

WBCWBC Sundays 20th and 27th December 2020

Welcome to another edition of the WBCWBC, see what's new, and refresh your mind of what you may have already known!

Birthdays:

Wednesday 24th - Noah B
Wednesday 31st Babs B

Keep in touch!

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Online Worship Service www.youtube.com/watchetbaptist
Sunday at 5.40pm with service starting at 6pm.

Start the Week Prayer <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/6196377534>
Monday at 9am for about 40 minutes

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WBCandfriends/>
YouTube: www.youtube.com/watchetbaptist
Website: <https://www.watchetbaptist.org.uk/news>

Weekly Prayer Schedule

Along with this WBCWBC you should find attached our new, weekly WBC prayer schedule. This focuses on issues both close to home and in the wider world. It is a resource to help us focus on similar themes as we each engage with God in prayer, wherever we are, individually or corporately. Huge thanks to Sharon S for producing the schedule.

Advent at the Sanctuary

Christmas is coming and whilst the Sanctuary isn't open for any of its usual activities, something is happening... If you are in Watchet and passing by the Sanctuary don't forget to stop and have a look through the window.

Advent Reflections

As we journey through Advent, Mike is posting a daily 2-minute reflection on YouTube. These can be found here:
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL7qCcXRKAoMoilXrx45_vohc8CPkpd_o6

Journey to Christmas

The Diocese Go Team and friends have created a video Advent Calendar called 'Journey to Christmas'. There will be a short daily video posted on social media every day from 1 December by different characters of the nativity story. Andy & family, Jess & the Exmoor Youth Project, and Danesfield Chaplain Patrick have all got dressed up and taken part, along with Bishop Ruth and a host of others from around Somerset. The aim is to bring a smile to people's faces and to point us to the birth of Jesus being central to our celebrations. Follow Diocese of Bath and Wells on Facebook and Youtube, or @goteamadvisers on Instagram and Twitter. Like and share! #JourneyToChristmas. More info here:

<https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/2020/11/join-us-on-social-media-as-we-journey-to-christmas/>



Journey to Christmas:

Here's a sneak peek of the Shepherds from Watchet on Day 18!

Follow the Star

This year the Churches Together in Watchet and Williton (CTIWW) have put together a special Christmas Trail called 'Follow the Star.' Hidden around Watchet are various characters from the Nativity Story in 10 shops and businesses. Each character tells a part of the story and gives you a clue as to where the next figure might be. Write the name of the shop and the character you find there on the Christmas Trail sheet. So come on down to Watchet, have fun and enjoy following the star! (There will be a small prize for everyone that takes part). Find the instructions, first clue and answer sheet on our website by clicking here: <https://www.watchetbaptist.org.uk/follow-the-star>



So grab yourselves a hot drink and a mince pie and join us from your sofa!

All are welcome! It will be saved on our Youtube Channel so don't worry if you miss the premiere!



Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 20th December 6.00pm

Join our musicians and singers in some well-known carols and hear the familiar readings as the birth of Jesus is re-told by local people - all from the comfort of your own home.

It's all very different this year but we're excited to share this special hour long service with you via Youtube. So grab yourselves a hot drink and a mince pie and join us from your sofa!

Premiering on Youtube at www.youtube.com/watchetbaptist with music and live chat from 5.45pm.

All are welcome. Feel free to invite your friends & neighbours.

Christmas Morning Celebration

Friday 25th December 10.30am

You are invited to our Christmas Day gathering on Zoom.

At 10.30am on 25 December, we'll be opening up our WBC virtual living room and would love to see you all. We'll be singing together, reading the Christmas story and sharing, too.

The Zoom link is the same as ever - <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/6196377534> and we look forward to seeing you! (Christmas jumpers, hats and beard baubles are entirely optional!)

Quantock Foodbank

Just to let you know – the Foodbank will not be accepting donations after **12:00** on **Wednesday 23rd December**. Deliveries will take place as usual on **Christmas Eve** but the Foodbank needs to close at **12:00** to allow thorough cleaning for Methodist Church services, as we are all using the same access to the building currently. We will re-open on **Tuesday 29th** but will not be operating a delivery service in between Christmas and New Year, however we will be available for agencies to collect parcels. This is to enable very faithful but extremely tired Foodbank volunteers and drivers to enjoy the Christmas break, and also give time to prepare parcels for the first week of the New Year without having to work all over the holiday.

Agencies and emergency services have access to parcels at any time, as they can be collected in Williton.

From SWBA: Calling all Children Youth & Families Workers (voluntary and paid)

Firstly, a HUGE ‘Thank You’ for all you do to serve children, families and/or young people in your church and local community. Your service for Jesus through serving others in this way is both appreciated and inspirational!

As a family of churches in the South West Baptist Association, we’d like to encourage and support each other in what can sometimes be a challenging and tiring calling as well as a wonderful joy and privilege. We’d really appreciate you spending 4-5mins completing this short survey to help us understand how we can support you best in the months and years ahead. Please click this link to access the survey –

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/cyf_survey

Thank you!

We also want to tell you about a free training evening that we have scheduled for Thurs 14th Jan, 7-9pm which will be beneficial for all but especially those working with 8-14 year olds. Called ‘**The Emotional Rollercoaster**’, this session will be led by [Transforming Lives for Good](#) and will offer therapeutic responses, approaches and activities to explore emotional health with children and young people aged 8-14 years. It includes the PDF of a fantastic resource with ready-made session plans and will be especially relevant for supporting children who have been impacted by lockdown and COVID-19. More details and booking here - [https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-emotional-rollercoaster-south-west-ba-private-](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-emotional-rollercoaster-south-west-ba-private-event-tickets-128768073775)

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