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SUNDAY 14th DECEMBER 2025 THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

"The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God."

Isaiah Ch. 35 v 1 & 2

10.00 am Mrs. R. Lewis

Readings:-

Isaiah Ch. 35 v 1-10

James Ch. 5 v 7-10 Matthew Ch. 11 v 2-11

Prayer Diary:- Church Council Secretary, Church Council Treasurer, Church Council Reps

and Group I.

SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY 21st December 2025
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT
CAROL SERVICE

10am - Rev. C. Hamilton

Daily Prayer at 9:00am every day (except Sunday): This is now on Microsoft Teams. Just download Teams and you can go straight on to it or use this link https://teams.live.com/meet/9414857191536

EcoShop

The EcoShop is **open on Tuesdays from 10am to 1pm** and we would love you to come along to try us out. You will be able to buy 10 items for £4. Please bring your own bag if you can.

There are 2 bins in the cafe area for donations (nothing perishable please) to be sold in the shop. We look forward to seeing you at the Eco Shop – please support us.

Thanks to everyone for their support of the EcoShop. Packs of 36 weetabix or supermarket's own brand would be welcome too.

We need (empty) 6 pack egg boxes too, please. Cash donations would also be very welcome.

Donations of **bird seed** for the garden would be greatly appreciated



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Refreshments afterwards, a collection for Action for Children. We have a small choir led by our new organist: Gillian Ash.

Come and have a good sing!

Jayne and Ian Brady have a new address:- 25 Elgin Road, Thornaby TS17 9HJ as of 8 December thank you.

STARS FOR MIDDLESBROUGH

Opportunities to drop stars off / attend Star making worship's at the Shop Unit on the ground floor of the MMH building (Linthorpe Road) and also dates to help distribute the stars in Middlesbrough Town Centre.

December 18thStar drop off/star making workshop – SHOP UNIT 10am – 2pm December 20th.21st. 22nd, 23rdSTAR GIVEAWAY DATES (if people want to be involved in this contact Charity for info on meeting places and times.)

DEVELOPMENT WORK

We are approaching the time for us to carry out the next phase of the development work.

We are going to enlarge the entrance foyer into the worship space by installing a glass screen with 3 sets of double glass doors across the worship space with a roof and forming 3 large openings through the wall to the crush hall and replace the vinyl flooring etc. including the vinyl flooring to the worship space. This space will have its own heating and lighting and can be used for various events and booked for separate activities to the main worship space.

Work is planned to start on Monday 12th January 2026 and will take 8-10 weeks, basically up to the Easter 2 weeks holidays. During that period there will be no access to the worship space and Janice is contacting all groups affected to make alternative arrangements. Everything will be moved from the crush hall and worship space before work commences and replaced on completion.

We are also going to install blinds to the upper windows in the worship space in advance of the work on 17-19th December 2025.

Drawings will be put up in the worship space and main hall indicating the proposed works.

Preparatory Work

It is proposed to move all non-essential items not required for worship on Friday 9th January 2026 from 1.00-3.00pm. Everything else to be moved after worship on Sunday 11th January 2026.

Anyone able to assist, please contact Bernard Nixon 07764579481 or contact Janice Lawson on 07977852146 regarding room hire

Some Boots shops are recycling empty tablet blister packs (sure most of us have these!) There will be a box in church if anyone would like to bring them in and I will take them. If anyone has a Boots Reward card and would like to take some packs Boots will add points to the card for your first deposit

PANTO - CINDERELLA

"It's that time of year already! ACTS' cast are hard at work rehearsing for January's Panto - Cinderella! I'm sure you've seen it advertised in this quarter's MEMO. 7th to 9th of January at 7pm and 2pm and 6.30pm on Saturday 10th January. Tickets are selling fast and you don't want to miss out, do you?

As always we support local charities and this year it's 'The Junction', a Redcar based charity that supports young carers.

So please do come along - you'll be very much entertained! There's always great costumes, brilliant songs and hilarious jokes. We look forward to your support."

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Over the past few years, we have compiled a number of Christmas hampers and distributed them to those in most need in the neighborhood.

This year we have decided to support those people who are using the Eco Shop as there is a wider need in the community.

We are going to compile gift bags with treats and distribute them before Christmas.

We are aiming to spend around £10 per bag and hopefully make around 40 bags.

So, this year we are asking for donations towards these gift bags.

Please either give your donations directly to Lesley or put them in an envelope marked Christmas gifts and place them in the collection plate. You could also donate by bank transfer but please make it clear it is for Christmas gifts.

Thank you for your support.

