Minister: Reverend Leslie Jane Noon

Senior Elder: Pat D
Senior Steward: Jan C

Weekly Notices by Friday morning to Lynne W

Sunday Services: 10.30am including regular All-age Worship.
- Refreshments in the Wesley Room following morning worship.
- Evening at 6.30pm
- Adventurers: 10.30am Departments 3-15 years
- Creche available on request – please speak to a Church Steward
- Baptisms on Sunday mornings by arrangement with the Minister.

This Magazine is available on Memory Stick for the vision impaired. We are also able to record some of our services on Memory Stick for anyone unable to attend, whether regularly or on a particular Sunday.
Please contact Jean K for further details.

If you would like to receive the weekly notices and/or the monthly magazine via email (pdf file), please contact Lynne W

Please submit all items for the February magazine to Jan T
by Friday, 18th January 2018.

Magazine for February to be issued on Sunday, 27th January 2019.

Redevelopment Fund-raising
Some of the funding we have been granted to assist with the building project, in order to improve facilities for community use, require that we should show the sponsors’ logos on certain documents including magazines.
Dear Friends,

When the world was dark and the city was quiet
God came. God crept in beside us.
God came into our world and our lives.
Lover of the unlovable.
Toucher of the untouchable.
Welcomer of the unwelcome.
The Word became flesh.
He came among us. He was one of us.

This is what the Incarnation is all about. The Incarnation is a jargon word, and yet it profoundly encapsulates all that Christmas is about. And it also prompts us in what we are to be about.

If we believe that God is present and involved in the world, then surely we, as followers of Jesus will also want to be present and involved in the world and in our community.

The challenge – as always – is HOW we are to be present and involved in our world and our community. This was the burning question behind a Vision Day that the Leadership Team held in November. We were led by Rev Linda Woollacott, who helped us to BEGIN the process of developing a vision of who we are as a church, and how we can thrive (and not simply survive).

It was a hard day. We were tired at the end of it. Thinking outside the box, accepting that in the future we may need to be different, is hard and challenging. Where do we want to be in five years’ time
and how will we get there? What kind of church do we feel God wants us to be? These were some of the questions we reflected on.

As a result of the day, the Leadership Team has some initial work to do in terms of re-visiting the community survey that we did three years ago and reflecting with church groups on how they see their role and purpose.

In due course, this work will be presented to the wider church, and we will be seeking your input into discerning our priorities for the next five years.

The Incarnation – God with us – is surely what prompts us on this journey. So that we too may love the unlovable, touch the untouchable and welcome the unwelcome.

But in the meantime, I pray that you may know God’s presence this Christmas. The presence of hope, peace, joy and love.

With love,

Leslie

P.S. Later in the magazine you will find information about an animal thanksgiving service that is planned. The springboard for this has been the involvement that our young people have had with Mitre “our” Guide Dog puppy. We will be celebrating this service in the service as well as the work of the Pettifor Trust. The hope is also that we will open our doors to pet owners who don’t usually come to church and demonstrate something of the relevance, acceptance and meaning of Jesus that we seek to offer.
THURSDAY AFTERNOON HOUSE GROUP

Over the last few months we have been looking at stories in the New Testament, which demonstrate the different ways in which people came to recognise Jesus for who He was.

LYDIA (Acts 16: 9-15) was sought out by Paul who went out of his way to engage with someone who was a woman, a foreigner, possibly a freed slave and now a business woman. He defied convention and she became baptised along with all her household.

NATHANIEL (John 1: 43-49) is taken to Jesus by a friend, Phillip.

NICODEMUS (John 3: 1-14) is a highly intelligent and influential person but more importantly he has an enquiring mind and a curiosity which makes him seek out Jesus and later to become one of his followers.

THE MAN BORN BLIND (John 9: 1-41) receives his sight but through this act of compassion receives not just his physical sight but the insight and recognition of Jesus as Messiah.

THE SAMARITAN WOMAN AT THE WELL (John 4: 5-41) is an unlikely person for Jesus to spend time in a theological discussion. But she is not only feisty but knowledgeable and ready to listen and to recognise Jesus as the Messiah. Importantly, she goes to tell others who, through her witness and their meeting with Him also recognise who Jesus is.

These are interesting stories in their own right, but also show us that there are many ways of coming to recognise Jesus and to accept Him. Some are brought by others, some keep asking questions, some take a long time to really understand, some may have thought themselves unworthy, but all in their turn are acceptable and welcome.

Pat D
Pathway to the Stable

Tuesdays from 10am-11.30am: 4, 11, 18 December

Thursdays from 7.30pm to 9pm: 6, 13, 20 December

Christmas comes round once again and the challenge for each of us is this: how can we hear that familiar story in such a way that we gain fresh insight into God at work in the world? This year in our Advent Faith and Fellowship we will be using our very own Ivor’s book ‘Pathway to the Stable’. Copies will be available to buy for those that wish, but it will not be necessary to do so!

If you don’t usually come to Faith and Fellowship, why not give it a try for Advent? It’s not scary (!) and we laugh and talk as we gain deeper insights. All are very welcome!
COMMUNION COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER
Communion collections in December are for **ABCD – Action around Bethlehem Children with Disability**, which Rev. Ivor Rees wrote about in a recent newsletter. It works with partner organisations in the West Bank to provide rehabilitation and improve the quality of life of disabled Palestinian children.

COLLECTIONS FROM OUR CHRISTMAS SERVICES
Collections from our Christmas services will go to Ogof Adullam to support the homeless.

COMMUNION COLLECTIONS FOR JANUARY
Communion collections in **January** will be for **Guide Dogs for the Blind**.

Susan G

CRAFT FAYRE IN NOVEMBER
A huge thank you to everyone involved with the November Craft Fayre. Whether you spent weeks manufacturing items to sell, helped to set up, provided cakes, laboured in the kitchen or helped with selling on the day, a huge thank you. We have an amazing team of people always willing to help and we couldn’t do it without this support. I am really pleased to let you know the total raised was £690.06 which will go towards Church Funds.

Kath D
MOVING HOME

We initially decided to buy a new Barratt home in Gorseinon back in February. The house was due to be ready in September. “Lovely”, I thought, “in a new house for my birthday.” (Incidentally...the house still isn’t ready at time of writing 1/11/18) We waited and waited for our plot to be released for sale and when it was...lo and behold...the price had increased by 3.5K which we were so incensed by that we politely told them to forget it!

So, back to the drawing board and 8 wasted weeks after our decision to move we decided we would look at the general market and forget new builds. I put my house on the market and it sold in 10 days for the full asking price. “Marvellous”, I thought, “this will not take too long then!!” How could I have been so naive?

We found a house in Gowerton which needed a little work, but we put in an offer after much discussion one afternoon, only to find an offer had been accepted that morning!

Next, we looked at another house in Gowerton and I went back 3 times with different people just to be sure, clearly there were deep seated worries, and eventually made an offer. It took an incredible 8 days for the seller to contact the agent to say they’d accept a higher offer, by which time we had given up and found a property in Gorseinon; we really thought they weren’t going to get back to us. Fast forward to our ‘dream’ home and I was looking forward to planning the gardens which were a blank canvas and we confidently spent £450 on a survey. All was progressing nicely at last, or so I thought, when one Monday evening we had a devastating call from the estate agent to say the seller had pulled the house off the market. I couldn’t believe it. By this time, I was so fed up with the
whole process and was also really worried that my buyer would be cheesed off with waiting for us that I cried for most of the night. Plus we were approximately £800 out of pocket, because the solicitor had done so much work. Eventually, I pulled myself together and went back online to continue trawling the internet.

The following morning I let the solicitor know and she was so kind and understanding, saying the home for us was out there and we’d be glad in the end that this one had fallen through. Wise words indeed, because our beautiful home that we moved into on 31st August was found at 10.30 that same depressing evening. We made an appointment to view the following morning and made an offer while we were there. The feel of the house as we walked through the front door was so welcoming and safe and we felt the wait, plus the hassle, had been worth it.

Unfortunately, my buyer was ready to move in to my house long before our house was ready, so we moved into Paul’s flat for two months. This meant we had to move twice in two months; incredibly stressful, plus hard work changing addresses, insurance etc etc. Thankfully, and HOORAY, we moved in on 31st August, the last day of the school summer holidays. NO problems and NO worries and NO stress and we love it. I put a notice in the Sunday notice sheet, thanking folk for their support and patience. I hope you can now understand why I needed to do that. I have felt incredibly out of control and have missed emails, texts, calls and duties due to the amount of stress and work. Apologies for that.

Julie G
SWANSEA CITY OF SANCTUARY

Since 2010, Swansea has been part of the UK wide organisation, City of Sanctuary, which is made up of people from all faiths and none, and found in several cities in the UK. The concepts of Sanctuary and Hospitality are thousands of years old and are evident in Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, the Baha’i Faith, Sikhism and in Hinduism. They support the City of Sanctuary movement and open their doors to sanctuary seekers, often providing significant practical support that makes a real difference to the lives of asylum seekers.

Swansea is a multi-cultural city speaking 130 different languages, and people come here for many reasons, one of which is to seek sanctuary. The Home Office aims to process all initial asylum claims within six months, but in reality 48% go beyond that target.

An *Asylum Seeker* is a person who has made an application for asylum but whose application has not yet been determined by the Home Office.

A *Refugee* is someone whose asylum application has been approved by the Home Office. It has been accepted that they are at risk of persecution for one of the following reasons:

1. Race or Nationality
2. Religion
3. Political opinions
4. Being a member of a particular social group
People seeking asylum in the UK can only work if they have been waiting on a claim for 12 months or more and can fill a role on the shortage occupation list, which includes rare positions such as classical ballet dancers and geophysicists! This means people are essentially banned from working while they wait months, often years, for a decision on their claim, living on £5.39 a day the Government provides. This money must cover food, household products, sanitary products, travel, clothes, etc. They are usually given a room in sub-standard housing owned by private landlords who are remunerated by the Home Office.

For people fleeing the horrors of conflict and persecution, being unable to work for long periods is deeply damaging to those it affects, making integration far harder and is also bad for the UK economy and public finances. Asylum seekers often feel worthless and feel that being unable to use their skills forces them to be dependent. They want to give back to the country that has protected them, and often fulfil volunteering roles e.g. in charity shops. Lifting the ban has strong public support.

When, eventually, their refugee status is approved they receive no money and are given 28 days to transfer to accommodation (private, rented or council) but are sometimes forced to leave their landlord-owned Home Office room sooner. It takes 6 weeks to receive Universal Credit for the first time, and with no money they are sometimes homeless, often destitute. ‘Share Tawe’, under the City of Sanctuary Swansea umbrella, tries to find temporary accommodation for those who are destitute. Families can offer a room, bed and breakfast or sometimes a meal or an outing to
enable the refugee to find time and stability in this uncertain between-stage of their lives.

At UCS we have three members who offer language support at the St James’ Church Drop-In on Friday evenings. In the cellar we have a Household Resources stock of donations, consisting of crockery, cutlery, kitchen utensils, pots, pans, bedding, towels and curtains, to be given to asylum seekers/refugees who find themselves in difficult circumstances. Donations of money will be used to buy Gift Cards. If you would like to know more about the support we give to City of Sanctuary please see Sandra C, Jeff C, Claire S or Maggie C.

Sandra C

QUOTES’ CORNER:
A little something to make us think:

What is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.
No time to stand beneath the boughs
And stare as long as sheep or cows.
No time to see, when woods we pass,
Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass.
No time to see, in broad daylight,
Streams full of stars, like skies at night.
No time to turn at Beauty's glance,
And watch her feet, how they can dance.
No time to wait till her mouth can
Enrich that smile her eyes began.
A poor life this if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.

William Henry Davies
SWANSEA NIGHT SHELTER
Thank you, thank you, thank you! To all those who have volunteered to serve in the Swansea Night Shelter at our church. Once again I have been delighted that so many have come forward, and we have some new volunteers this year as well. A final rota will be sent to all volunteers in the next couple of weeks.

I am extremely grateful to Dilly's, just down the road from the church. At cost price (which is extremely minimal) they are willing to make a hearty beef stew every Saturday for the guests and volunteers. When I went in to ask them about this possibility, they were so glad to help – indeed were looking for a project. So next time you go in for a coffee, please tell them you're from UCS and thank them!

As last year, David and Peggy L J have offered to make a vegetarian lasagne to the beef stew. So that's wonderful too!

What I need now is some people who would be willing to make a dessert and do the shopping each week. One or two have come forward, but we still need more, and it is a relatively easy way to be involved in this great project. If you are able to do this, could you let me or Gwen know.

Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me. Matthew 25:40

Leslie
SURROUNDED BY ANGELS AT SKETTY CROSS

A simple journey up to Sketty Cross. What could possibly go wrong? To walk or take the car? That was the question. It looked like rain, so we decided to drive up. On Eversley Road, a black car slid out of the car park, causing me to brake and stop; slow speed, so no problem. However, the black car caught the tail end of our car and suddenly our rear bumper and other parts were prised off!

As if in a trance, I pressed the hazard lights and jumped out of the car. Everything went into slow motion. Kind people offered help, support and comforting words as they thronged around us. We saw our community at its best, showing concern and consolation for others. The story of The Good Samaritan sprang to mind.

James picked up the bumper from the road. A church member offered kind words of comfort. Verena from Pettifor Trust, stepped forward and offered to be a witness in our defence. We contacted the Police to report the accident. We spoke with the elderly gentleman who had been driving the black car; clearly shaken, fortunately he had his two sons with him. After the initial shock, we all worked together to resolve the situation. All processes and services were contacted to assess and prepare for repair.

About five hours later, we drove home. On our doorstep we found a beautiful bouquet of red roses and carnations from our church family! What a lovely surprise and what immaculate timing. They really cheered us up and we agreed that although we had experienced something bad, we realised that we were surrounded by good, honesty and the grace of God. No one was injured, just two machines!

Jan T
BLOOD BIKE WALES

Our Coffee Morning on Saturday, 1st December, is to help raise funds for Blood Bike Wales. Blood Bike Wales is an enthusiastic group of people keen to make a difference. Most of them are riders that aim to use their skills, time and enthusiasm to help the Health Service in Wales.

The NHS uses its own transportation system to move blood supplies, plasma, documents and other items between hospitals during the day on Mondays to Fridays. Between 7pm and 7am on weekdays, on weekends and on bank holidays, the regular system used to stop and the NHS used the police, the ambulance service, taxis and couriers to carry the vital supplies. You can imagine what this costs the NHS!

This is where Blood Bikes Wales comes in. Their volunteers provide the NHS with out-of-hours transport, saving substantial sums which can be used for frontline patient care. They estimate that for each pound they receive in donations, the NHS will save at least five pounds. Their service is free of charge and operates between 7pm on Friday evening until midnight on Monday morning including bank holidays; even Christmas day!

We really do have angels out there looking after us! God bless them all.

Jan T
NO EVENING SERVICE AT UCS ON SUNDAY, 2nd DECEMBER
Please note that there will be no evening service on 
Sunday, 2nd December. Instead, we are invited once 
again to join with our friends from the 
Asian Christian Fellowship for their 
Nativity Service at Penlan, starting 
at 4.30 pm followed 
by refreshments.

CHRISTMAS CARDS
In the same way as last year, there will be provision for cards to 
members of the congregation, to be put into alphabetical order in a 
box outside the Wesley Room. 
They will be handed out after each morning and evening service. 
Please put Christian and surnames on your cards to ensure that they are delivered to the right person.
FOLK DANCING ON MONDAY AFTERNOONS
We have Folk Dancing classes from 2pm to 4pm every Monday during term time. We always welcome new members, so why not come and join us! For any further information contact.
Rosemary B

CRAFT GROUP
We meet in the Wesley Room every Tuesday, from 2pm to 4pm during term time. We look forward to seeing everyone and extend a warm welcome to any who would like to join us. Please feel free to pop in for a tea or coffee and find out more about the work we do. Anyone who would prefer to bring knitting or their own project would also be very welcome to join our very friendly group.
Kath D

COVER TO COVER
Our next book will be, The Underground Railroad by Colton Whitehead (no relation)! This won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 2017. It is unlike any book we have read before; even though it begins in a similar vein to 12 Years a Slave, but will give us a chance to reflect on what is currently going on in the USA, with regard to such issues as Black Lives Matter.
I look forward to seeing you all when we meet on at 10am on Thursday, 6th December in the Bethel Room. Enjoy the read.
Mike W
REEL TO REAL
Due to copyright issues we are unable to display any information regarding film chosen in this online version of the church magazine. For details please see posters in the church or the paper copy of the church magazine.

The discussion of the film in November will be in the Bethel Room on Tuesday, 4th December at 7.30pm.

The January film will be discussed on Wednesday, 16th January at 7.30pm in the Bethel Room.

All are welcome.
Sandra C

TRAIDCRAFT
If there are items that you want to order, please contact us in the usual way.
Jackie and Gary C

THE FLOWER ROTA FOR 2019
The flower rota for 2019 is now on the notice board in the porch. If you would like to give flowers one Sunday please sign your name against your chosen date. If you would like to arrange your flowers please sign your name in the arrangers column. Many thanks.
Rosemary B
SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB
The next lunch will be on Sunday, 9th December at the Hen Dderwen, at the usual time of 12 for 12.30pm. All members and friends are welcome to join us. A list will be on the notice board in the front porch as usual, from the end of November. Please see Pauline if any queries
The January date is to be confirmed and will be included in the weekly notices.
Pauline L

JUST DESSERTS
Following the Carol Service on Sunday, 23rd December, you can enjoy the delights of Just Desserts – a chance to enjoy a variety of delicious desserts and share the warmth of our church fellowship. Please sign the list on the notice board if you are able to donate a dessert for this popular event. Donations in lieu of tickets will be for Ogof Adullam which is the charity supporting the drop in centre at Brunswick Methodist Church. Please contact Pauline for further information
Pauline L

NO EVENING SERVICE AT UCS ON SUNDAY, 30th DECEMBER
Please note that there will be no evening service on Sunday, 30th December.
OPEN HOUSE AT THE MANSE

Instead of our usual January Coffee morning, you are all invited to come and have a coffee (or something!) at

The Manse
Saturday 5th January
Between 10am and 1pm

GOWER CHORALE WINTER CONCERT
All Saints Church, Oystermouth
Saturday January 19th at 7pm
Rossini — Stabat Mater
Faure — Requiem
Details as advertised in our foyer
Tickets £15, Children under 15 free.
Tickets Available From Choir Members
Anne W
Service of Thanksgiving for our Pets

Uniting Church Sketty
(corner of Dillwyn Road and Llewelyn Street, Sketty)

All Welcome

10.30am
Sunday 20th January 2019

Pets and their well-behaved owners welcome!
(Dogs on leads and other animals in carriers!)
Or bring a photo of a current pet or a much loved pet no longer with us

For more information contact Rev Leslie on
unitingchurchsketty@gmail.com

In conjunction with

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Devoted to the welfare of animals

GUIDE DOGS

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

IN LOVING MEMORY
On 3rd November, Gillian P sadly passed away. Our love and thoughts are with John and his family at this sad time.

ALICE R IS MAKING GOOD PROGRESS
Alice R would like to thank all those who have sent cards and visited. She greatly appreciates their kindness.

BIRTHDAY MESSAGES
To all our church family and friends, who will be celebrating a birthday in December and January,

Happy Birthday!

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR
Thank you so much to everyone who has contributed to our Church Magazine this year. We all sometimes need, “…. time to stand and stare”, but perhaps we should also find time to write and share!

We are all on a journey of life and hopefully a journey of faith, learning about this great big wonderful world. But, sometimes we need to remember that we are all on the journey together. So let’s share our experiences and help one another along the way.
COMING EVENTS

Services: 10.30am & 6.30pm       Adventurers: 10.30am
On Sundays a Steward will introduce the preacher and ask the
congregation to stand as the Bible is brought in.
Please stay and have refreshments with us after the morning service
in the Wesley Room.
There is an induction loop for those with hearing aids.
There are large print versions of hymns in the pews and large print
notices at the door.
For evening services the offerings plate is placed at the entrance.

Weekly in term-time:
Monday        2pm Folk-dancing
             7pm Wesley Club
Tuesday       2-4pm Craft Group
             5-6pm Rainbows
             6.15-7.30pm Cubs
             6.15-7.30pm Brownies
Wednesday    10-11.30am Sunbeams Play Group
             7.30pm Sketty Madcaps

Uniting Church Sketty weekly notices:
Lynne W
(Please send to Lynne by Friday morning)
Property Stewards:
  Alan J
  Keith M
Booking enquiries and heating requirements:
  Kath & Bill D
DECEMBER 2018 DIARY

1st Sat  10-12noon Coffee Morning for Blood Bikes Wales

2nd Sun 10.30am Rev John Jones and Leslie Noon: **Communion**
4.30pm **Nativity Service** at Penlan
**NO EVENING SERVICE AT UCS**

3rd Mon 6.15pm Tea 7pm Meeting at **Mumbles Methodist Church**
for Local Preachers and Worship Leaders
7pm Wesley Club: Down Memory Lane with Sue Johnson

4th Tues 7.30pm Tuesday Evening House Group Studying John
Chapt. 14

5th Wed 7.30pm Swansea and Gower Circuit Meeting at Wesley,
Eaton Road

9th Sun 10.30am Rev Ivor Rees
6.30pm Miss Sue Raad

10th Mon 7pm Wesley Club: Christmas Devotions with Rev Leslie

16th Sun 10.30am Rev Leslie Noon: **NATIVITY**
6.30pm Rev Leslie Noon: **Communion**

17th Mon 7pm Wesley Club: Carols and Mince Pies

23rd Sun 10.30am Dr Alan Cram
6.30pm Rev Leslie Noon: **CAROL SERVICE**
followed by **Just Desserts**, all donations for Ogof Addullam

24th Mon 3pm Rev Leslie Noon
11.30pm Rev Leslie Noon: **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE:**
Communion

25th Tues 10am Rev Leslie Noon: **CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE**

30th Sun 10.30 Mr Ken Allison

**NO EVENING SERVICE AT UCS**
JANUARY 2019 DIARY

5th Sat 10am-1pm Coffee Morning at the Manse!
6th Sun 10.30am Rev Leslie Noon: **Communion**
   6.30pm Rev Howard Long
7th Mon Wesley Club: **NO MEETING** : Lunch at Sketty Hall
8th Tues 7.30pm Tuesday Evening House Group
13th Sun 10.30am Rev Noel Davies
   6.30pm Rev Leslie Noon: **Communion**
14th Mon 7pm Wesley Club: **OPEN EVENING**
   More Bargain Hunting with Jan & Anthony
20th Sun 10.30am Rev Leslie Noon
   6.30pm Ann Gregson
21st Mon 7pm Wesley Club: How a Film Maker Wrote His First,
   ‘Who Dunnit!’ Novel with Anthony Hontoir
27th Sun 10.30am Rev Frieder Kreschnak
   6.30pm Rev Leslie Noon
28th Mon 7pm Wesley Club: **OPEN EVENING**
   The Great War Relics with Roderick Hughes
29th Tues 7.30pm Events and Mission Committee Meeting
**ROTAS FOR DECEMBER 2018**

If you are unable to fulfil your place on a rota, please make other arrangements or contact the organiser.

**Welcome Teams: Myrddin P**

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**Christmas Eve Service:** 24 DECEMBER: 11.30pm: Grosvenor H

**Christmas Day Service:** 25 DECEMBER: 10.am: Stewards

**Sound**

| Bill D | Elizabeth D | Elisha G | Les W | Alan J |

**Evening**

| No Service | Myrddin P | Anne V | Keith M | No Service |

**Flowers: Rosemary B**

**Giver:**

| Gaynor B | Pat B D | Eileen P | Jean K | Christmas |

**Arranger:**

| Gaynor | Pat B | Rosemary | Una | Christmas |

**Distribution of the Flowers: Anne W**

| Pat B. | Margaret | Mary | Christmas | Christmas |

**Sunday Morning Coffee: Paul H Evans 01792 207506**

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Evening
Jeff C       Pat D | Myrddin P | Keith M

Flowers: Rosemary B

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Maisie H     Pam T | Esme K | Jean K

Arranger:
Rosemary     Pam T | Una    | Lynne

Distribution of the Flowers: Anne W
Ann            Sonia | Pat B. | Janet

Sunday Morning Coffee: Paul H E
Claire K      Linda W | Susan & Ian G | Mike & Anne W
Ruth          Una G
SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT UNITING CHURCH SKETTY

Come and join us for our Christmas Services. Why not bring a family member, a neighbour or a friend with you. Don't keep the good stuff to yourself!!

SUNDAY, 16th DECEMBER

10.30am: The Christmas Story
With the participation of people of all ages, we explore the Christmas story of long ago, while wondering what it would be like if it took place in 2018.

6.30pm: A Blue Christmas
Many people find Christmas and its preparation hard. This is a gentle, contemplative service for all those who carry pain or anxiety.

SUNDAY, 23rd DECEMBER

6.30pm: Carols by Candlelight
The Church will be decorated, the candles will be lit, and once again we start our preparation for Christmas by singing carols and hearing the story in new and old ways. It will be followed by Just Desserts (when we bring and share yummy puddings!).

MONDAY, 24th DECEMBER

3pm: Christingle Service
Celebrate Christmas as we make our own Christingles. All ages welcome!

11.30pm: Christmas Communion
“When the world was dark, and the city was quiet, God crept in beside us”. A quiet, communion service as we greet the Christ-Child.

TUESDAY, 25th DECEMBER: CHRISTMAS DAY!

10am: Family Service
Make a good start to the day! Put Christ into your Christmas Day!