

**COCKERTON
METHODIST
CHURCH**

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Wise Men still seek Him



Christmas 2011 newsletter

Sunday – 25th December 2011 – Family Worship

11.00am Worship led by – Rev S White

6.00pm No Service

Sunday – 1st January 2012

10.30am Worship led by – Rev S White

6.00pm No Service

Sunday – 8th January 2012

10.30am Worship led by – Rev S White - Covenant Service

6.00pm Worship led by – Rev D Goodall

To consider prayerfully before the service

“Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:11.

I Saw three ships come sailing in
On Christmas day, on Christmas day;
I saw three ships come sailing in
On Christmas day in the morning.

And what was in those ships all three,
On Christmas day, on Christmas day?
And what was in those ships all three,
On Christmas day in the morning?

Our Saviour Christ and his lady,
On Christmas day, on Christmas day;
Our Saviour Christ and his lady,
On Christmas day in the morning.

Pray whither sailed those ships all three,
On Christmas day, on Christmas day?
Pray whither sailed those ships all three,
On Christmas day in the morning?

O they sailed into Bethlehem,
On Christmas day, on Christmas day;
O they sailed into Bethlehem,
On Christmas day in the morning.

And all the bells on earth shall ring,
On Christmas day, on Christmas day;
And all the bells on earth shall ring,
On Christmas day in the morning.

And all the Angels in Heaven shall sing,
On Christmas day, on Christmas day;
And all the Angels in Heaven shall sing,
On Christmas day in the morning.

And all the Souls on Earth shall sing,
On Christmas day, on Christmas day;
And all the Souls on Earth shall sing,
On Christmas day in the morning.

Then let us all rejoice amain,
On Christmas day, on Christmas day;
Then let us all rejoice amain,
On Christmas day in the morning.

"Breakfast@9: is a collective of people in Darlington who want to explore life and faith together. We are meeting monthly on Sundays 9-10.30am for breakfast, worship and teaching for all ages. We hope to create a space where people can feel supported and challenged in their relationships with God and each other. The dates for the New Year are 15th January, 12th February and 11th March. If you would like to know more about this then speak to Ben or Jenny Connor benandjenny@phonecoop.coop

Prayerline: if you need a prayer, for yourself or others, please contact Brian & Irene Cooper (467573) or Fran Atkinson (356471).

Prayer Focus

This Christmas Day please pray for:

1. Love, joy and peace to spread across this church, this town and throughout the world.
2. The families of Ho as they celebrate the birth of the Saviour of the world.
3. Those who are in need this Christmas – the lonely, the shut-in, the homeless.
4. Those we know who are struggling with ill-health including Josephine Allen, Doug Brown, Gillian Johnson, Kay Tabb, Ivy Pear, Kitty Phillips, Jim Reid, David Nelson, Pat Dean, Gaines Robinson.
5. Nora Naisbitt, David Nelson, Doreen Nelson.

Thanks:

The carol concert with Cockerton Prize Silver Band and the West Park Academy choir raised £341.18 for the Grace Project. A very big thank you to all who came along and supported this annual event and a special thank you to the band and to Mrs Dawber and her enthusiastic choir who give their time and talents so willingly each year and make this concert so special.

Starz Family Service: Are you excited about craft? Do you make an excellent cuppa? Do you want to be involved in God's Mission here in Cockerton? In the New Year we are hoping to start a new form of Family Worship, aimed especially at those who wouldn't normally come along to church. This will be for the whole family, but especially families with under 11's. We will be enjoying singing and stories, and making crafts together, and then having a family tea.

Would you be able to provide refreshments when people arrive? Could you help children cut and stick? Could you help to cook tea? Would you like to come along and join in? If the answer to these questions is yes then please email or call me. We will be getting together after the morning service on 15th January for a quick briefing before we begin on 22nd January 4-6pm. If you can't meet with us on 15th January do email or call me because I can still find a job for you! Grace (grace.outreachworker@gmail.com 07825126176)

Circuit prayer breakfasts take place on 1st Saturday of each month (except August,) see list in foyer for venues. All are welcome. Prayer cards are now available for any concerns to be prayed for. See any steward for further details. The next Breakfast takes place here at Cockerton on 7th January at 8.15am, please come along

Stamps: Please remember to save all your stamps from your Christmas cards, in fact from all your mail all year round! There is a box available in the church entrance, (and a packet in the office,) please leave approx 0.5 centimetre's around the stamp when removing from the envelope.

The Church Christmas Card Display: Once again we are having a Christmas Card Display, all you need to do is to write your greeting on a card and attach it to the tree (in the Church entrance,) which will be available from Sunday 4th December. This is an easy way to remember, with one card, all your Church friends. As you display your card, all we ask is for you to make a donation towards the work of the MRDF (Methodist Relief & Development Fund.) Your donation can be given to Lilian Hamilton or any Steward ~ *thank you for your support.*

Church Christmas cards are now available for distribution to members, friends and neighbours. There are 4 different designs and a few have been printed without details of all the services for anyone who is unable to attend church. Thanks to Dave Shotbolt, a member of the Art Group, for the artwork.

Please note that there will be no notices produced on 1st January 2012

This weeks Church Diary:

Tues 27 Church Walk ~ 11.00am

Further Dates for your Diary

January

Tues 3	Ladies Group Choir ~ 7.30pm
Wed 4	Art Group re-starts ~ 1.15pm in the Upper Hall
Thurs 5	Playgroup re-starts 9.15 – 11.15am
Thurs 5	Wesley Guild ~ 7.30 "Communion service" with Rev S White
Fri 6	Art Group ~ 1.00pm
Sat 7	Circuit Prayer Breakfast ~ 8.15am @ Cockerton
Mon 9	House Fellowship ~ 7.30pm @ 83 Whitby Way (257645)
Tues 10	Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship ~ 1.15pm (356097)
Tues 10	Ladies Group ~ 7.30pm – "First Stop" with Tracy Freeman
Wed 11	Engage ~ 7.30pm

Thurs 12 Westbourne Grove Fellowship ~ 7.30pm (350410)
 Thurs 12 Sue's Fellowship ~ 7.30pm (480521)
 Thurs 12 House Fellowship ~ 7.30pm at 88 Lunedale Road (462196)
 Sun 15 Starz briefing meetings after morning service.
 Mon 16 Women's Fellowship Lunch ~ 12.30pm
 Tues 17 Ladies Group Choir ~ 7.30pm
 Wed 18 Engage ~ 7.30pm
 Thurs 19 Wesley Guild ~ 7.30 "My Music" with Ruth Tulley
 Sat 21 Church Walk ~ 11.00am
 Sat 21 Breakfast & Worship at Bondgate from 9.00am
 Sun 22 First Starz Family meeting ~ 4.00 p.m. in the Lounge
 Mon 23 Women's Fellowship ~ 2.00pm
 Mon 23 House Fellowship ~ 7.30pm @ 83 Whitby Way (257645)
 Tues 24 Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship ~ 1.15pm (356097)
 Tues 24 Ladies Group ~ 7.30pm – "An evening with Harry Bunting"
 Wed 25 Engage ~ 7.30pm
 Thurs 26 Westbourne Grove Fellowship ~ 7.30pm (350410)
 Thurs 26 Sue's Fellowship ~ 7.30pm (480521)
 Thurs 26 House Fellowship ~ 7.30pm at 88 Lunedale Road (462196)
 Mon 30 Women's Fellowship ~ 2.00pm
 Mon 30 Finance Team meeting ~ 7.30pm in the lounge
 Tues 31 Ladies Group Choir ~ 7.30pm

February

Wed 1 Engage ~7.30pm
 Sat 4 'Walk Through the Old Testament' at Bondgate from 10.00am
 Sun 5 Sunday@8@CMC in the church with Phil Hillsdon of King's Church
 Wed 8 Engage ~7.30pm
 Sat 18 Church Walk ~ 11.00am
 Mon 20 Circuit meeting ~ 7.30pm @ Bondgate
 Wed 22 Engage ~7.30pm
 Wed 29 Engage ~7.30pm

Notices: Jan (241124) email jan.cossins@ntlworld.com Deadline: 10.00am - Thursday for Sunday
To put data on the website send it to info@cockertonmethodist.org.uk

Notices via email: For those people who wish to receive a copy of the notices electronically please email jan.cossins@ntlworld.com this will help the environment by saving on paper.
 The notices are also posted on the website <http://www.cockertonmethodist.org.uk>