world, remembering that God is with us: *'The Word made flesh'* or as Eugene Peterson puts it in **The Message**, *'The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighbourhood.'*

Christmas Blessings to All