

SUNDAY 14th December 2025



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Toy Service

As I look around my lounge I see a Christmas tree in the window, advent calendars propped up against the TV unit, the characters of the nativity arranged on a table, decorations hanging from the ceiling and Christmas presents starting to pile up in the corner. It all looks very festive and jolly as we approach the biggest day in the Christian calendar. But for some, their houses will remain bleak, cold places this Christmas – some because they are alone and have no-one to celebrate with, some because money is tight this year. I have not been in that situation, so I can't really imagine what it would feel like to wake up on Christmas morning without any gifts to open, without feeling joy and excitement for all the day will bring.

That is why we hold our annual toy service – to bring some love on Christmas Day to those who really need it this year (children and adults), to let them know that someone cares, just as God cares for each of us. We won't know who will receive the gifts we bring, but we do know that someone's day will be made that little bit brighter as a result of our actions today.

Thank you for your generosity.

Paul Heath

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People

This week Bill has been moved to Winterbourne for a time of rehabilitation - for more information, please contact the family. There's lots of illness around at the moment. If you are poorly, please take care of yourself, and if you need anything, please let us know.

Carols in the Square, Christmas Eve

We're still looking for some help - please speak to Colin if you can help. Thanks.

Sunday, 28th December 2025

As in previous years, we will be serving Bacon Baps after worship, just in case you haven't had enough food over the Christmas period.

Kitchen

We are getting ready for Christmas day and there is lots of food in the kitchen and annexe ready for the big day. If you are going in the kitchen, please could you ensure that both the fridge and freezer doors are closed after use. Thanks.

Bulletin over the Christmas break

Please note, there will be no bulletin published on Sunday 28th December.

The Week Ahead

TODAY – Sunday 14th December:

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| 10am | Toy Service – <i>time to wear your Christmas Jumpers!</i>
'Love came down: Love wraps around'
Luke 1:26-33 |
| 12noon | Frontline Carols <i>at Coopers Court & Jenner Court</i> |
| 1pm-4pm | Toy Sorting – <i>anyone welcome to help!</i> |

Last day for the Christmas Card Post Box

Monday 14th through to Thursday 18th December: Toy Appeal Sorting – as required. Please check with your leaders regarding your Extra Slice Group

Tuesday 16th December:

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| 10am – 2pm | Open Doors |
| 10am-11am | Fitness Club |
| 6:30pm-8:30pm | Carolling <i>at Tesco, Yate</i> |

Thursday 18th December:

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| 10am-12noon | Open Doors |
| 12:30pm | Lunch Club |
| 6:30pm-8:30pm | Carolling <i>at The Mall, Cribbs Causeway</i> |

Friday 19th December:

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| 7:30am-12noon | Slimming World Groups |
| 10am-12noon | Open Doors |
| 2pm | Cleaning Hall |

Saturday 20th December:

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| 10am-2pm | Carolling <i>at Sainsbury's, Emersons Green</i> |
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Sunday 21st December:

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| 10am | All Age Worship
'Love came down: love stands with'
Matthew 1: 18-25 |
| 5pm | Main Carol Service
'Love came down' |
| 7pm | Youth Christmas get together <i>at Bristol Citadel</i> |

Dates for the Diary

Here are some other dates that are coming up soon:

Monday 22 nd December	6:30pm Carolling at Tesco's
Christmas Eve	5pm Carols in the Square
Christmas Day	Worship at 11am
Sunday 28 th December	Worship at 10am
Saturday 3 rd January	Band brunch
Sunday 11 th January	Covenant Sunday

Christmas '25
with Staple Hill Salvation Army

Sunday 14th December
10am - All Age Worship

Sunday 21st December
10am - All Age Worship
5pm - Carol Service

Christmas Eve
5pm - Carols in the Square

Christmas Day
11am - Christmas Morning Worship

Love Came Down

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A white silhouette illustration of a nativity scene on a red background. It shows Mary kneeling on the left, Joseph standing on the right holding a staff, and the baby Jesus lying in a manger. A bright star is positioned above the manger.