

December 2025

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 Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.





The next meetings are:

There are no meetings in December 2025

MAREHAY & WAINGROVES METHODIST CHURCH

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& Bookings

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Marehay Methodist December Services





MAREHAY METHODIST CHURCH

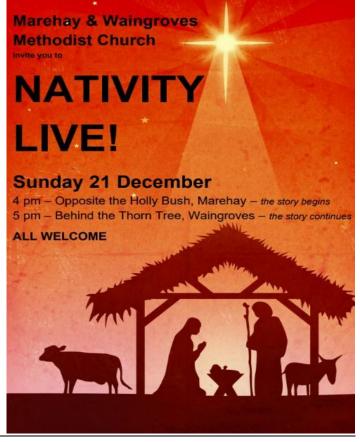


Sunday December 14th 6.00 p.m.

Christmas Musical Service

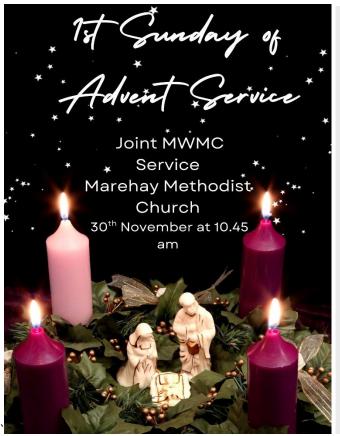
Led by Christine Richards



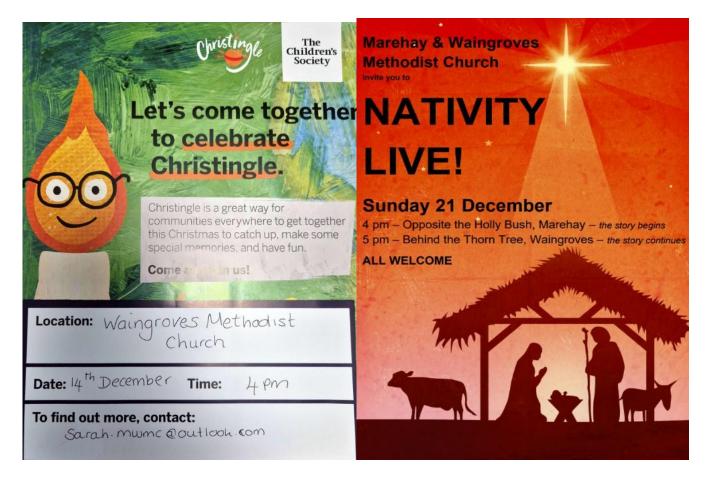


Other Services at Marehay Methodist Church 21st December at 10.45am 24th December Carols by Candlelight Service at 4pm

Waingroves Methodist December Services







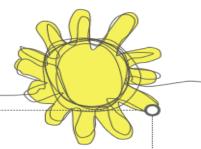
Other Services at Waingroves Methodist Church 28th December Service led by Rev Helen Penfold. 10.45am



Marehay and Waingroves Methodist Church United service. At Waingroves Methodist Church



CHRISTMAS DAY FAMILY SERVICE



Thursday 25th December 10.45 am

Bring along a poem or reading to share, a carol to sing and, if you are fortunate enough, a present you have received to show.
Offertory for Action for Children



WAINGROVES METHODIST CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR THE OVER 55'S

October - December 2025

(Every Wednesday)

10.00am - 12.00noon

DATE	ACTIVITY/EVENT				
1≝ October	Sanctuary Bereavement Group 10am-12noon				
8th October	Art & Crafts Morning				
15th October	Quiz Morning				
22 nd October	Musical Fun				
29th October	Games & Puzzles				
5th November	Sanctuary Bereavement Group 10am-12noon				
12th November	Art & Crafts Morning				
19th November	Quiz Morning				
26th November	Games & Puzzles				
3 rd December	Sanctuary Bereavement Group 10am-12noon				
10th December	Christmas Film				
17th December	Christmas Quiz & Food				
24th December	Christmas Eve - no event				

For More Information Contact:

Alison Wood (CAMEO Pioneer Worker)

Telephone: 07791 960 228

Email: cameo.mdmc@btinternet.com

If you have a problem, Citizens Advice is here for you.

Our Outreach Adviser can help you find solutions.

Our advice sessions are available at:

Waingroves Methodist Church on Friday mornings.

Drop-in service. 10am - 12pm

24th October 2025
 14th November 2025
 12th December 2025
 15th May 2026
 16th January 2026
 12th June 2026
 13th February 2026

For urgent advice call our freephone Adviceline

0808 278 7954

Open Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm





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Drop-in service. Wesley Room, 10am - 12pm

 30th October 2025
 26th March 2026

 27th November 2025
 30th April 2026

 29th January 2026
 28th May 2026

 26th February 2026
 25th June 2026

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YOU ARE INVITED TO A CHRISTMAS PARTY

AT MWMC (Waingroves) METHODIST CHURCH

17th December 2025 - 10am - 12noon



BRING ALONG SOME FESTIVE FOOD SO WE CAN ALL SHARE TOGETHER (drinks provided)

GAMES, FUN, 'BILL The MAGICIAN' AND FESTIVE CHEER
DONATIONS WELCOME ON THE DAY



Our Bank is now introducing charges for processing cash and cheque transactions. Because of this, we want to reassure you that cash and cheque payments will still be accepted, but to help us reduce these additional costs, our preference is for direct bank transfers and other automated payment methods wherever possible.

By choosing these methods, if you are able, you'll be helping us ensure more of our funds are available for the mission and work of the Church rather than going towards bank fees.

We are very grateful for your continued support and understanding as we do our best to steward the Church's resources wisely.



THANK YOU

Marehay & Waingroves Methodist Church

SZ boxes!

Thank you so much for the donation of your boxes, which will be going to the poorest children in Eastern Europe. You have made this Christmas one to remember!



Dave Cooke

Dave Cooke

Teaching - Transforming - Treatment - Teams - Training

Teams4U is a registered charity No. 1114131 PO BOX 2252, Wrexham, LL11 0BY

www.teams4u.com

Fund for Human Need

Charity Registration No. 208866 Patron: The Rt Hon. The Lord Boateng

Mr M Ratcliffe 189 Church Street Waingroves Ripley DE5 9TF

27.10.2025

Dear Mark and all at Marehay and Waingroves Methodist Church,

Thank you so much for the kind and generous donation to the Fund for Human Need (£200) and the kind inclusion of postage.

For lots of different reasons recent months have seen demand for our small awards increase yet again.

With the pressure on household budgets, we are especially concerned about the number of essential workers who have visas but then are not provided with sufficient working hours to provide a decent wage.

We are also still seeing lots referrals from Citizens Advice, Doctors practices and NHS trusts unable to turn elsewhere for desperate patients and clients.

On behalf of all those in distress including the homeless, refugees and asylum seekers your support for the work of the Fund in responding to human need is greatly appreciated.

Thank you not just for the donation but also for your support and encouragement for what we do.

With all good wishes,

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Gill Mason (Admin) and all at FHN

MWMC Church Diary September-December 2025 31st October – Stay and Play goes Large at Marehay 4-5.30pm 1st November - Book Sale at Waingroves 10am-12pm 5th November – MWMC Property Committee Meeting Waingroves 7.30pm 9th November – Joint Remembrance service at Waingroves 10.45am 14th November – Citizens advice session at Waingroves 10am-12pm 19th November – MWMC meeting at Waingroves 7.30pm 22nd November – WCA evening choir event at Waingroves time 7pm 22nd November - Soup and Sweet at Marehay Methodist Church 12-2pm 25th November – Guides Christmas Fayre at Waingroves, F&N at Waingroves Community Centre 27th November - Village Coffee at Marehay Methodist Church 10am-12pmand Citizen advice session in the Wesley Room 10am-12pm 28th November – setting up for Christmas Shopping morning all day and Vulcana servicing gas heaters at Marehay 12pm 29th November – Christmas shopping morning at Marehay. 10-1pm 30th November – Joint own arrangement for advent Sunday at Marehay 10.45am 7th December - Circuit Worship Together and Christmas Tree Service at Waingroves 10.45am 8th December – Street Lane at Marehay all day for Christmas Carol Concert 14th December – Musical Dimension Christmas Service at Marehay Methodist Church 6pm 14th December – Waingroves Christingle service 4pm 15th December – Waingroves Primary to Waingroves for Carol concert 9.15 am 16th December – Christmas Spectacular, Waingroves, 7.45pm 18th December – Carol singing in Marehay – Meet at Weston Spot time 6.30pm also Rotary Santa in Marehay 21st December – service at Marehay at 10.45am 21st December – Open air Nativity Service details 4pm in opposite the Holly Bush in Marehay and 5pm behind the Thorn Tree at Waingroves.

24th December – Carols by Candlelight service at Marehay 4pm

25th December – Joint Christmas Day Service at Waingroves 10.45am

MWMC Vision Programme – Update

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 has met to determine emerging and future needs that aren't met by the current setup 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.

Progress Update:

Two planning conditions relating to the installation of the solar panels and the provision of bat and bird boxes were not discharged in time, by the architect, for the scheduled solar panel installation on 17 November. As a result, the panels could not be installed as planned. They have instead been safely stored and all preparatory works have been completed so that installation can proceed once the conditions are formally discharged in approximately 6-8 week's time.

The acoustic panels have now been fitted, and their performance was tested during a recent concert. Feedback from performers and audience members has been very positive, with many noting a significant improvement in sound quality.

The tender for the main building works has been issued to selected contractors, with responses due by 12 December. Following this, the contractor selection process will begin. Subject to the chosen contractor's availability, work is expected to commence shortly after Christmas.

Workstream 2 – Marehay Property Development

Workstream 2 concerns our building at Marehay. The church community there has 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 directly into the worship area and school room.
- A ramp to allow access into the building from the pavement
- The removal of the garage in the centre of the garden which contains asbestos.
- An extension to the back of the Wesley room to store large items such as tables and equipment not used regularly and to include a toilet facility that is accessible to the community gardeners from the garden.
- Better storage in the School Room, Church and Wesley Room

Progress Update:

At Marehay, a scheme of work has now been scoped, and this information has been passed to the quantity surveyor, who is currently preparing costings for the full scheme. Once these costings are complete, we will have a comprehensive set of information to support an informed discussion about how best to move the project forward.

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 in both Workstreams 1 and 2 once initial requirements have been confirmed.

Progress Update:

Work in this work stream is being incorporated into the schemes for work streams 1 and 2

Workstream 4 - Community & Outreach Worker

Workstream 4 concerns the requirement to employ more human resources to scope and 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 (both in existing settlements and new housing developments) and commencing work in these areas.

Progress Update:

The CAMEO activities are progressing really well, with attendees enjoying a varied programme including craft sessions, quizzes, musical fun, games, and puzzles. Sessions are now regularly attracting an average of 10 people, and we ask for your continued prayers that these session will grow and flourish in the months ahead. Meanwhile, our Youth and Families Worker, Hannah has only had one attendee to the drama group and so this session has been put on hold until after Christmas. Hannah has however contacted Street Lane Primary school who have invited her into school during assembly to discuss the drama group and so we will share any information about the group starting up again when we have it.

These sessions bring us opportunities to serve and connect with our community and anyone who wants to volunteer at these sessions will be gladly welcomed. Please ask the Church administrator for more information.

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.

Progress Update:

The new extension at Waingroves will be called the Sanctuary and so this element of the vision programme will form part of workstream one once the extension has been built.

	Marehay			Waingroves			Fleerwhere
	Chapel	School Room	Wesley Room	Chapel	School Room	Foyer	Elsewhere
Mo1		5.15-7.15 – Slimming World			6.30pm Table Tennis	6.30pm Table Tennis	
Tu 2		10-12 – Liver Lantern		10-30-11.30 Dance			
		Support Group		1.30-2.30 Exercise Class			
		7-8 Musical Dimension					
Wd 3		9.30-11 – Stay and play		1.15-2.45 Stay and Play	10-12 Bereavement		3pm Advent Bible study
	7pm Circuit Meeting		4-8.30pm Slimming World	Group		Codnor	
Th 4		7-8 Box fit``		7.30 Band	7.00pm Table Tennis		
Fr 5				2pm Wreath Making		10.00–12.00 Community	
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Sa 6				11-1 Private Party			10.30 Prayer Walk Meet at
							Waingroves Methodist Church
Su 7	10.45 Joint Chrismon Tree	9-10 Sunday Club		10.45 Joint Chrismon Tree	10.45 Sunday School		
	service at Waingroves led	·		service at Waingroves led	·		
	by Rev Helen Penfold			by Rev Helen Penfold			
Mo 8	Street Lane Primary in all day 5.15-7.15 – Slimming World				6.30 Table Tennis	6.30 Table Tennis	
Tu 9		10-11 CAMEO Chair		1.30-2.30 Exercise Class			
		based Exercise		7.45 F&N			
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		7-8 – Boxfit exercise Class		4-6.50pm Silmming World			Codnor
Th11		6.30-8pm Craft Club		7.30 Band	7.00 Table Tennis		
Fr 12				6-8.30 Sound Healing	10-12 Citizens Advice	10.00–12.00 Community	
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Sa 13			9.30-12pm Bible Art				10am Litter Pick WCC
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Su 14	6pm Musical Dimension Service	9-10 Sunday Club		4pm Christingle Service	No Sunday School		
Mo 15		5.15-7.15 – Slimming World			6.30 Table Tennis	6.30 Table Tennis	
Tu 16		10-11 CAMEO Chair		7.45 F&N Christmas			
		based Exercise		Spectacular			
		7-8 Musical Dimension	<u> </u>				
Wd 17		9.30-11 – Stay and play		1.15-2.45 Stay and Play		10-12 CAMEO activities	3pm Advent Bible study
		7-8 – Boxfit exercise Clas	S	4-8.30pm Slimming World			Codnor

Th 18			7.30 Band	7.00 Table Tennis		MCT Carol singing and
111 10			7.50 Band	1.00 Table Tellills		Rotary Santa 6.30pm
						Weston Spot
Fr 19				7pm Table tennis Match	10.00am-12.00pm	vvestori opet
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Sa 20				vvanigrovoc v o riiii rop	Community Galo	10.30 Prayer Call
Su 21	Service at 10.45 – own arrangement 4pm Live Nativity – Start opposite Holly Bush Marehay followed by 5pm behind Thorntree Inn Waingroves	9-10 Sunday Club	4pm Live Nativity – Start opposite Holly Bush Marehay followed by 5pm behind Thorntree Inn Waingroves	No Sunday School		
Mo 22	·	5.15-7.15 – Slimming World		6.30 Table Tennis	6.30 Table Tennis	
Tu 23			1.30-2.30 Exercise Class			
Wd 24	4pm Carols by		4-8.30pm Slimming World			
	Candlelight Service		,			
Th 25	10.45 Christmas Day Joint		10.45 Christmas Day Joint			
	service at Waingroves		service at Waingroves			
Fr 26						
Sa 27						10.30am Prayer Call
Su 28	No Service	No Sunday Club	10.45 Service led by Rev Helen Penfold			
Mo 29		5.15-7.15 – Slimming World				
Tu 30						
We						
31st						

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.

Circuit Dates

Tuesday 2nd September 7.30pm Saturday 6th September 10am to 3pm Wednesday 10th September 7.00pm Saturday 13th September 10am to 3pm Wednesday 17th September Wednesday 24th September 10am to 4pm

Saturday 27th September
Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th October
Saturday 18th October 10am to 1pm
Sunday 19th October
Sunday 2nd November 4pm to 6.30pm
Sunday 23rd November
Tuesday 25th November 7.30pm
Wednesday 3rd December 7.00pm
Saturday 3rd January 2026

LWP Meeting at St. Andrew's Church, Langley Mill Circuit Day: Tell your Story at Waingroves Methodist Church Circuit Meeting at Darley Dale Methodist Church District Gathering (venue to be arranged) Deadline for information for the December to February plan Circuit Study Day: God Welcomes All at West Hallam Methodist Church (a sandwich lunch will be provided; book with Judith Milner) Muddy Church at Wirksworth 3Generate at the NEC, Birmingham Study Morning: Dementia Friendly Worship at The Dwelling Place Muddy Church (venue to be decided) Rooted at Ilkeston methodist Church (speaker from All We Can) Muddy Church (venue to be decided) LWP Meeting at Codnor Methodist Church Circuit Meeting at Marehay Methodist Church Muddy Day In at Darley Dale Methodist Church



Circuit and District News



Spondon Methodist Church

Lodge Lane Spondon DE21 7GF Presents

Blackwood Clarinets

In Concert



Date - Saturday 6th December at 7.30 pm Light refreshments at the interval

Tickets - £10.00 – Accompanied Children under 16 free
Tickets from Margaret on 01332 674940 or Barry on 07790291877



Saturday 3rd January E E Darley Dale Methodist Church

All are welcome to this all age event. For this special event we will be wondering about what it might look like to hibernate with God, "On The 7th Day God Rested."

So come and join us for the one and only Muddy Church where you will encouraged to stay in for some rest and rejuvenation.

Packed full of crafts, activities, worship, prayer, movies clips and food. As well as a time to catch up with friends and celebrate the new year.

The DAY INN will be ready to welcome you.



As this is a special event and around bank holiday closures, bookings must be made prior to the event to insure we have the right resources. Both lunch and tea will be provided, please get in contact with Roanna or scan the QR code for more information.



All are welcome whether you have been to Muddy Church/Camp or not. **Children must be** supervised by an adult.

For more info message 07359089198 Email: roanna.outreach@gmail.com

No charge for this event but donations welcomed.



Christmas Fayre

Darley Dale
Methodist Church

on

Saturday 29th November

from

10 am until 2 pm

Santa will be in his grotto from 10.30am to 12.30pm

Lots of lovely stalls

Refreshments available

Money raised will go towards Ashgate Hospice and the Church

All Welcome please remember it is CASH only







Big Ask Alert: I am hoping that someone within your congregations would be happy to help for part or all of the **Muddy Church 'Day Inn'**. Muddy Church is a circuit church that reaches people across the whole area. The 'DAY INN' is an event for those people to come together for rest, fellowship and worship after a busy Christmas. I appreciate that this is a busy time of year, the date has been chosen as it is often a long week following Christmas where funds are running low and we wanted to offer a boost of a great day for people. You could be on the hospitality team and help with one of the two meals planned, play a part in the worship or perhaps run an activity. Please pop this on your notices and get in touch with Roanna if you might be able to spare some of your day. Saturday 3rd January 11am-6pm - Darley Dale Methodist Church Roanna Pilsbury - 07359089198 - roanna.outreach@gmail.com



Mid Derbyshire Circuit Youth Pathway Bowling Christmas Social

what: Bowling Youth Social when: Tuesday 23rd December where: Genesis Bowl Alfreton

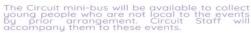
Time: Evening Who: 8 - 18 year olds Cost: £5 per person

Booking is essential: please contact Roanna Pilsbury for more information

roanna.outreach@gmail.com











Ilkeston Methodist Church, Wilmot St

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday 6th December 10am-2pm

Lots of stalls

Refreshments on sale



Free admission

Hello Church and Circuit Contacts.

This is a link to a time of prayer and reflection for Advent Sunday, led by Rev Andy Fyall:

https://voutu.be/xshKFPtrkJA

This will go live on the District Facebook page at 3pm on Sunday 30th November.

Thank you. Judith

A service for the **Reception of the** Peacelight from **Bethlehem**



"Give Thoughts of Peace"

Sherwood Forest Methodist Circuit 3.30pm Saturday 13th December 2025 Trinity Methodist Church, High Street, Mansfield Woodhouse NG19 OHP Parking (free) at Morrisons Supermarket Welbeck Road, Mansfield Woodhouse NG19 9JY.



"The Exacelight is a flame which has been lit in Bethlehem at the place of Jesus' birth and has been transported to us without being extinguished.

Jesus is the Light of the World. A light no darkness can quench