



# Cole Street Methodist Church

## Weekly Notices

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**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2019**

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

**'Carol Service & Nativity'**

### Welcome

Welcome to Cole Street Methodist Church. We are glad you are able to come to worship here today. If this is your first time at Cole Street, or even at Church, please make sure you speak to a church steward or member if we haven't introduced ourselves first.



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**'A warm welcome awaits you at our Church.'**

### Preachers & Stewards

#### Morning Service

Preachers Today  
Stewards Today  
Christmas Day  
Next Sunday (29<sup>th</sup>)  
Miss R. Moss  
Gary Moss  
Mr T. Dainty-Share  
Rev. B. Evans-Routley (US) (St. James' 10:45am)

#### Evening Service

Carol Service & Nativity  
Hazel Kiteley & Gary Moss  
No Service  
No Service

### Weekly Church Calendar

Please check our online calendar over the Christmas period for updates for church events and external hirers.

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December | Christmas Eve | 4:00pm | Christingle Service  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December | Christmas Day | 10:30am | Christmas Day Worship  
Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December | 10:00am | Interim Working Party & Cleaning Group  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December | 10:45am | United Service at St. James', Pensnett inc. Communion  
Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January | 10:00am | Working Party – Whole church tidy & clean  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January | 10:30am | Family Worship & Sunday School



### Cleaning Group

Thanks to all of the cleaning groups and volunteers who keep the church tidy, safe and ready for use. There will be two volunteer days for cleaning throughout the Christmas period - 28.12.19 & 04.01.20, both at 10am. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

### Flowers

Flowers this week are by Molly Roper in memory of Jim Roper.  
Flowers on January 5<sup>th</sup> will be by Hilda & Peter Bick.

### Birthdays, Celebrations & Congratulations

Jesus Christ	2019	on Christmas Day
Sandra Jewkes	71	on Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> December
Paul Bove	54	on Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> December

### Please remember in your prayers...

Dot Grainger, baby Ellie-Piper, Lillian Pallett, Richard Taylor, Lewis & Marion Cooper, Elaine Poolton, Bernard Hickman, Mark Kelly, Charlie Cowley, Hazel Owen, Don Ralph, Ray & Maggie Dix, Jean Lavender, Mark Wood, Roslyn Grainger, Hazel Dunning & Barbara Crompton.

### Forthcoming Special Services, Events & Meetings

CAROL SERVICE & NATIVITY	Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	4:00pm	Cole Street
CHRISTINGLE	Christmas Eve	4:00pm	Cole Street
CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE	Christmas Day	10:30am	Cole Street
WORKING PARTY	Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	10:00am	Cole Street
MISSION ENABLER MEETING	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	7:00pm	Cole Street
WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	6:30pm	Cole Street

## General Notices

- CAROL SERVICE & NATIVITY** – You are all invited to join in the celebrations at our annual Carol Service & dramatized Nativity this afternoon (Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December) at 4pm. Our show-themed service this year is called 'I'm Gonna Shine' – a dazzling nativity which will kick start your Christmas week of celebrations. A true family service with refreshments served after the event. Please do join us.
- MORNING SERVICE TODAY** – Please note that morning service this morning will be held in the Guild Room. This is so that our Sunday School can use the stage and hall to practise for their forthcoming Carol Service & Nativity.
- CHRISTMAS TREE APPEAL 2019** – The Dudley & Netherton Circuit Church and Society Unit Christmas Tree Appeal this year is in aid of 'Discover U', a local charity based in Wollaston with the aim of 'working with disability, not against it'. Envelopes for this appeal are now available. There are a couple posters on the noticeboard with further information about this year's appeal and about the charity.
- CHRISTINGLE 2019** – Everyone is invited to join us for our annual act of worship on Christmas Eve at 4pm. Come along to remember the 'reason for the season' and enjoy making and lighting your Christingles right before the big day! This service is usually very busy, so please car share where possible and please park responsibly around the surrounding roads if the car park is full. Many thanks.
- CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE** – Our Christmas Day service this year will be led by Mr Tiras Dainty-Share, our Pastoral Outreach Worker. It will be a short service beginning at 10:30am with plenty time to get back home in time for Christmas dinner. We hope you can join us on the celebration day.
- CAROLS IN THE COOL** – A huge thank you to all those who attended Carol in the Cool last weekend. Despite the weather, we persisted and enjoy carols around the fire and a range of garden fireworks to finish the evening. Thank you to everyone who donated money towards our 'Help the Homeless' campaign. Last Sunday evening alone raised around £35.
- CHRISTMAS FAIR DONATION** – There are been an added £100 donation towards the total raised for the Christmas Fair. Thank you to everyone who supported this event.
- MISSION ENABLER MEETING** – As part of Liz Dean's new role within the Circuit, she would like to come and have a conversation with folks from Cole Street to gather ideas and shape how her time allocated to Cole Street could be utilised most effectively. There will be a meeting in the Guild Room on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020 starting at 7pm where members and those associated with Cole Street have the opportunity to engage with Liz. He hope and pray this new role will help to benefit us as a church and people as we seek and endeavour to move forward and do God's will in Darby End.
- CHRISTMAS CARD BOARD** – There is now a board in the Main Hall where any collective Christmas Cards can be pinned. On the board is a particular card of note relating to how a former member of the congregation of Cole Street (back in the 70s), who has since moved to live in Brierley Hill, is finding a calling back to Jesus and to church. He, in his card, has thanked us for the work and worship we are doing here at Cole Street, as it is clearly having a positive effect! Please do take a look.
- CHRISTMAS CARD RECYCLING** – Once the festivities are over and it is time to take down the Christmas cards once more, we hope we can be of help to recycle these into another use. We will have a collection point in the passageway at church with a letterbox for you to post your discarded cards into so that they can be recycled into items such as gift tags.
- NOTICES** – The next set of Church Notices will be published on the first Sunday in the New Year. In the meantime, please keep up to date via our website & our social media pages.



*'May we wish you all a very Merry Christmas & a happy and prosperous New Year from everyone at Cole Street.'*

