

Stainbeck Church (United Reformed)

OUTLOOK

NOVEMBER 2025



The light shines in the darkness

**Please worship with us:
Sunday Morning at 10.45am
Thursday Prayers on Zoom
at 7.30pm**

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Dear Friends,

People the light shines through

On 1st November, many churches celebrate All Saints Day. Perhaps we don't do this very often in the URC, but I think it's a really important one to mark. Why? Because saints are all around us, in our lives and our world.

So, what is a saint? In the past I used to think that saints were individuals who were perfect in every way and rather distant from our everyday lives. Now, my favourite description of a saint comes from a story about a little girl. She was on a school trip to a nearby church. When she was looking at the stained-glass windows depicting different saints, she exclaimed: "Now I know what a saint is! A saint is a person the light shines through!"

I wonder, can we recognise - and give thanks for - all those people in our lives who have been saints to us. All those individuals who have let the light of God's love shine through - and transformed our lives as a result?

As 1 John 4:12 beautifully expresses: "No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us, and God's love is perfected in us."

When a loved one dies, we deeply grieve their loss. And yet, their light, their legacy of love through words and actions doesn't disappear, it continues to be with us and continues to shape us.

I also believe that we can all be living saints: letting the light shine through us by supporting each other, embracing diversity and creating a world where all are safe and loved.

All Saints for yesterday, today and tomorrow.

In peace, **Nicola**



HERE AND THERE

Looking back

Catherine Whatmough has sent a short update about her first few months as our Administrator: -

I've been in post for a few months now and I hope I'm getting to grips with things. I've spent quite a bit of time going through the compliance certificates we hold and arranging renewal for those about to expire. The Gas Safety Check has been done, as have the Fire Alarm/Fire detection and Emergency Lighting certificates. Fire Extinguishers and Fire Blanket checks are due in December and Portable Appliance Testing (PAT) is due in May. All current and past certificates and documents are now in MAP under 'Compliance'.

I've also been contacting all our hirers and introducing myself as their new point of contact. There have also been various enquiries from potential new hirers, to which I have responded in consultation with Nicola and Angela.

Angela has sent me instructions for printing the Outlook magazine, so I now do that each month. Getting to know the printer/photocopier is a job in itself, but I can now scan documents, after various tech support phone calls to the printer company and help from Adrian, which is very useful. I still need to get properly familiar with how invoicing works here and Emmanuelle is helping with that handover.

I've been made very welcome and I hope I will continue to be able to take some of the admin burden off people who are already doing so much. I am still having to ask a lot of questions, but everyone has been so helpful and supportive.

We say a big **THANK YOU** to Catherine for all the help she is now giving us in lightening our load. ***From our Ministers and Elders.***

An Eco tip follow up from HARVEST:

Go through your fridge and pantry this week and use up any produce which is near its use-by date, to avoid throwing it out later. And try to make this a habit.

Looking Back

Just a taste of the **'Raising the Roof'** event with thanks to all our partners and hirers who supported us.



Looking Forward

There are flyers available in church and details on social media re the performance of **'Mutton'** on **Saturday 22nd November**. Brave Words is a local youth drama group based in Meanwood. Tickets available from QR code on flyer or let Avril or Brian have your name and we will bulk buy. Pay as you feel – suggested donation £10.00.

DIARY FOR NOVEMBER

Elder on Duty – Claire Jones

Sun	2nd	10.45pm	Hybrid Morning Worship led by Revd Angela Hughes – Preacher Professor Haddon Willmer
Mon	3 rd	11-2pm	Lunch Club
Thu	6 th	11-1pm	The Café opens for tea, coffee, toasties, sandwiches, cakes and friendship
		7.30pm	Zoom opens for Partnership Prayers led by Revd Dr Nicola Robinson
Sat	8th	All Day	Partnership Quiet Day at Mirfield
Sun	9th	10.45am	Hybrid Morning Worship with Holy Communion for Remembrance Sunday led by Revd Angela Hughes
Mon	10 th	11-2pm	Lunch Club
Thu	13 th	11-1pm	The Café opens for tea, coffee, toasties, sandwiches, cakes and friendship
		7.30pm	Zoom opens for Thursday prayers led by Ann Coates
Sun	16th	10-45am	Hybrid Morning Worship led by Dan Morrell
		3.30 – 5.00pm	Messy Church – All Welcome
Mon	17 th	11-2pm	Lunch Club
Thu	20 th	11-1pm	The Café opens for tea, coffee, toasties, sandwiches, cakes and friendship
		7.30pm	Zoom opens for Thursday prayers led by Karen Benjamin
Sat	22nd	7.30pm	BRAVE WORDS presents ‘MUTTON’ – more detail page 5
Sun	23rd	10-45am	Hybrid Morning Worship led by Alex Walker, Elder in Leadership at the URC in South Leeds
Mon	24 th	11-2pm	Lunch Club
Tue	23 rd	7.30pm	Elders’ Meeting
Thu	27 th	11-1pm	The Café opens for tea, coffee, toasties, sandwiches, cakes and friendship

7.30pm Zoom opens for Thursday prayers led by Revd Angela Hughes

Sun 30th 10.45am Hybrid Morning Worship for Advent 1 led by Revd Dr Nicola Robinson. A Church Meeting will be held within the context of worship.

2.30pm The Leeds Concert Band will perform at Stainbeck – All welcome to join us.

A reminder of the Stainbeck link:

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



Christmas Concert

Sunday 30th November 2025

2.30pm

Stainbeck Church, LS7 2PP

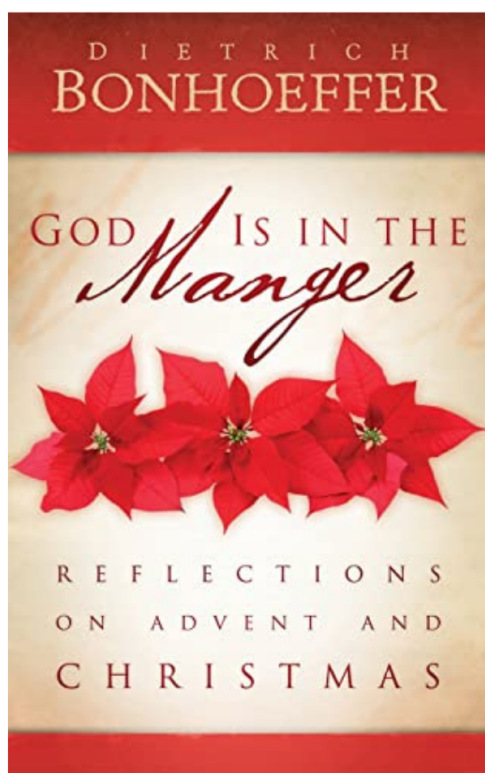
Family Friendly

Tickets £10

Children under 16 free

Refreshments in the interval

God in the Manger: Advent Gatherings



**A
time for
reflection and
discussion
over **three**
weeks,
led by the Leeds
URC Partnership
Ministry Team**

Beginning on:

Monday 1 December 11am, URC in South Leeds, LS10 3LG

Wednesday 3 December 7:30pm, on Zoom

Thursday 4 December 1:30pm, Stainbeck Church, LS7 2PP

**For more information,
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