

Next week at Springdale Sunday 25 December

Church Flowers will be provided by Tony Kelshaw, Brenda Taylor & Jean Hodgson. **Atrium Flowers** will be provided by Ann Humpherson & family in memory of Tom. Thank you.

Stewards on duty – Sheila Evans & Bernard Davis

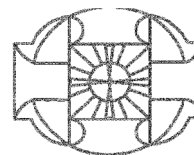
Christmas Day
10.30am – All Age Service

Worship will be led by
Mr David McKinlay

Christmas Day Advent Response The Birth of Christ

We light this candle for the newborn Christ reawakening hope and faith – the Word embodied for our time.

**God, as we receive your promise,
you are light, you are hope.**



Welcome to Springdale Methodist Church

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Sunday 18 December 2011

Thought for the Week:

God is here. Wherever we are, God is here.
There is no place, there can be no place, where He is not.

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10.30am - Junior Church
Nativity

Worship will be led by
Junior Church

Door Stewards – Penny Baldwin
Bible Readers – Junior Church

6.00pm

*Ecumenical Service at United
Reformed Church*

*Carols for Christmas Tree
Festival*

Offertories for the week of Sunday 11 December

Cash	£ 39.37
Envelopes	£ 234.11
Envelope Gift Aid (approx)	£ 58.52
Weekly Standing Orders	£260.00
Standing Orders Gift Aid	£ 65.00
Benevolent Fund	£ 12.00
TOTAL	£669.00 Thank you

Give Light, Give Hope Responses for Lighting Advent Candles

Fourth Sunday of Advent: Mary

We light this candle for all God's mothers, especially Mary saying 'yes' to God's challenge, accepting the pain and joy of an unknown future.
God, as we wait for your promise, give light, give hope.

If you are a visitor and would be interested in knowing more about worship here at Springdale then please have a chat with one of the Church Stewards (who will be wearing a badge) and they should be able to help you. **In cases of special need or illness** please communicate with Robert or Richard as soon as possible (contact details are at the top of this page). **Please pray** for our worship and the preachers today and remember too, all the activities of our church.

Springdale News & Events

***New this week**

***This evening** we share in a Carol Service at Penn United Reformed Church at 6pm at the conclusion of the Penn Churches' Christmas Tree Festival. If you haven't yet visited the Festival to support this new venture from the Penn Churches, then today is your last opportunity.

***Prayer Group 2** will meet at the slightly later time of 12 noon on Wednesday 21st December. If you come early (11am) you would be very welcome to join the poetry group and MS Society celebrating Christmas together with some seasonal poetry. Lesley

***January is 'Covenant' Season!**
1st January 10.30 am is our Methodist Covenant Service, when we respond to John Wesley's invitation to renew our personal relationship with God. Come and make a good start to the New Year!

15th January 6.30pm A repeat of our Methodist Covenant Service for the evening congregation and those who didn't make it on 1st! An invitation has been given to any members of the other Penn Churches who would like to join us.

22nd January 3pm This is the annual service for the renewal of the Covenant relationship between the 4 churches of Penn. This year it will be here at Springdale and the guest preacher will be Mgr Canon Pat McKinney from Stourbridge.

'Come to the Manger': A Christmas Experience in the Old Barn, Whittimere Farm, Bobbington, on Tuesday December 20th at 6:30 p.m. Dress warmly!

Carol Singing - Youth Club Chat are really enthusiastic about carol singing this year and so we are taking them out and about (our usual haunts) on Thursday 22 December at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to join us - and I know many in the locality really look forward to what has become an annual visit! If you can't sing or don't enjoy singing why not come and shake a pot?!

Christmas Eve Orchestra - usual place, usual time! Rehearsal the night before - set up at 6.45 for a 7pm start. Bring your music stands! If you are interested in joining us this year please have a word with me! Rehearsal will be followed by an orchestra social at mine - please let me know if you will be coming. Helen

***Pringles tubes.** Could you please save your pringles tubes over Christmas. They are always useful at Family Hotpot. Please hand any clean tubes with lids to Lesley.

***Greetings Sheet** - Please pick up your greetings sheet today. Many thanks to all those who contributed and to the Art Group who used their talents designing the front and back. Lovely! Outstanding donations can be given to Nicola or Barbara for the development fund.

***Worship Meeting:** Tuesday 3 January, 7.30pm at 46 Lancaster Gardens.

***Poetry Group:** Wednesday 4 January, 10.15am for 10.30am in the Atrium - 'Seasonal'.

***Cake Sale** - Sunday 8th January 2012 after the morning service. All proceeds to the Development Fund.

***Bowling group** Our next meeting will be on Monday 9th January 2012 at 2pm. Please come along and join us if you want to get rid of all that unwanted overweight Christmas excess or just want to relax and enjoy a couple of hours. All will be welcome and previous experience is not necessary.

***A big 'thank you'** to all who came Carol Singing in the Co-op. We raised £60 for Action for Children. Val & Denis.

Other News & Events

***District Ski Trip, Annecy, France:** 11th – 18th February 2012. Places are available for family groups to join the district ski trip, travelling by coach and staying at the youth hostel in Annecy. Families can be as independent as they wish during the week but would be welcome to join the skiing. Please contact John Howard directly, or the district office or chair[at]wsmeth.org.uk before Tuesday 2nd January 2012.

John Howard is hoping to organise a trip for adults to Rwanda in August 2012. He is holding a meeting on Thursday 12th January 2012 at 7:30pm. at Beckminster Methodist Church in Wolverhampton. Full details are on the flyer on the Church notice board.

*Notices for Christmas
Notices will resume on Saturday
8th January 2012, deadline 4th
January.*

*May I wish everyone a joyful &
peaceful Christmas & a
prosperous New Year. Thank you
to everyone for your support.
Angie x*