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Sunday
December 19 2021
Advent 4

Please pray for our church family	
Mon	Rachel Crosby
Tue	Nigel & Jill Crowhurst
Wed	Harry & Pauline Davis
Thurs	Jean Dean
Fri	Peter Dibbo
Sat	Marilyn Du Plooy
Sun	Pauline Eagle & Phil

Please pray for:

Pray for our Carol Service on the 19th. We want people to be brought closer to Christ through what they see and hear.

That people who come to church on Christmas Eve may be able enter another world of faith.

That all the fellowships which meet in our building may proclaim Christmas with joy.

Jean Dean on the long road to full recovery

John Howard: for strength



Platform 9 and 3/4

Services Next Week -			
Dec 24	11pm	Holy Communion in church	Raymond Adams
Dec 25	10am	All Age service in church	Raymond Adams
Dec 26	10am	Holy Communion in church	Raymond Adams

Time	Service	Sermon	Readings
9.00 am	Holy Communion in Church	Raymond Adams	2 Kings 6:8 -19 John 21: 24-29
11.00am	All Age service Live streamed to You Tube	Raymond Adams	2 Kings 6:8-19
6.30 pm	Carol Service	Raymond Adams	

CHRISTINGLE LAST SUNDAY

Christingle this year was really something. We were thinking about “*The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe*” and about the life of C S Lewis. The magnificent



Lucy at the lamppost

backdrop, complete with a frozen forest in Narnia, the lamppost where Lucy meets Mr Tumnus, and even a plate of the White Witch’s Turkish Delight effectively helped us focus on the theme “Enter Another World.” If you have not seen the Narnia scene —and it is even better in the dark— you will get another chance at our *Carols by Candle-light* on the evening of the 19th.

We want to say a big thank you to Lesley for coming up with the original idea, and to her creative team for putting the scene together. Those who worked the magic were **Cathy Brown, Libby Gash, Denise Rees, Jenny Evans and Barbara Tonkin.** **Jill Crowhurst** made the stunning flowers and **Andy Gardner and Chris Hawkes** carried things around!

Thanks too must go to Barbara Tonkin and to the members of the **Craft Club** who made 100 Christingles the day before at the Christingle Factory.

In addition, we had support from musicians, dancers, sound and visual people, refreshment providers and backroom boys and girls. It was a great team effort and a thoroughly memorable service. There were lots of visitors yet the right amount of people.

I asked a number of people what brought them to the service. The top three reasons I was given were

- ◆ a personal invitation from a church member
- ◆ looking on the website
- ◆ publicity received via local schools.



We understand no sweets were eaten during the making of these Christingles!

This evening we will be presenting Carols by Candlelight at 6.30 pm. It cannot be quite the same as in the past. Covid has inevitably changed things like the size of the choir.

However, we have already demonstrated once this Christmas that when imagination, planning, design and skill combine, they enable us to soar— despite the restrictions. We will do that once again at our Carol Service this evening and look for God to speak to those who attend.

Services and Sermons at Christmas

Sunday December 19	9am 11am	Platform 9 & 3/4 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x4hyAAV1kwQ&ab_channel=WizardinWorld
Sunday December 19 Carol Service	6.30 pm	Artificial Poetry (Can a computer feel wistful?)
Christmas Eve Midnight Communion	11pm	Could God have Come as a Dolphin?
Christmas Day	10am	The Carol of the Bells
Sunday December 26 (Boxing Day)	10am	The Leningrad Symphony
Sunday January 2	9am 11am	The Wizard of Oz. (Two clips) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mm3ypbAbLJ8&ab_channel=MrHJona https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-RQxD4Ff7dY&t=5s&ab_channel=WarnerBrosEntertainment