

SUNDAY 16TH NOVEMBER

10.30am Morning worship led by Anne Haddon

Tuesday Nov 18th 6.25pm Community Choir

Thursday Nov 20th 12.45 to 2.45 Tots and Toys

Sat Nov 22nd 10.00am Coffee Morning -Ladies Guild

SUNDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

10.30am Service of Holy Communion led by Rev Edward Sakwe

<u>Whitechapel Gift Service – Sunday December 7th Can you help</u> As the winter time comes we need to think about those not as lucky as us. Please gift what you are able as it is greatly appreciated by the staff and customers at the Whitechapel mission in London. I will be taking the collection down personally again this year, planning to go on Monday 15th December. For further details or information please contact me directlyShipley.family@outlook.com or 0758 4027066 Thanks again for your continued support Martin Shipley

<u>Can you help</u> The Vine is desperate for help, even for one or two hours per week. 9.30 – 2.30 daily10.30-3pm Saturdays. Contact Grace at the Vine

Alternativity This annual Churches Together event was held on Saturday 15th November' There should be some mail order forms available for anyone who was unable to make the actual date. Gifts may be purchased up to Friday 7th December.

.Magnify is coming to Hinckley We are delighted to say that we have wonderful events coming up to celebrate Christmas! We know you may not want to think about it yet, but at Christmas, our events are definitely not one to be missed. MAGNIFY is a wonderful way to be part of a celebration of the real Christmas story and you are invited to join us to sing, listen and share in a memorable Christmas experience.

On Tuesday 9th December, join us at the Hinckley Island Hotel (tickets £7). The event will be led by *Hinckley Community Choir, Hinckley Salvation Army Band, Hinckley Boys and Girls Brigade,* and many more. Tickets need to be ordered in advance. Contact Simon Cooper for details. Tel 0300 998 1125 email info@refreshment.org.uk

Churches Together events in December

- Dec 9th Magnify at the Hinckley Island Hotel. Tickets £7 available from Simon Cooper
- Dec 12th Carols around the tree. 4pm at the bottom of Castle Street
- Dec 13th Cinderella at St John's Church, Coventry Road at 6.00pm Adults £8 Children £4

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<u>Car Parking in Albert Road</u> Recently the traffic warden issued 'tickets' to some parked cars on Albert Road. There is now a sign at the Holliers Walk end of Albert Road stating no parking on weekdays from 9am-5pm. It doesn't apply at weekends, but we enjoy the use of the old school car park on Alma Road anyway. Richard Smith

Prayers for Sunday 16th November

Taken from Methodist Website

Mon 17th Nov – Let our faith in you, O Lord, be ever stronger, our life with you ever deeper, our praying even more awake to you glory, our hold on you ever firmer and our love for you ever increasing.

Tues 18th Nov – God of love awaken our souls, God of power protect us in temptation. God of forgiveness, cleanse us by the blood of Christ. God of saints, let us share in their inheritance. God of rest, let us be yours forever.

Wed 19th Nov – To our calling, O God, grant your blessing, to our souls, your strength, to our suffering, your fortitude, to our darkness, your light, to our faith, your joy.

Thurs 20th Nov – Grant us, O Lord, purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no passion may hinder us from knowing your will and no weakness from doing it. In your light we may see light clearly and in your service find perfect freedom.

Fri 21st Nov – Each day and each night, may the wisdom of our Wonderful Counsellor guide us, the strength of the Mighty God defend us, the love of the Everlasting Father enfold us and the blessing of the Prince of Peace rest upon us.

Sat 22nd Nov – We commend to you, O Lord, our waking and our sleeping, our going out and coming in, our souls and our bodies, our words and our deeds, our life and our death, our household and companions, our world and our neighbours.

Sun 23rd Nov – We offer you our hands, O Lord, to do your work, our lips to sing your praise, our life to proclaim your Glory and our heart to serve you in our neighbour.

Coffee Mornings

29.11.25. Christian Aid Celia and Margaret

6.12.25. Guild

13,12.25. Guides

20.12.25. Tots and Toys. Funds for Christmas party on Dec

18th

27.12.25. A Christmas serve each other coffee morning.

With thanks to everyone who has provided this service in 2025 enabling this weekly social event to take place.

<u>Coffee Mornings 2026:-</u> I am now looking for requests and offers for January to June 2026. Please let me know asap if you want a specific date. Margaret Pearce 07733240873.

News from The Vine The Vine has a wide range of over 50 designs of religious Christmas cards now in stock - we are confident in saying this is the largest selection available in Hinckley! We also have advent calendars, candles and other Christmas items and gifts to explore along with wonderful Fair Trade goods provided by our supplier. There is a new selection of 'Kids Corner' books, including beautiful Christmas titles, suitable for all ages. We will also shortly have our winter consignment of 'Take Note' adult Christian books with advent devotionals, new releases and a range of seasonal publications. Please pop in and enjoy a warm drink and home-made cake as the weather turns chillier. We hope to see you soon! Kind regards, Grace Manager. The Vine I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; for without me you can do nothing. John 15:5

You can support The Vine when purchasing any books via our bookshop.org page Registered Charity Number 1182179

<u>A Heartfelt Thank You – Operation Christmas Child</u> We are delighted to share that, thanks to your generosity, we have nearly last year's achievements for Operation Christmas Child, sending 108 shoeboxes from Hinckley Methodist across the globe this year. Each box will bring joy, hope, and love to children in need. All our boxes included toothbrushes, soaps, flannels or sponges, toys, school supplies, a cuddly toy, clothing (caps, gloves, socks and more) and a water bottle or similar special item.

A special thank you to Hinckley Salvation Army for their donations kept throughout the year to support us, and to our dedicated packing team — myself, Rachel Shipley, Claire Hewitt, Jill Sellwood and Sally Robinson — who spent hours and hours carefully preparing the boxes for each child. We are also very grateful to the 11th Hinckley Scout Group leaders and families for supporting the coffee morning and contributing both toy donations and their time. As these boxes make their journey, we invite you all to remember the children receiving them in your prayers this Christmas Day, that they may feel love, peace and joy as they open their gifts.

If you would like to be a part of the Operation Christmas Child team next year, please reach out to us! Thank you all for helping make this Christmas truly special for so many children! Sarah Robinson.

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Small tins baked beans (200 g)

Uht Fruit juice

Small tins of veg (250 g) Tins of meat

Instant mash Tinned potatoes

Coffee (100 g) Confectionery

Shampoo Deodorants

Contacts

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<u>Notices</u> Items for the church notices may be telephoned to Gwen Coley on 01455 642659 or e-mailed to notices@hinckleymethodist.org.uk

The deadline for notices is 5pm Thursday. Please indicate for how many weeks you would like your notice included

<u>Prayer Requests</u> If you have entered someone's name in the Book of Prayer, would you please remember to re-enter their name (if Prayer is still needed) at the beginning of each month

We have a prayer chain of about 30 people who will pray regularly in response to your requests. Please telephone Sue Cooper on 613352 or e-mail Cynthia cyn.jordan@yahoo.co.uk