



# Welcome to Market Drayton Methodist Church

**Sunday 17th December 2023**

## **NATIVITY SERVICE** 10.30AM

SERVICE LED BY

**Rev Roger Baker**

### **We are really pleased to welcome you today!**

- \* If it is your first time with us today, please do make yourself known to one of the church stewards – they will be wearing badges!
- \* This morning's service is a Family service so the children will be staying in church.
- \* A creche is available in the lounge with experienced helpers.
- \* If you would like prayer after the service, please take a seat on the front row and a member of the prayer team will come to you.
- \* Please join us for refreshments in the hall following the service if you are able.

### **Today's Stewards**

Amy Porter  
Steve Richardson

### **The week ahead**

|                       |  |                |               |
|-----------------------|--|----------------|---------------|
| Sunday 17th December  | <b>Nativity Service</b> (Family Service)       | <b>10.30am</b> | <b>MDMC</b>   |
|                       | <b>Junior Fellowship</b>                       | 4.30-6pm       | Hall          |
|                       | <b>TTAAH (Youth Fellowship)</b> (Yr 8+)        | 7-8.30pm       | 41 Hampton Dr |
| Monday                | <b>Ukulele Group</b>                           | 4-4.30pm       | Hall          |
|                       | <b>Explosion</b> (5 years old – school year 3) | 6 - 7pm        | Hall          |
|                       | <b>Fireworks</b> (years 7+)                    | 7.30–8.45pm    | Hall          |
| Tuesday               | <b>Social Hour</b>                             | 2.30pm         | Hall          |
|                       | <b>A Choired Taste</b> (Community Choir)       | 7.30pm         | Hall          |
| Wednesday             |  |                |               |
| Thursday              | <b>Early Morning Prayer Meeting</b>            | 6.30-7am       | MDMC          |
|                       | <b>Toddlers</b>                                | 9.45-11.15am   | Hall          |
|                       | <b>Toddlers</b>                                | 1.15-2.45pm    | Hall          |
|                       | <b>Zoom Prayer Meeting</b> (details below)     | 7-7.30pm       | Online        |
| Friday                |  |                |               |
| Saturday              | <b>NSMYC Reunion Christmas Concert</b>         | 7pm            | MDMC          |
| Sunday 24th Dec       | <b>Traditional Carol Service</b>               | <b>10.30am</b> | <b>MDMC</b>   |
| Monday 25th Dec       | <b>Christmas Day Celebration</b>               | <b>10am</b>    | <b>MDMC</b>   |
| Tuesday 26th December | <b>Boxing Day Walk</b>                         | 10am           | MDMC Carpark  |

*Please note—there are no children's clubs or ukulele clubs on Thursday 21st December*

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*MINISTER*

**Rev Mark Lawrence**

**Room Bookings;**  
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## **REGULAR WORSHIP**

**Sundays in Church**  
10.30AM

## **PRAYER**

**Thursdays in church**  
6.30-7AM

**Thursdays on Zoom**  
7-7.30PM

Meeting ID: 918 5917 6065  
Passcode: 438347

### **#niteblessing**

*If you face a mountain, don't be overwhelmed by its size or strength. Remember, it may be bigger than you, but it can't move or adapt and you can. May you be given grace to make the climb one step at a time. Cherish each victory. Slow and steady wins the race*  
*Malcolm Duncan*

**Life Groups** are an important way of deepening relationships with God and each other, and inviting people to meet Jesus. If you are interested in joining a life group, please speak to one of the leadership.

**Items for the notice sheet** to be sent by end of Thursday to Al Savill, [notices@mdmc.org.uk](mailto:notices@mdmc.org.uk) or 07966295413.

If you are able to save paper & receive this weekly publication via email, please let Al know.

Please take any non-perishable food, hygiene or cleaning items to the Parish Rooms Tues or Fridays 9-10.30am or drop off at supermarkets, or in the green bucket in the church foyer.

<https://marketdrayton.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>



# Notices

## HINSTOCK CHRISTMAS

**EVENTS:** There will be no 'Encounter' at Hinstock Chapel this afternoon, instead we will be joining with friends at St Oswald's for the candlelit Carol Service at 4pm.

On Thursday 21st December, 6.30pm at Hinstock Memorial Hall, there is a Ceilidh Carols outreach. See poster

## MID-WEEK

**COMMUNION:** There won't be a mid-week communion service at MDMC in December—the

next one will be on Wednesday 31st January, 11am at MDMC. All are welcome to this monthly service (last Wednesday of every month).

**MDRL FUNDRAISER MEAL:** A date for your diaries - MD Romania Link will be holding their fundraising 3-course meal at MDMC on Saturday 10th February at 6pm. Further details in the New Year.

**READ THE BIBLE IN 2 YEARS:** If you would like to read the whole Bible but find reading it in a year a bit too much, why not have a go at reading the Bible over 2 years? If you would like the readings to cover the next two years, do let me know and I can email the programme to you. I've just finished a 2 year programme so will be starting it again in 2024! Carolyn. carolyn.lawrence413@gmail.com



**CAP MONEY COURSE:** Everyone is welcome to join us on this free, four week course. Whether you are struggling with your budgeting or just want an MOT for your finances to start the new year, this course is for you. It's fun and accessible to all and there are bacon butties!

Mondays in Jan (8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th) 9.30-11.30am at MDMC. Contact Ali Doulton on 07554738425 to book for you or a friend.

**SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS:** Coffee volunteers still required for Sunday 31st December. Please speak to Al Savill if you can help.

**VOLUNTEER READERS** needed for January—please add your name to any date on the list in the foyer if you would be able to read during a Sunday morning service. Thanks.

**CEILIDH CAROLS**  
Hinstock Connect  
No charge - All Welcome!  
**Thursday 21st December**  
**Hinstock Memorial Hall, 6.30pm.**  
Mince pies, cakes, mulled wine, quizzes, hot chocolate, carols and folk music by the Bearded Brethren!  
Donations for St Oswald's & Tear Fund Christmas Appeal.

St Oswald's, Hinstock. BEARDED Brethren. Encounter @Hinstock Chapel

## CHRISTMAS



17th DEC | 10.30am | MDMC  
Nativity

21st DEC | 6.30pm  
Ceilidh Carols | Hinstock Memorial Hall

23rd DEC | 7pm | MDMC  
Youth Choir Reunion  
Christmas Concert

24th DEC | 10.30am | MDMC  
Christmas Eve Carol Service

25th DEC | 10am | MDMC  
Christmas Day Family Service

26th DEC | 10am | CarPark  
Boxing Day Family Walk

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## Sunday 24th December

10.30am  
Preacher **Roger Baker**  
Worship Leader —  
Reader **Various readers**

Church Stewards **Ailie McGoogan  
Susan Richardson**  
Welcome stewards **Barbara Shingler  
Mike Shingler**

Organ **Ruth Baker**  
Piano  
PA **Belle Fowler**  
Visuals **Derek Wanless**

Creche **Ros Cooper**  
Children & youth **Jeannette W, Rob J, Jess S  
Jo C, Jess R**  
Coffee **Longslow Rd Lifegroup**