

# WINCHESTER NEWS

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**Group: Winchester Road Methodist Church**

# Services –November/December

**Sun.6<sup>th</sup> Nov. – Shoe Boxes & JMA:** All Age Worship, and Parade, led by Revd. Stephanie Njeru. At this service the shoeboxes will be dedicated, and awards given to JMA (Junior Mission for All.) collectors.

**Sun. 13<sup>rd</sup> Nov. – Remembrance Sunday:** led by Janet Tweedale. The service will include a 2 minute silence at 11.00 and wreaths will be laid outside by the Wickham Road entrance.

**Sun. 20<sup>th</sup> Nov.** -Led by Revd Norman Grigg

**Sun. 27<sup>th</sup> Nov. 10.30 Communion – (1st Advent)** Revd. Stephanie Njeru  
**6 pm. Circuit Advent Service** at Leytonstone Methodist Church

**Sun. 4<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10.30** – Led by Cynthia Bonds

**3pm 'Hurt to Hope'** 30-minute service led by Revd Stephanie Njeru  
This will be instead of our usual Bereavement Service and will be for all those who find Christmas a difficult time for whatever reason. The church will be open for private prayer from 2.30.

**Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10.30-Communion** Led by Revd Fummey

**4pm Carol Service** Led by Peter Dawe (followed by refreshments  
in the Memorial Hall.)

## OUR MISSION

We are a church at the heart of Highams Park which seeks to discern and follow God's direction. Our aim is to proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour through the life of the church and outreach to the community. We promote worship and fellowship enabling us to grow towards God.

We are an inclusive church where all are welcome.

**OUR STEWARDS:** Senior Steward: Carole Merriman

Stewards: Carol & Dumisani Moyo, Pat Ovenden, Janet Dawe, Samuel Ebdon

**OUR SAFEGUARDING TEAM: - led by Jean Norton**

# Letter from our Minister

Dear Friends,

November is the time for remembrance. On the 1<sup>st</sup> November we have the celebration of 'All Saints' day, and on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 'All Souls' day, for those whom we love and remember. November 11<sup>th</sup> is for the remembrance of those who lost their lives fighting for our freedom.

At 3 Generate our group went to a workshop about war and conflict. We were asked to think about who our sword is and who is our shield. There were a variety of responses. Amongst others, political leaders came up as swords. Our shields tended to be more personal, parents and grandparents, church members, friends, siblings and a personal relationship with Christ.

For some of us, our shields were those who passed on to us their love of God and brought us hope and a feeling of security and safety. Our swords tended to be people who took away joy and left us feeling despondent, frustrated, or apprehensive about the future.

In this season of remembrance, as we look toward the light of Christmas, may we be thankful for those who have shown us the way to Christ, those who have protected us spiritually, physically and emotionally, and influenced us for the better, bringing us the wholeness of life.

We pray for those still living in conflict, especially those families and friends of the Ukrainian Fellowship who are part of our church life. We pray for those people who have not had the shields we have had, and we ask for God's Spirit to be with them. We pray for the Light of the World to show his face to those people in need of him.

With prayers and blessings                      Stephanie

(We particularly pray for some of our visitors from Ukraine who have returned briefly to visit family members.)

Weekly Zoom Prayer Meeting - Mondays 12:30pm  
Weekly Zoom Bible Study - Wednesdays 7:30pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8345484534?pwd=UTBwdWFBaG1qK0k3Yys2a0xjUEY1QT09>

Both on: **Meeting ID: 834 548 4534 Passcode: 158039**  
Landline: 0203 051 2874 United Kingdom

### **Can you help?**

There is now only one Circuit Steward. This makes the Circuit unviable. We need at least six, so the Circuit Leadership team are asking for one Circuit Steward from each church. To enable this to happen, the local church will relieve them of local church duties. The link for the job description is: <https://forestcircuit.vpweb.co.uk/volunteer-job-descriptions>.

The church also urgently needs people to help with a range of essential jobs, including; Church Stewards, Christian Aid (May), World Day of Prayer (Oct/March), Property Maintenance, Door Stewards, Flower Arranging.

Please speak to one of the stewards if you feel you can help.

At Church Council on 18<sup>th</sup> October:

- 1) It was agreed that we would alternate the format for communion. One month there would be a 'coming forward' communion and the next communion would be served to the congregation in the pews.
- 2) Church Council also agreed to allow Same Sex Marriages at Winchester Road by a majority vote. (16/2)
- 3) We will offer a 'Warm Space' for people at set times during the current energy crisis.
- 4) To work towards becoming an 'Eco Friendly Church'. For more information visit: <https://www.methodist.org.uk/climate-change/>

*Eternal God, we pray for those who make vital decisions on behalf of our nations at this time of challenge and uncertainty. We ask that love of neighbour be the guiding principle of those who seek positions of authority. May a desire to seek the welfare of all be central to the ambitions of those who will determine what governance and leadership look like in the days to come.*

*We also pray for those who are suffering because of the current uncertainty. Grant solace to the powerless and hope to the fearful. We ask this in the Name of the One who commands us to love one another as we love ourselves. Amen*



Graham Thompson – President of the Methodist Conference

### **Church Flowers:**

**Sun. 6<sup>th</sup> Nov. – In loving memory of Sheila Saunders**



Harry (Barbara & Peter's grandson) speeding the October newsletter to church last month on the go-cart he made with his Grandad.

## ONE THOUSAND MEN ARE WALKING

In October 2019, Joshua Dyer (aged 14) was tasked at school to write a poem for Remembrance Day. An hour later (without any help) he produced this.

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One thousand men are walking, Walking side by side,  
Singing songs from home, The spirit as their guide.

They walk toward the light milord, they walk towards the sun,  
They smoke and laugh and smile together, no foes to outrun.

These men live on forever.in the hearts of those they saved,  
A nation truly grateful, for the path of peace they saved.

They march as friends and comrades, but they do not march for war,  
step closer to salvation, a tranquil steady corps.

The meadows lit with golden beams, a beacon for the brave,  
The emerald grass untrampled, a reward for what they gave.

They dream of those they left behind, and know the dream of them,  
forever in those poppy fields, there walks one thousand men.

Joshua Dyer (aged  
14) and contributed  
by Kevin Swaine



## Hymns for a Queen

Following the death of Queen Elizabeth on September 8th there were services held in the different parts of the country to give thanks for the life of service which she gave to the country.

The day following her death two

thousand people gathered at St Paul's Cathedral in London. The processional hymn at the beginning of the service was '*All my hope on God is founded*' (StF 455) which is based on a Hymn written in 1680 by one of the leading German Protestant Reformers Joachim Neander who sadly died from tuberculosis aged 30. It became known, thanks to the 19th Century poet Robert Bridges (1844-1930) who, as the choirmaster of his local church in Yattendon (Berkshire) became dissatisfied with the available hymns and decided to publish a collection of 100 hymns called The Yattendon Hymnal. Half of them were written or translated by Bridges. All my hope was his translation and versification of Neander's original. As a young man Bridges served as a doctor in London hospitals before giving up medicine in 1882 to devote his life to poetry and quiet domesticity, becoming Poet Laureate in 1913 until his death in 1930. The late Queen's Christian belief showed that she shared Bridges statement of faith..... '*All my hope on God is founded; He doth still my trust renew. Me through change and chance he guideth only good and only true.*'

Also, the congregation sang one of Charles Wesley's and Methodism's contribution to congregational Hymn singing '*O Thou who camest from above*' (StF 564) a hymn which places Jesus as the inspiration for the Christians life..... '*O Thou who camest from above the pure celestial fire to impart, kindle a flame of sacred love on the mean altar of my heart!*

The hymn was inspired and published in 1762 in a book of short hymns on select passages of the Holy Scriptures, in this case from Leviticus 6 v13 in which God gives instructions to Moses. The fire shall ever be burning on the altar and shall never go out (Leviticus 5 v13 KJV). Though we do not have altars it is perhaps a reminder to us that we should keep the light of a candle burning at Winchester Road.



Wesley wrote....*'There let it for Thy glory burn with inextinguishable blaze.'* (verse 2) The hymn is usually sung to the tune Hereford, written by Samuel Sebastian Wesley, Charles Wesley's grandson who was a noted composer of organ music and served as the organist of Hereford Cathedral. The third congregational hymn sung at St. Paul's, which was also sung at the special service at St Giles in Edinburgh, and at the State Funeral at Westminster Abbey, was the setting of Psalm 23 sung to the tune Crimmond. *'The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.'* Its origins can be traced to a versification of the Old Testament Psalm, probably made by an English Puritan Francis Rous who was a member of parliament during the Cromwellian Period. Later improvements to the text suggest that less than ten percent of the text can be credited to Rous, which is hardly surprising when Rouse began his version with.....*'My shepherd is the living Lord and he that doth me feed How can I then lack anything whereof I stand in need.'*

Compare this with the familiar version in Singing the Faith (480 ) which gives the authorship to The Scottish Psalter of 1929. *'The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want he makes me down to lie in pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by.'* The tune is usually credited to Jessie Irvine the daughter of the Minister of Crimond Church in 1871, though some hymn books name David Grant as composer. He was an experienced musician, who composed the harmony for Jesse's tune. It became popular when it was used at the Wedding of the Queen and Prince Philip. The Scottish service at St. Giles began with the hymn tune generally referred to as the Old Hundredth, a setting of Psalm 100 used by the Protestant followers of John Calvin and published in their collection of hymns called The Geneva Psalter in 1551. The words of the version we sing today were written later by a Scotsman, William Kethe, who fled to Geneva from England to escape the persecutions of Queen Mary I. It closely follows the available translation of the Bible Psalm into English by William Coverdale which begins....*'O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands; serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves. We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture'*. Kethes' version is the first hymn in Singing the Faith verse 1 being.....*'All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice: him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell; come ye before him and rejoice.'*(StF 1)



It was a hymn sung at Queen Elizabeth's coronation. The final hymn at this service was *Glory to God our living song we raise* written by Leith Fisher (1941-2009), a minister of the church of Scotland and member of the Iona Community. A hymn which is not in *Singing the Faith*. *'Glory to God! Our living songs we raise with all your folk of every time and place; with saints both old and new we lift our praise to fill with swelling sound this holy space.'*

The service held in Wales to give thanks for the Queen's life alternated between English and Welsh and the Order of Service offered no translation for the first hymn which was a modern Welsh hymn (1967) written by Rev. W. Rhys Nicholas., *'Tydi a wnaeth y wyrth, O! Grist, Fab Duw, Tydi a roddaist imi flas ar fyw;;Fa gydaist ynof dy Ysbryd Glan,'*

Thanks to Google Search I am able to offer the following translation of these opening lines. *'You did this mighty deed, Oh! Christ God's son, You gave me joy anew the race to run; Your Spirit held and guided me along.'*

There was one very familiar Welsh Hymn, sung with one verse in Welsh, *'Guide me O Thou great Redeemer* (Jehovah in STF 465) and *God is Love let heaven adore him'* (STF 103) which was sung to the familiar Welsh tune Blaenwern.

On September 19th the State Funeral at Westminster Abbey opened with the hymn *'The day Thou gavest Lord is ended* (StF147), a hymn sung less often due to the demise of evening services but is still popular for funerals. With its reference to .....*'The sun that bids us rest is waking, our brethren neath the western sky and the earths' proud empires which, pass away'* making it appropriate for a monarch who held the Commonwealth, rather than Empire in great affection. The Lord is my Shepherd (Crimond, STF 480) was followed by Charles Wesley's hymn *'Love Divine, all loves excelling'* (StF 503), a hymn most Methodists can sing from memory. At the Windsor Committal Service the hymn choice focussed on the Queens faith in God and Jesus. *'All my hope in God is founded'* (StF 455) written by an Anglican priest John Ellerton and *'Christ is made the sure foundation'* (StF 677), the latter being a translation by John Mason Neale of a 7th century monastic Latin Hymn.

Allen Steel, November 2022

## What's On?

### **Grand Christmas Bazaar Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November.**

(See back pages)

Sun. 6<sup>th</sup> Nov. St Anne's Church Larkshall Road, Valentine Singers present: - Ralph Vaughan Williams – Toward the Unknown Region & Bob Chilcott – Five Days that changed the world.

£14 on the door. £12 – students & concessions. (£8 /£6 pre booked)

[www.Valentinesingers.org](http://www.Valentinesingers.org) / 020 8550 4654

Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec. Quiz at St Edmunds in aid of Parkinson's. 7.00 for 7.30.

Tickets £8 including Ploughman's supper. For information please speak to Joyce Roden.

### **News from Waltham Forest Age UK**

There are some new activities taking place at the Hub.

**Monthly Quiz** – from Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October at 2 for a 2:30pm start at The Hub. To book your place please contact Age UK (see below)

**Piano Club** for anyone who would like to take a turn to tinkle the ivories or just listen to the music, maybe even sing along? Tea and biscuits are provided, cost is just £3.50. Wednesdays from 3.15pm to 4.45pm.

**Wellbeing** A new regular morning session. This will consist of a speaker talking about different activities to improve your physical and mental health. From introductory exercise classes, healthy eating demonstrations to social interaction and meditative sessions. Tea provided and time to socialise with other attendees.

**Craft:** A new monthly craft club for knitters, crocheters, stitchers, embroiderers. Bring your handiwork along and have a chat and tea and biscuits with others.

For information contact 020 8558 5512 /[events@ageukwalthamforest.org.uk](mailto:events@ageukwalthamforest.org.uk)

**Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> Dec. Highams Park Christmas Fayre 11.00 -5.00**

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**17<sup>th</sup> December Saturday Coffee/ lunches.** Money raised will be donated to the Bible Society who provide bibles and other resources to groups including the Ukranian community who meet at our church. If you can help, please speak to Janice.

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**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March is The World day of Prayer:** This year the theme is 'I have heard about your Faith' and has been written by women in Taiwan. We will be joining other denominations for a service at All Saints Church in Highams Park. Mary is already planning and there will be more information to come.

### **Christmas Cards**

The post box will be put in church after the bazaar. If you want to send cards to other people in the church, please make sure you put the full name on the envelope. These will be distributed after the carol service on 11<sup>th</sup> December. Donations in lieu of postage will be given to 'Action for Children. If you prefer to write a large card to all, these can be put on the board that will be in the Hub.

### **Waltham Forest Youth for Christ**

We have received a letter of thanks for our gift of £225.

Madie McBride, who we have met and has been leading many of the activities has left. We are asked to remember WFYfC in your prayers that God will lead them in this transition period.



"I don't understand why we always sing him at church," said a little girl. "Why can't we sing some hers?"

## **Eat or Heat, our Local Foodbank**

Debbie, a founder member looks at how it started and has changed.

“When I first retired in 2012, I had some ideas of projects I would like to pursue BUT, early in 2013, I was asked by our vicar to attend a meeting in Leyton about setting up a foodbank as residents in Waltham Forest were beginning to struggle. I went along to meet with representatives from churches across the borough. It was felt that as Waltham Forest is a long thin shape, we would need to set up bases in the north, centre and south of the borough so that clients could get there. A Chingford group was set up and as the ‘Eat or Heat’ foodbank already existed in Walthamstow we decided to become part of them. So, in May 2013, ‘E4 Eat or Heat’ opened. It was based at South Chingford Congregational Church as they had space and availability of Hall time. We opened on Friday mornings. Our first few months saw us with about half a dozen clients each week. Some were single and a few were collecting for families. We had a small cupboard in which to store food. Soon that was not enough and Julia, who was running the foodbank then, persuaded her daughter to swap her church cupboard with us, but that did not last long and so the church kindly built us a cupboard in the corner of the hall giving us two! But guess what, that did not last long either, so they extended that to an enormous cupboard. Now we use that as our main cupboard and the old cupboard to store food with longer ‘best before’ dates.

So, how does it run? On Monday mornings, from 9.30 – 11.00, a group of us are there to receive donations. Most of these come via the churches in Chingford and Highams Park. There are also people who collect from their friends and neighbours, and members of one political party make generous donations as well. When goods are received, they need to be checked and the date written on in large print. They are then stored in the cupboards. We also put aside some items for the Random Table – more of that later. Most of the volunteers are retired with an average age of 75, several considerably older. There are a few younger people who help when they are not working. Once a fortnight we receive items that members of the public have donated in Sainsburys at Low Hall. Those weeks are manic!

On Tuesdays, clients come to collect food parcels. Numbers grew considerably during the first lockdown and for a while we were open twice a week in order to serve everyone referred to us. We are now back down to one morning, seeing around 30 clients each week. Again, there are single people and families, so we are helping about 100 people each week. During lockdown we moved to serving people outside and several areas have grown. We now have fresh fruit and vegetables on a table, which is my area and the 'Random Table' run by Pat from South Chingford Methodist Church. When clients arrive, they are asked to wait and whoever is on the 'desk' will take their name, check they have a referral, and their form is then passed to a volunteer to make up a parcel for them. There is a basic list of items to be given, but before they pack the volunteer will check whether there are any dietary requirements or particular needs. We cannot always meet all requests, as it depends on what has been donated. Once they have their parcel, they come to me to get some fresh greengrocery. We now also give out fresh bread, cheese, eggs and butter which is ordered from Sainsbury's along with the fruit and veg. This is paid for by monetary donations given to us or the main Walthamstow branch.

Then it is time to look at the Random table! What is that I hear you ask? On there are all sorts of items. We get given a variety of things that are not on our basic list. You name it, we have probably had it at some time! Also, items that are a month or two out of date but still fine to eat. We also have a few things like cosmetics and books. We do not have much storage space so cannot take clothes, but small items are welcome. Sometimes we have a glut of things and rather than see it go out of date will offer it as an extra. So, from the Random Table clients can take a few extra items each week. Clients also receive packs of cleaning materials and toiletries on their first visit.

Unfortunately, we cannot use really large packs of food as none of us have the qualifications to put food in smaller packs. But don't worry, these will be passed to other places that provide meals for homeless people, such as 'Christian Kitchen'. We do make up small packs of washing powder to give out. Very few of our clients have cars and with the weight of other food they cannot cope with large packs of anything. For us, small is always best!

After many years of being responsible for the foodbank, Julia decided to give up. Since then, we have been joined by two members from the Walthamstow branch on a Tuesday. We also have a couple of people who can make deliveries. It is not our policy to deliver but we have a few clients who are unwell and cannot get to us. At St Edmunds we also have the 'animal' foodbank, so if people are referred to 'Eat or Heat', they can come and get food for their pets.

There is now a branch in Leytonstone. Each branch follows the same principles but is run slightly differently depending on the circumstances of their location. We are lucky in Chingford. There is space for clients to wait in a peaceful setting, with seats, even when the queue is long. Everyone seems friendly and we rarely have any problems. All the volunteers are there to serve the clients and we treat them as equals and friends. If they have been coming for a while, we know about them and they know a bit about us, so we can ask each other 'how we are getting on'. They know that, although we are busy, there is always time for a joke and a chat. This mutual respect makes for a pleasant time for all, and I can count on one hand the number of clients that have not reciprocated with respect towards the volunteers.

You may be wondering how people are referred. They need to get a referral from a professional person, so social workers, housing officers, doctors, nurses, schools, religious leaders, Citizens Advice Bureau, DWP and police can all make referrals. Each referral lasts for 4 weeks, and clients can have a few referrals before they need to have a break. Hopefully in that time they will have managed to sort out financial support, but this is not always possible. Some of our clients are living in hostels and may not have cooking facilities so all this needs consideration when making up the parcels.

If you think you can help by donating food, toiletries or cleaning materials, please bring it to South Chingford Congregational on a Monday between 9.30 and 11.00 or to your local church or collection point.

I have now been volunteering at the foodbank for 9 years. It has been a busy time but has been a rewarding experience. Not how I saw my retirement at all, but you never know what God has in store for you!"

Debbie Watson

# *Young Church*



3Generate, the Methodist Children and Youth Assembly, took place at the NEC Birmingham from 30 September to 1 October 2022, with over 1,000 young people from across Britain coming together to share in fun, fellowship and to hear the word of God.

Over the 3Generate weekend, young people took part in craft, performances and sport to help them explore their relationship with God and hear what God is saying to them.

James Carver, the Methodist Youth President, commented; "3Generate was absolutely amazing. It was fantastic to see everyone again and hear the voices of children and young people from across the Connexion speaking on many difficult issues both theological and secular."

Worship took place throughout the weekend, with a variety of worship styles and opportunities to discuss and explore faith.

Members of Biscuit Club thoroughly enjoyed their weekend at 3Generate. They came back with more ideas and concerns about a range of issues facing us all.



They took part in a fantastic service, led by Revd John Lampard, on 16<sup>th</sup> October to awareness of some of these issues:

- Racial Justice and Profiling, which we hear about in the news but is still affecting some of our Young People in their everyday lives!
- Climate Change and Pollution. This is something the church will be looking at in regard to becoming an eco-church and we hope the group will be able to lead us forward. As the discussion on this topic showed it is not easy as solutions can create new problems, but nevertheless we can all play our part.
- Inclusion, or lack of inclusion, because of race, gender, disability or sexual orientation. The group spoke about many situations where people are excluded or prevented from living life to the full.

The parable of the widow and the judge (Luke 18 v.1-8) highlights the injustice people face and those who ignore their cries.



Larissa told the story in her own words.

“Close your eyes and imagine, you are witnessing a scene that is unjust, but you cannot do anything as you are not of this world.

The first thing you see is a woman at the door, Ding-dong goes the bell, knock, knock is the only sound she makes. Minutes pass, but you can still hear the ‘knock, knock, knock.’ So do the hours.

Have you heard the saying ‘time flies by when you’re having fun’? That applies to all but her.

After a while she shouts ‘Why do you ignore me? You are meant to bring justice to the world, but you are one of the reasons we need justice!’

‘Help her!’ said a voice. ‘Yeah’ said someone else.

The crowd grew bigger and larger, and she became stronger and brighter. Because of the faith the crowd has, the man behind this door will have to do something about it but for now the crowd will knock as their knuckles bleed.

Open your eyes now and look around at the amazing community. Sure, there are bad people in the world, but we should keep supporting one another. Keep our faith strong so that when Jesus comes again, He’ll be impressed!”

They finished with these prayers.

Dear God, please help us to be aware of current problems and help us to take action so we can take care of the world that you have created for us to live in. Allow us to help others to understand the problems and what we can do to stop them. Amen

(Toby & Larissa)



Loving God, we thank you for continuing to keep us safe and helping us come to church. We pray that you help the world to be a better place and help the youth of today to not be judged by the colour of their skin, and allow them to be able to go out without worrying about racial profiling. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen (Joel)





Dear God, I pray that you will help us all to be more inclusive and accepting of everyone, no matter what our differences. We thank you that the world is becoming more equal for people. I pray that you will help us to recognise how to ensure a future with equal rights for all. Amen (Martha & Davinia)



Jesus encouraged people to be persistent in their prayers for justice, but God cannot solve all these issues without our help.

The young people challenged the congregation to find ways of addressing these issues individually and as a church.

**Let us make these things happen!!!**

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**The Biscuit Club (11+)** normally meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month at 10.30 and on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday from 5.30 – 7.00  
Their next meeting will be 13<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30.

**Cookie Club** (3-11) start in church every Sunday and then go out to room 2 for a session. The service starts at 10.30.

**Creche** (under 3) There are toys and books, in the church, near the Hub for families to sit and let the children play. This means that parents can stay and enjoy the service, although the Well Room is available for use with additional toys.

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*God, we pray for the life blood of our churches that is the children and young people, that they may know you deeper, to experience your love for them through your church and its people.*



## WINCHESTER ROAD CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2022

A reminder that we have our Christmas Bazaar at the end of November. Preparations are in full swing now!

There are many ways that you can get involved – so please take a look at the information below and get in touch if you can help in anyway.

<b>Donations Needed</b>	
Second Hand Toys	Please bring items to the church
DVDs, Computer games	Please bring these to church
Cakes	Please see Sarah Hayward with details of anything you are prepared to make or donate for the cake stalls.
New and Nearly New Items	We will be running a 'Christmas Gifts' stall again this year. Please bring any items to the church.
Jewellery	Please bring this to the church, or pass to Alex Fletcher
Books	Please bring these to church at any point, and leave with the bookstall
Christmas Jumpers	We are trying a new stall this year and selling any pre-loved Christmas Jumpers/Clothing. Please bring these along to the church by Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> November.

<b>Volunteers for help</b>	
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov 9am till 11am	We need a couple of able-bodied people to help move all of the items downstairs to the stalls.
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov 9.30am to 4pm	Volunteers to help serve on the stalls where needed. We have a few stalls that are in need of some additional support – even 1 hour is helpful.
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov at 3.30pm	Help to take down tables, take down the grotto, move items upstairs and generally clear up for approximately 2 hours.

Sarah Hayward

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# **Grand Christmas Bazaar**

**Saturday 26th November  
10am till 3.30pm**

Hot lunches, refreshments, cakes  
Christmas gifts, homemade crafts,  
stationery, jams, sweets & more

**Visit Father Christmas in his grotto**

ENTRANCE £1, CHILDREN FREE



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