

Martin Way Methodist Church

Notices for week commencing 29th November 2026

Gift Service - Christian Care Merton Christmas Toy Appeal

Christian Care have been very grateful for our support of their annual Christmas toy appeal in the past and hope we will be able to support them again this year. To this end, you are invited to bring toys, etc to our Cafe Worship / Gift service on Sunday, 6th December. A leaflet is attached which includes details of what is needed plus details of what happens to the Christmas toys and hampers they supply to families. They are seeing lots of need this year with people struggling for food, so come Christmas they imagine things will be very tough. Also attached is their leaflet "*Introducing Christian Care*" for you to read if you are not familiar with the work they do.

Christmas Post Box

Our Christmas postal service will be open from the **6th December** for you to post your Christmas cards to anyone in the church community. Any donations will go to the Methodist Homes for the Aged (MHA). When donating, please consider the cost to send cards via the GPO. Thank you! If there are any questions, please speak to **Amélie**.

Community Christmas Weekend - Open Mic

Come along and join us for our Open Mic at **5pm** after the Christmas Fair on **Saturday 5th December**. Whether you'd like to get up and perform or simply sit back, relax and enjoy the entertainment, everyone is welcome. There will be refreshments available to purchase, along with some delicious hot chips! If you'd like to take part in the Open Mic, **please sign up** so we can add you to the running order. There's absolutely no need to sign up if you'd just like to come along, enjoy the performances and soak up the atmosphere.

A message from the committee

Thank you to everyone who has offered to take part in our weekend festivities. We are looking forward to celebrating with the community. You can come and set your trees up on **Saturday 5th** December from **9am**. Feel free to write a little notice about your group (when you meet, who to contact, etc) to place by your tree. We unfortunately cannot set up before, but if this is a problem for anyone please contact **Anne Conquest** and we will see what we can do.



Bring & Share Christmas Lunch

Join us on **Sunday 6th December**, after Cafe Worship / Gift Service, for a relaxed bring-and-share lunch at Martin Way Methodist Church. There will be a sign-up sheet on the notice board where you can let us know what you'd like to bring to share. It could be a savoury dish, salad, sandwiches, something sweet or whatever you fancy making! After lunch, we'll be holding a short Christmas quiz in aid of **Wimbledon Night Shelter** and **Martin Way Methodist Church**. The quiz is £2 per person and teams can be up to 6 people. So gather your friends, put your Christmas knowledge to the test and join in the fun!

New Sunday Rota

A new quarter, a new rota for Sundays just waiting for you to fill its empty slots! Please consider entering your name against a date and a task where you can serve your fellow friends. Not liking to see an empty slot, the usual suspects feel they need to step in to provide a welcome to the preacher or to prepare and serve refreshments as they don't like to see you go without, which would happen if they didn't step in at the last minute. So, please look at the rota on the wall in the church, see what each task entails and sign up for those where you are able to help. If you are not sure how the refreshments work, ask someone who does it regularly - they would be more than willing to show you how. Thank you.

Local Arrangement Service

For **3rd January** 2027, a local arrangement service has been allotted to us. This means that there isn't a preacher coming to lead worship, and that we need to arrange this among ourselves. We have had these services before, in the past house groups and Sunday Club have led them. If needed, the Methodist Church has resources available for worship that can be used as a foundation for this service. If you are willing to take a lead in this please contact Paul.

Old Hall Chest Freezer

Important notice: the old Hall Chest Freezer is being disposed of due to high electricity costs. If you have items stored in the freezer, kindly contact **Anne Conquest** to arrange for collection and potential alternative storage arrangements by **Sunday 6th December**.



Church Diary for November - December 2026

Sunday	**29th**	**10.30**	**Revd Paul Timmis (Advent Sunday)**
Tuesday	1st	10.30	Coffee and Chat
		19.30	On the Way Course [7]
Wednesday	2nd	11.30	Open Table - our surplus food café
Saturday	5th	from 10.30	Christmas Tree Festival
Sunday	**6th**	**10.30**	**Revd Paul Timmis (Gift Service and Café Worship)**
			Christmas Tree Festival
Tuesday	8th	10.30	Coffee and Chat
Wednesday	9th	11.30	Open Table - our surplus food café
Friday	11th	12.00	Lunch Club
Sunday	**13th**	**10.30**	**Tony Loft**
		18.00	**Revd Paul Timmis (Carols)**
Tuesday	15th	10.30	Coffee and Chat
Wednesday	16th	11.30	Open Table - our surplus food café
Sunday	**20th**	**10.30**	**Revd Paul Timmis/Sunday Club Nativity (Holy Communion)**

Join our WhatsApp Community!

If you haven't already, become a member of our WhatsApp community for all updates via the link https://chat.whatsapp.com/EmM8QekM6tW1StRPGJm7OP or the QR code below:



Fundraise for Martin Way!

It's free and easy! Just visit https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/ and search for Martin Way Methodist Church in the 'support a cause' section. The church will then receive money each time you shop online with certain retailers.