

*As the **Sunday and Saturday coffee rotas** are soon to be compiled, I have a request to all new members who would like to be included to please let me know as soon as possible if they are willing to join the happy band. Many thanks Barbara G. Tel 01270764113.*

The **Christian Aid coffee morning** last Saturday raised £292 for the work of Christian Aid. Thanks to all who supported us. Deborah and Ann.

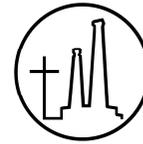
*As you probably know we have a **charity collection** when we have a **communion service**. This money goes to projects supported by **All We Can** and throughout 2018-19 we will be journeying with a community from Malawi, who have been struggling to provide for their families due to failed harvests. There are bookmarks in the pews updating you on some of the work, please take one. Also, please consider getting an alternative Christmas gift from All We Can, especially good for that difficult to buy for person – there are catalogues in the Wesley Centre.*

We had a food parcel recipient last week who is in need of a **washing machine**. If anyone can help, please speak to Karen Foster or send an email to sandbachfoodbank@gmail.com.

*Items for next week's news sheet to
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SUNDAY 9TH DECEMBER ~ ADVENT 2

10:30am **Mr Roger Hunt.**

The Welcomers are **Tina Edmonds** and **Andrea Hargreaves**, the Flowers have been given by **Rose Mary Shirley**, the Reader is **Lis Tresise** and the Organist is **Rob Glassonbury**.

On the second **Advent Banner**, '**PROCLAIM**'. The task of the prophets was to proclaim the word of the Lord. The symbol of an open book (the Bible) shows our continued challenge.

Please join us for **tea** or **coffee** in the Wesley Centre after the service. Followed by:

Christmas Sunday Lunch. Fruit starter ~ turkey lunch ~ home-made sweets ~ cheese & biscuits ~ coffee & mints. Cost £13.00. Help is needed next Saturday to prepare vegetables etc at 10:15 and set up tables at 11:50.

Live your faith – Advent 2:

Imagine a desert. In your mind's eye, gradually draw into it all those you know who are in need. Keep a few moments of silence, then pray: 'God of the desert, bless with your healing touch those in need today. Help them to encounter you in a new way, and to be filled with your Spirit of hope and purpose. Amen.'

This week, in our groups, meetings and homes, **pray** for **Roger Cranmer's** pastoral group: Stephen Davies; Linda Smith; Hilda and Jonathan Tench; John and Margaret Wright. Amen.

This Week:

Tue 11 Dec 2:00pm	Indoor Bowls.
Wed 12 Dec 2:00pm	Craft and Chat.
Thu 13 Dec 9:30am to 11:30am	Baby Group.
9:45am	Midweek Worship ~ led by Norma Stolworthy.
Fri 14 Dec 9:30am to 11:30am	Stepping Stones toddlers.
7:30pm	Wesley Guild ~ social evening ~ Christmas Party.
Sat 15 Dec 9:30am	Mission Area Prayers ~ at Elworth.
10:00am to noon	Coffee Morning.
10:00am	Carol Singing for Action for Children – outside the Town Hall.
7:30pm	Can't Sing Choir Concert in the Wesley Centre – admission £6 includes refreshments – all proceeds for church funds. Please can you provide mince pies and cakes for the refreshments – if so, please contact Kath Walmsley or Margaret Cooke.

From the rosters for today:

Stewards	David Wharton (vestry) and Kath Walmsley (door).
Offertory counters	David Wharton and Peter or Pam Clewlow.
Coffee	Tim and Kath Walmsley and Peter and Susan Hitchinson.
AV operator	Nicholas Tresise.

This Week:

Saturday coffee Linda Smith, Vivien Evans and David Till.

Next Sunday:

Stewards am	Rose Mary Shirley (vestry) and Linda Jones (door).
pm	All available (vestry) and Linda Jones (door).
Organist am	Karen Foster.
pm	Rob Glassonbury.
Welcomers	Stuart and Margaret Blackwell.
Flowers	Marcia Nuttall.
Reader am	Ann Horsfield.
Offertory counters	Rose Mary Shirley and Karen Foster.
Coffee	Stuart and Margaret Blackwell, Sue Charlesworth and Margaret Wright.
AV operator	Nicholas Tresise.

SUNDAY 16TH DECEMBER

10:30am **Mrs Margaret Gleave.**

6:30pm Our **Annual Carol Service**, led by **Rev'd Jeremy Tresise.**
Donations of **mince pies** will be gratefully appreciated.

Further Ahead:

Tue 25 Dec 1:00pm Christmas day community lunch: If you would like to come along please send an email to sandbachchristmasdaylunch25@gmail.com or contact Jeremy on 01270 750078 by the 18th December. Please also let others know who you think would appreciate being able to join us on Christmas day. We would like to give diners a small gift, and we are this year asking for people to donate something to the value of between £5 and £10, wrapped and labelled with whether it is suitable for a lady, a man or either. Please give your gifts to Karen by Sunday 16th December.

Co-op Local Community Fund: The Co-op Local Community Fund helps to support local projects that our members care about. Since its launch in 2017, Co-op members have raised **£39 million** for over 12,000 local causes. We're delighted that **Sandbach Food Bank** will now be able to access this funding opportunity.

Every time our members shop at the Co-op, 1% of what they spend on Co-op branded products and services helps fund community projects. Members can shop at any Co-op Group stores across the UK to raise money for your cause.

Members can choose which causes to support by signing into their membership account or by calling the membership helpline on **0800 023 4708**. Your cause will be available for members to select until **November 2019**.

Please can you support the Food Bank. Karen, Ann and Deborah.