



The Link

The Monthly Newsletter of Marehay
and Waingroves Methodist Church

December 2024

Welcome to The Link which covers all the news and everything that's happening at Marehay and Waingroves Methodist Church (MWMC) during December. Wishing you all a very merry Christmas.

MAREHAY METHODIST CHAPEL



Village coffee

COFFEE.TEA.SCONES.CAKE

LAST THURSDAY OF
THE MONTH 10AM-12PM

Waingroves
**COMMUNITY
CAFE**

**OPEN
FRIDAYS**

10.00 am - 12.00 noon
ALL WELCOME



The next meetings are:

Architect Meetings 12th December 10am Marehay Methodist Church, 11.15 Waingroves
Methodist Church

MWMC leadership meeting 18th December at Marehay Methodist Church 7.30pm

MAREHAY & WAINGROVES METHODIST CHURCH

Stewards Ruth Beresford, Kath Brydon, Viv Walters, Mark Ratcliffe

Enquiries & Bookings Sarah Moss - sarah.mwmc@outlook.com or 07989329944

Prayer Chain Jackie Cracknell (Waingroves) 01773 748843
Christine Aldred (Marehay) 07841 011262

Advent Bible Study

27th November 3pm
4th December 3pm
11th December 3pm
18th December 3pm



**At Codnor Methodist Church
Led by Rev Helen Penfold**

MAREHAY AND WAINGROVES METHODIST CHURCH



PRAYER WALK



For the month of November we will be praying for those who live and work on:

- Church Street
- Pit Lane
- Colliers Court
- Brierley Court
- Orchard Close

About us

Marehay and Waingroves Methodist Church are aiming to walk Marehay, Waingroves and everywhere in between, in small sections, praying for the community as they go. Our Prayer walk in December will be on Saturday 7th at 10.30 am. We will meet at Waingroves Methodist Church

If you are unable to join us but wish to join in, here is a prayer you can use:

Lord God we place our community into your hands. We pray for peace in its streets and in its homes. We pray for healing where there is pain and hurt. We pray for kindness between neighbours. We pray that every child, woman and man will feel loved and accepted. We pray that each one will know your great love for them and your saving grace. Open the hearts of this community to welcome Jesus as Lord and Saviour That our lives may be refreshed and transformed. Today we place this community and our hopes into your hands. Amen

IF YOU HAVE ANY SPECIFIC PRAYER REQUESTS OR REQUIRE FURTHER INFORMATION YOU CAN CONTACT US AT:

- mwmethodist@outlook.com
- Message us on Facebook at Marehay Methodist Church or Waingroves Methodist Church
- Or you can pop a note in either of the church letterboxes



Waingroves Friends & Neighbours Concert Party
invite you to their

CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

An evening of light entertainment, seasonal music, monologues and refreshments

with special guests,
Music Dimension



Tuesday 17 December
7.45 pm

At Waingroves Methodist
Chapel

No charge
Retiring collection for
Action for Children

Embrace the Middle East



MWMC are buying Alternative gifts for “Embrace the Middle East” in advent 2024. This charity supports Middle East Christians who put the love of Christ into practical action, bringing healing and hope.

There are 24 alternative gifts on the list on the notice board. If you can choose a gift or maybe even as a group make a donation towards a gift, this will support those vulnerable people caught up in the terrible conflict which is happening in the Middle East - the birthplace of Jesus.

Waingroves Methodist Church Table Tennis Club Update



Waingroves Table Tennis Player Competes in World Championships

Naomi Coker, a member of Waingroves Table Tennis Club and a student at Heanor Gate Spencer Academy, recently represented England at the U19 World School Championships in Bahrain. The team achieved a 6th-place finish in the competition.

Naomi has previously competed internationally, representing England in the U15 World School Championships in Brazil last year, where her team secured a 4th-place result.

Waingroves Table Tennis Club, based at Waingroves Methodist Church, offers training and playing opportunities for local players. The club focuses on developing skills for players of all ages and abilities.

Naomi's selection for the England team highlights the high standard of play fostered at the club. For more information about the club or to get involved, sessions are held regularly at Waingroves Methodist Church, and new members are always welcome.

Sessions are held on Mondays and Thursdays 7-830pm



2nd Sunday of
Advent

Marehay Methodist
Church

8th December at 6pm

Service led by Christine
Aldred

MAREHAY METHODIST CHURCH



Sunday December 15th 6.00 p.m.

Christmas
Musical Service

Led by Christine Richards
with

MUSICAL DIMENSION

Organist Mark Ratcliffe



Marehay
Methodist
Sunday Club
Invites you
to

The colours
of Christmas
Service

Carol
Service

Sunday 22nd December
at Marehay Methodist
Church

Service Starts
at 6pm

Invite your friends and family to share in this celebration and embrace the spirit of Christmas! Everyone is welcome to attend.

Plus, enjoy complimentary refreshments and mince pies and biscuits after the service.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
TUESDAY 24TH DECEMBER
MAREHAY METHODIST
CHURCH



JOY TO THE WORLD

COME AND JOIN US AT 4PM FOR A FAMILY SERVICE.

JOIN IN WITH OUR LIVE NATIVITY AND CHRISTMAS HYMNS AND SONGS.

COME IN A NATIVITY COSTUME OR BORROW ONE OF OURS WHEN YOU ARRIVE.

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AFTER THE SERVICE

December services at Marehay Methodist Church
Please note there is no service at Marehay on 29th December

Christmas Day Service



Joint MWMC service at Marehay
Methodist Church at 10.15am.

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS!**



Waingroves Methodist Church

CHRISMON TREE SERVICE

Sunday 8 December - 10.45 am

Come, decorate the Christmas Tree with Chrismon Symbols
and reflect on the Advent Season together

ALL WELCOME

Waingroves Methodist Church

Let's Make a Christingle!



Sunday 15 December – 4 pm
Service led by Rev Ann Anderson

All Welcome

Waingroves Methodist Church



CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Sunday 22 December - 6 pm

Waingroves Methodist
Church

Sunday 29th December
10.45am

Service led by

Rev Helen Penfold

All are welcome

December services at Waingroves Methodist Church
Please note the Christmas day Service is a joint service and will be held at
Marehay Methodist church at 10.15am

MWMC Diary Dates November 2024 – August 2025

27th November – Advent Bible Study, Codnor Methodist 3pm
1st December – Joint Circuit Worship Together Advent service at Marehay Methodist Church 10.45am
4th December - Advent Bible Study, Codnor Methodist 3pm
8th December – An advent surprise service at Marehay 6pm
8th December – Christmon tree and toy service at Waingroves 10.45am
11th December - Advent Bible Study, Codnor Methodist 3pm
15th December – Musical Dimension performance at Marehay 6pm
15th December – Christingle Service at Waingroves 4pm
16th December - Waingroves Primary School Christmas assembly 9.30am at Waingroves Methodist Church
18th December - Advent Bible Study, Codnor Methodist 3pm
18th December - MWMC leadership meeting at Marehay 7.30pm
17th December – Christmas Spectacular F&N and Musical Dimension Concert at Waingroves 7.45pm
22nd December – Children’s Christmas Carol Service at Marehay 6pm
22nd December -Carols by Candlelight at Waingroves at 6pm
24th December – Christmas Eve service at Marehay 4pm
25th December – MWMC Joint Christmas day service at Marehay 10.15am
29th December – No Sunday Service at Marehay
5th January 2025 – MWMC Joint Covenant Service at Waingroves 10.45am
6th January – Possible extraordinary Church Council meeting if needed venue and time TBC
16th January – Waingroves planning meeting Time TBC
19th January – Week of prayer for Christian unity Service, Codnor, 11am
21st Jan – World Day of Prayer meeting at Waingroves 2.30pm
29th January - MWMC leadership meeting at Marehay 7.30pm
3rd February – Church Council Meeting, Marehay, 7.30pm
18th, 19th 20th Feb – Stay and Play goes large at Marehay dates and times TBC
7th March – World Day of Prayer service, Waingroves to host 2.30pm
12th March - MWMC leadership meeting at Marehay 7.30pm
14th March – Book sale, Waingroves, 3-4.30 and 6.30-9pm
15th March – Book Sale, Waingroves, 10am-12pm
9th April – Stay and Play goes large at Waingroves 10.30-12pm Lunch served at 12pm
23rd April - MWMC leadership meeting at Marehay 7.30pm
28th May – Stay and Play goes large at Marehay 10.30-12pm Lunch served at 12pm

4th June - MWMC leadership meeting at Marehay 7.30pm
16th July - MWMC leadership meeting at Marehay 7.30pm
11th -14th August - Stay and Play goes large at Waingroves 10.30-12pm Lunch served at 12pm
27th August - MWMC leadership meeting at Marehay 7.30pm

MWMC Vision Programme – Update 1

The MWMC Vision Programme is a series of initiatives to develop the work and witness of the Church and to make our buildings fit for purpose in the modern world.

Although the strategy will be set and all decisions made by the Church Council, it's really important that everyone knows what's happening and feels comfortable expressing their views and contributing to the plans. With this in mind, we're going to publish a monthly update in The Link starting with this one.

The Vision Programme is divided into 5 separate workstreams and the majority of work at the moment is gathering information to enable the Church Council to set direction and make both strategic and financial decisions when it meets in October.

Workstream 1 – Waingroves Property Development

Workstream 1 concerns our building at Waingroves. The church community there have met to determine emerging and future needs that aren't met by the current set up and ways to alleviate pressure as the building is used so much. This includes –

devotional space for when the worship area is in use in the week and on Saturdays; increased storage to release areas for other use; enhancements to the worship area (particularly the acoustics) improvements to the lighting and security arrangements outside.

The site survey for Waingroves has taken place and a meeting is being held at Waingroves Methodist Church with Green 2k Design Architects on Thursday 12th December at 11.15 am. This meeting will inform the Architect in order for them to draw some concept designs which they hope to have to us before Christmas.

Acoustic Consultancy ADT have taken measurements and have provided a document that outlines several options regarding acoustic panels which will be fitted to the walls and ceiling. In the coming months this document needs to be shared and a decision made as to which option is best.

Workstream 2 – Marehay Property Development

Workstream 2 concerns our building at Marehay. The church community there have met to determine action to make the building fully accessible and fit for purpose in the 21st century in order that usage may be increased exponentially as we move forward as a joint church. This includes –

retaining the pulpit and organ as a focal point; establishing a single level between and within the worship area and the school room; replacing the pews and partition wall providing direct level access from outside direct into the worship area and school room.

The site survey for Marehay has taken place and a meeting is being held at Marehay Methodist Church with Green 2k Design Architects on Thursday 12th December at 10 am. This meeting will inform the Architect in order for them to draw some concept designs which they hope to have to us before Christmas.

Workstream 3 – Net Zero

Workstream 3 concerns the target to make MWMC Net Zero by 2030. It is envisaged that environmental features for heating, insulation, water capture and energy generation and storage will be included into both Workstreams 1 and 2 once initial requirements have been confirmed.

A meeting has been held with Phillip Stainer and it is currently being decided if he has capacity in his new role as property manager for the Circuit to support us in the development of this workstream.

Workstream 4 – Community & Outreach Worker

Workstream 4 concerns the requirement to employ more human resources to scope then drive forward the mission and outreach of MWMC. Initial thoughts are this work will contain two major strands –

Getting alongside, enhancing and future proofing existing work Determining current and future needs of the community not currently being met by MWMC (in both in the existing settlements and new housing developments) and commencing work in these areas.

A draft job description is in progress. An approach has been made to Clive Teale both to provide early notification that documents for review and approval will be coming his way and to ask for similar specimen job descriptions he has for similar roles. There is a need to liaise with circuit to determine whether this would be a circuit or MWMC post and with Gill Stamp to understand budgetary considerations.

Workstream 5 – Sanctuary Project

Workstream 5 challenges MWMC to look beyond our traditional work and geographical boundaries to consider how our premises, funds and other spare resources could be used to benefit the most vulnerable people in society. This workstream is very much at the ‘ideas’ stage at the moment and, in order to assist our thoughts, Sarah is undertaking two strands of research

One, to determine what needs exist within Derbyshire, what agencies exist, what they do and potential for MWMC to support or for them to support MWMC. Two, to determine what other Methodist Churches are doing within the safe and sanctuary ‘space’ and what could be realistic for us to replicate in our setting

It’s vital we know our thoughts, ideas and concerns on any part of the Vision Programme – especially at the moment as no firm decisions have been made so there’s scope to change everything. If you do have any feedback, please see or send this to Sarah who will ensure it’s shared with the whole MWMC community. Thank you.

This research is still being undertaken.

	Marehay			Waingroves			Elsewhere
	Chapel	School Room	Wesley Room	Chapel	School Room	Foyer	
Su 1	10.45am – Worship Together Service Rev Helen Penfold	9-10 Sunday Club		At Marehay	No Sunday School		
Mo 2				1.30-2.30 Exercise Class	7.00pm Table Tennis		
Tu 3		7-9pm Musical Dimension		10-30-11.30 Dance			
Wd 4		9.30-11 Stay and Play		1.15-2.45 Stay and Play 4-8.30pm Slimming World			3pm Advent Bible Study Codnor Methodist
Th 5				7.30 Band	7.00pm Table Tennis		
Fr 6						10.00–12.00 Community Cafe	
Sa 7							10.30- Prayer Walk meet at Waingroves Methodist Church
Su 8	6pm Advent Service led by Christine Aldred	No Sunday Club		10.45am Chrismon Tree Service	10.45 Sunday School		
Mo 9				1.30-2.30 Exercise Class 7-9 Drama Group panto rehearsal	7.00pm Table Tennis		
Tu 10	Street Lane Nativity All Day	7-9pm Musical Dimension		7.45 F&N			
Wd11		9.30-11 Stay and Play 11.15 – Marehay Property Meeting		1.15-2.45 Stay and Play 4-8.30pm Slimming World			3pm Advent Bible Study Codnor Methodist
Th 12		10-11 Architect Visit 6.30-8pm – Craft Club		11.15-12.15 Architect Meeting 7.30 Band	7.00pm Table Tennis		
Fr 13						10.00am–12.00pm Community Café	
Sa14				2.30-5.30 Private Party			10am Litter Pick WCC 10.30 Prayer call
Su 15	6pm Service led by Musical Dimension	9-10 – Sunday Club carol concert rehearsal		4pm Christingle Service led by Rev Ann Anderson	No Sunday School		
Mo 16				1.30-2.30 Exercise Class	7.00 Table Tennis		
Tu 17				7.45pm Christmas Spectacular			
Wd18		9.30-11 Stay and Play 7.30pm MWMC Leadership meeting		1.15-2.45 Stay and Play 4-8.30pm Slimming World			3pm Advent Bible Study Codnor Methodist

Th 19		Carol singing with Marehay Community Trust		7.30 Band	7.00 Table Tennis		
Fr 20						10.00am–12.00pm Community Café	
Sa 21							10.30 Prayer call
Su 22	6pm Service led by Rev Helen Penfold and Sunday Club	9-10 – Sunday Club carol concert rehearsal		6pm Carols by Candlelight	No Sunday School		
Mo 23					7.00 Table Tennis		
Tu 24	4pm Christmas Eve Family Service						
Wd 25	10.15 – Joint Christmas Day Service			At Marehay			
Th 26							
Fr 27							
Sa 28							10.30am Prayer Call
Su 29	No service	No Sunday Club		10.45 Service led by Rev Helen Penfold	10.45 Sunday School		
Mo 30							
Tu 31							

SATURDAY MORNING PRAYER CALL

An invitation is extended to all to meet virtually at 10.30 am each Saturday morning to pray for common concerns across the community, country and world. (N.B. The first Saturday of Each month in a prayer walk at 10.30)
 We use Zoom to connect - you do not need any special equipment and can join from anywhere by dialling a number from your landline or mobile phone or using the Zoom app from your smartphone, tablet, laptop, or pc.
 Instructions how to join are issued each week. If you wish to receive details, please let Mark, John, Ruth, or Kath know.



Saturday 7th December
from 10am to 3pm
at Ilkeston Methodist Church, Wilmot St



Festival of Christmas Trees
Free entry

A magical display of trees decorated to represent the theme Christmas around the World



Festive refreshments on sale, including drinks, hot food and mince pies

Tombola



Live music

Memorial tree to remember loved ones



You are invited to Muddy Church,

Christmas Pilgrimage

Nether Heage Methodist Church | Sun. 01/12/24
2pm to 3.30pm

Muddy Church is a place for people of all ages to gather together, outside and to connect with God and the space. A fun and engaging place, enjoying creation, nature and being together.

Each month is based on a theme or story from the Bible. This month, we will gather together for a Christmas Pilgrimage a "wander and wonder" around the grounds of Nether Heage. Have you ever noticed how many journeys take place in the Christmas story? and how much of it takes place outside!

As we wander, we will share with one another. Muddy Church is an open space where conversation is key—a place free from judgment, where questions and wonder are welcomed.

The beauty of Muddy Church is nature and, with that, unpredictability; please come prepared for the weather and wear durable shoes. Nether Heage grounds are on a steep slope. If the weather is poor the activity will go ahead inside but this will be the last resort.

Please bring a reusable cup if you have one; if not a cup will be provided.

Location: Slack Ln, Nether Heage, Belper DE56 2JU
 Parking: Free parking on the road, please be considerate of neighbours. A small amount of parking is available in the church car park.
 Children must be supervised by an adult.

Save the date of Autumn/ Winter Muddy Church: Dec 1st, Jan 26th and Feb 23rd.

For more information: roanna.outreach@gmail.com



Circuit and District News

Peace Light from Bethlehem

Service

- **Date:** Wednesday 18th December
- **Time:** 18:00
- **Location:** Trinity at Mansfield Woodhouse.



- We are seeking a representative from each circuit/church to come and attend this service to receive the Peace Light
- They will then carry the 'Peace Light' to cascade to the church(es)

Carrying the Peace Light away.

We recommend a Lantern with a new Tea Light candle as this should easily burn for about 3-4 hours. (I always carry a spare Tea Light just in case - but never needed it so far). It needs a passenger to carry the lantern once the light has been transferred

Alternatively, a Sanctuary 7-8 day candle can be used - but again, it needs to be carried by a passenger, plus it can be easily blown out by the wind. Some people do use a Miner's Lantern. We will not light anything that we may consider unsafe.

People need to consider how they will keep the flame safe and prolonged. Once the flame has extinguished, it cannot be relit unless lit from another kindled Peace Light Flame. Lighting from another source invalidates it being The Peace Light.

The Peace Light Website: www.peacelight.org.uk
see also Wikipedia for the Peace Light



Waingroves Community Woodland Trust



Our Woodland Christmas pop-up shop will be 'popping up' on Saturday 7th December 10am till 2pm next to the containers at the top of Pit Lane.



We will be selling woodland merchandise including:-

- 2025 Calendars - £6.00
- Christmas cards - £1.50 per pack of 6
- Woodland Pens - £2.00
- Shopping Bags - £3.00
- Woodland Mugs - £3.00
- Re-useable Pint Mugs - £2.00
- Fridge Magnets - Donations
- Local History Books
- Wayngrid to Waingroves - £7.50
- History of Codnor Castle - £5.00



Also renew your woodland lottery subscription for 2025



waingroveswood.com/woodland-shop



CHRISTMAS FILM NIGHT



FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER @ THE DWELLING PLACE

JOIN US AT 5PM FOR A HOT DOG TEA

THEN SETTLE DOWN WITH POPCORN AND A SWEET TREAT TO WATCH

THE STAR - THE STORY OF THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

VENUE: THE DWELLING PLACE

MANSFIELD ROAD, HEANOR

DE75 7AQ

**FREE EVENT
DONATIONS APPRECIATED**