



DECEMBER 2019

BRICKNELL TIMES

LETTER FROM THE MINISTER >

REV DAVID SPEIRS

Dear Friends, as I write this letter Advent and then Christmas is just around the corner. This is a time of great activity for the churches I serve. There are carol services and events lined up throughout December as well as the New Year which brings our January Covenant services. Yet among the busyness of the season it is also crucial that we have to reflect and think on what it means for Christ to enter our world as a tiny vulnerable baby. Mary, chosen to bear the Saviour of the world, knew well what the coming of the Messiah meant. Her song of praise, Magnificat, echoes the long established hopes of the Jewish people bound up with the promises of God. "He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever. Luke 1: 52-55. This canticle expresses the radical hope that through Christ, God will institute justice by raising up the lowly and feeding the hungry, part of our prophetic task as Christians to call and seek justice for the poor. As we focus ourselves on Christ, we see the one who demonstrated the reality of God's Kingdom. May our prayers for the poor and vulnerable lead us into action and see a world transformed by Christ's love a Merry Christmas to you all. Blessings David

**SERVICE SUNDAY
MORNING 10.30AM**

1 DECEMBER

NEIL SANDERSON

8 DECEMBER

FAMILY SERVICE

REV DAVID SPEIRS

15 DECEMBER

**MRS JUDITH
EDWARDS**

CAROL SERVICE

22 DECEMBER

REV DAVID SPEIRS

5PM

25 DECEMBER

10AM

REV DAVID SPEIRS

29 DECEMBER

**UNITED SERVICE
AT TRINITY**

10.30AM

5 JANUARY 2020

REV GWEN NEWTON

10.30AM

REGULAR EVENTS FOR THIS MONTH DECEMBER 2019

MONDAY:

10am *Bricknell Belles - Keep Fit for the ladies*
 12 – 3pm *Table Tennis*
 3.30 – 9.30 *Fleur Elizabeth Academy of Dance and Drama*

TUESDAY

8.30am *Toddler Sense*
 2pm – 4pm *Sequence Dance*
 6pm – 9pm *Table Tennis*
 7.45pm *Bricknell Friendship Group fortnightly*
 7.45pm *Choir practice*

WEDNESDAY

9.45am- 11.30 *Busy Bees Toddler Group - 842047*
 3pm *Slimming World*
 3.30pm *Messy Café – all families welcome after school*
 3.30pm – 6pm *Messy Church – all families welcome first Wednesday of month*

THURSDAY

9am – 12.30 *Table Tennis*
 9am – 12 *Office open*
 1pm – 3pm *Social afternoon – games etc., tea and natter all welcome*
 7.30pm *Savoyards*

FRIDAY

10am *Weightwatchers*
 4.30pm *Flex Dance*
 6.30pm *Sequence Dancing*

SATURDAY

9am to 11am *Coffee morning second Saturday of the month*
 2pm to 4pm *Organ concert by Lewis Scott, 2pm £5 per ticket on door 7 Dec*
 7pm *Maureen Hunter Singers concert at Middleton Hall– 7 Dec tickets £10 & £12*

SUNDAY

10.30am *Church Service*
 3pm *Maureen Hunter Singers concert at Middleton Hall 8 Dec - tickets £10 & £12*
 7pm *Sunday Dance Group*

FLOWER ROTA

| Date | Provider | Arrangers | Distributors |
|---------------|----------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Dec | Fiona Lawe & Paul Robinson | Sue Barker | Sandi Readhead |
| 8 Dec | Margaret & Dennis Talbot | Ann Drewery | Margaret Farmery |
| 15 Dec | Plants up until 5 January | | |
| 12 Jan | Jennifer Toyne | Ann Drewery | Margaret Farmery |
| 26 Jan | Mike & Barbara Sykes | Sue Barker | Geoff & Ann Drewery |

Ruth and Robert sent thanks for the flowers and for delivery by Margaret Farmery
Margaret Farmery thanked all for attending coffee morning in aid of Macmillan £652 raised
Stella Matthews collecting used stamps please. **Post Box** available at the front of church
Paul Newman has quiz sheets available. Donation to food banks around this area are needed
 there is a box at the church entrance. **Room Hire:** contact Christine Hook 846557