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Haworth West Lane Baptist Church Newsletter

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*Proclaiming Jesus Christ as Lord
and seeking to serve the community in His name*

Recently I have found myself thinking about gratitude. At the time of writing, the American celebration of Thanksgiving is almost upon us, and Christmas is similarly within reach. Me and Katie currently feel as though we have a lot to be grateful for. We know that so many of you have given so much, both financially and otherwise, to enable us to spend these next two years on placement here at West Lane, and for that we are extremely thankful.

In 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, Paul suggests that we should 'Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you'. I don't know about you, but there have been circumstances in my life in which I have not felt like giving thanks, when life has dealt difficult blows, and things seem to be going wrong.

Yet the truth is that we all have lots to be thankful for. Have you got electricity, and a toilet? Well then you have something to be thankful for. 1.2 billion people in the world don't have access to electricity, 2.3 billion don't have access to a safe place to go to the toilet. I'm not saying that we should ignore our other feelings and just be thankful. When life is difficult it is ok to be upset, to mourn, to be confused etc. However at the same time we are able to be thankful.

And as we remember how privileged we are, I want to encourage us to remember those who are not as fortunate. And I want to encourage us to do something to help. Later on in the notices I have included some instructions for a 'reverse advent calendar', a practical way we can help those in need this Christmas time. I just want to encourage as many of us as possible to take part, and support those in need.

Blessings

Joe Smith

Dates for your Diary at WLBC

Christmas Tree Festival 2pm-5pm 2nd December

Coffee and Theology at Church and Community Office.
Every Thursday - 10am

Social with Rough Nook - A lunch is provided for a small fee.
10th Dec - 10.30am. Join in activities, board games or just make friends.

Film Club White Christmas (U) 10th Dec - at 1pm

Carers Coffee and Cakes and **Cobbles and Clay:** 20th Dec at 1.30pm

Drop in Lunch - Three course meal prepared by Johnnie.
17th December - 12pm NEXT date for your diary – **28th Jan**

Nativity Walk up Main Street.
22nd & 23rd of December 2pm by the Christmas Tree at the bottom of Main Street.

Community Christmas Lunch – From noon at West Lane Baptist Church
Three course meal for those who would be alone at Christmas.

Christmas Services – Dates on the next page.

Future Dates

Church Christmas Lunch – 20th of January: More details to follow

Reverse Advent Calendar

Most children adore receiving an Advent Calendar at the beginning of December because it gets them excited for Santa coming and every surprise that they open on the way is a promise of what's to come.

We want to try something a little different this year, will be taking part in a reverse advent calendar for the Salvation Army food bank. As well as getting a chocolate, we will also be giving something each day.

The idea is quite simple.

1) Make your reverse advent calendar. If you are feeling particularly crafty you might want to make something like the picture, or if not a bag for life will do!



2) Every day during advent add a small donation for the food bank, a list of suggested items is bellow.

3) Drop it off on or before Sunday the 23rd of December, and we will make sure it gets to the Salvation Army.

Items that have been identified as particularly helpful are:
Cereal, vegetables, rice (dry), biscuits, cereal Bars, tinned potatoes, UHT Milk, spaghetti/pasta, tuna, creamed rice, sugar, tinned meats, custard, tea, pasta sauce, Tea, coffee, stewing meat, tinned fruit, soup, baby wipes, nappies, toothpaste, shampoo and shower gel.

Any more questions speak to Joe.

Christmas Lunch

Going to be alone on Christmas day?
Why not join us instead?

A community Christmas meal
To be together at Christmas

Christmas day from 12 Noon.

Speak to Chris or Joe for more details.



Haworth Cinema Club

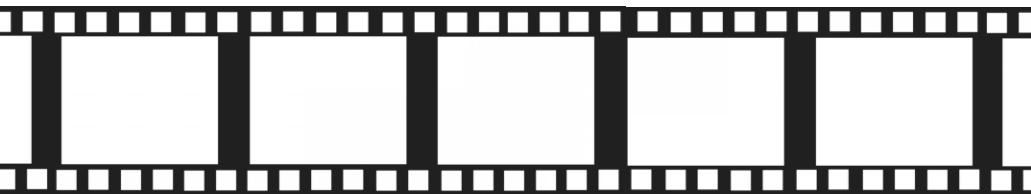
Adults £4 Student & Children £2



Mission Impossible – Fallout (12A) Friday 14th December

Mama Mia! Here We Go Again (PG) Friday 21st December

Incredibles 2 (PG) Christmas Eve Family Special, 2:30pm

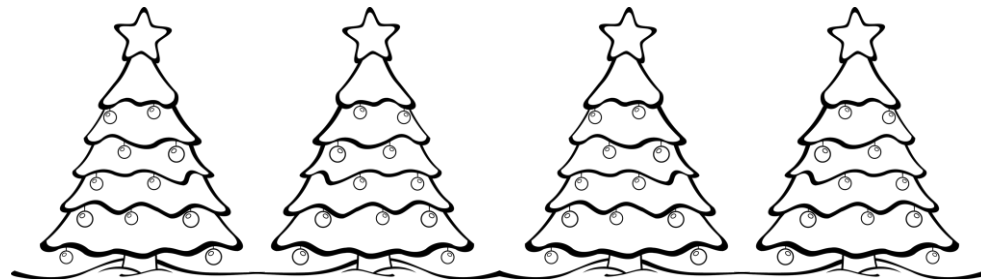


Christmas Tree Festival

Sunday 2nd of December 2pm-5pm

Come along and see all the trees that
have been decorated by the wonderful
variety of users of our Building.

Christmas refreshments will be provided.



Date	Preacher	Deacon	Prayers	Reader	Porch	Coffee	Flowers	Sunday School
2 nd Dec Communion	Chris & Joe	Barbara	Chris L	Sarah	Dave	Hazel B & Sarah W	Sarah (Advent Ring)	All Hands on deck!
9 th Dec	Stocking Service	Pat	Barbara S	Vera	Barbara P	Jude & Barbara & Sharn	John Hopkinson	All Hands on deck!
16 th Dec	Chris & Joe	Hazel	Mags	Chris L	Annie	Barbara C & Debbe C	Marion Armstrong	All Hands on deck!
23 rd Dec	Chris & Joe	Jude	Jude	Rachel	John Milne	Dave W & Rob	Hazel Bottomley	Alternativity
30 th Dec	Chris & Joe	Sarah	Marion	Marie Claire	Viv	Edwina F & Jean W		Hands on deck!

Please arrange a swap if you are not available for any of the duties above.

December Birthday's

2nd Rosemary Jackson, 4th Marilyn Deakin, 7th Melissa Northrop, 13th Jean Holdsworth, 16th Emily Walker, 19th Marion Armstrong, 26th Helen Holmes, 29th Holly Holmes

Christmas Services

We will have our 10:30am service every Sunday in December, as well as the following additional service

Churches together Advent Service – Sunday 2nd December 3:45pm, Our Lady of Lourdes, Ebor Ln, Haworth

Stocking Service - Sunday 9th December 10:30am

Christingle Service – Sunday 16th December 6pm

Alternativity – Sunday 23rd December 4pm

Carol Service – Monday 24th December 5pm

Christmas Day Service – Tuesday 25th December 10am