



Open Mind

The Bulletin of Rosslyn Hill Unitarian Chapel

December 2013

*'May the candles we light this festive season
remind us of the glowing love within the heart.
May the carols we sing uplift our spirits
and renew our hope and vision.
May the special moments we spend with family and friends
strengthen the bonds of caring between us
at this time and throughout the coming year'.*

Patrick Green



December Services

Sunday 1 December (11.00am & 7.00pm)

*Rev Dr Patrick T. O'Neill preaching
'Can We Still Trust?'*

So, what are we to do, what can we do, to repair the sorry state of trust in a world which desperately needs it to survive, to allow nations to live again in peace, and to ratchet down the tensions that hold us hostage in an untrusting age? What needs to change? And what needs to be restored for trust to flower again? Come join us for worship today...and bring a friend along.

Sunday 8 December (11.00am & 7.00pm)

*Rev Dr Patrick T. O'Neill preaching
'Three Stages of Unitarianism'*

Like Caesar's ancient Gaul, Unitarianism is divided into three parts: there is the New U, the Mid-U, and the 'Deep U'. Curious? Come worship with us today. You will find a warm welcome here.

Sunday 15 December (11.00am)

*'Christmas Carols, Readings, Poems, Stories'
Led by Rev Patrick O'Neill, Georgina Drewe (Choir
Director), and the Choir*

A celebration of the season with carols and readings, led by our Chapel Choir (director Georgina Drewe). Come along, join in and have your spirit lifted! All ages welcome!

Sunday 15 December (7.00pm)

Rev Dr Patrick T. O'Neill preaching

Sunday 22 December (11.00am)

*Guest Speaker Derek McAuley preaching
(Chief Executive of the General Assembly)
'Perspectives on Christmas'*

Perspectives on Christmas – an opportunity to step back and explore some ideas about the Christmas story from differing perspectives and why it speaks truths to us all regardless of our beliefs.

Sunday 22 December (7.00pm)

'Winter Solstice Celebration'

Drawing from Celtic and other traditions we will celebrate the darkest time of the year and the return of the Light. Led by members of our 'Wheel of the Year' group.

Christmas Eve 24 December Candlelight Service(6.30pm)

'Lessons and Carols'

Our minister leads us in a Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols at 6:30 pm. It is strongly suggested you arrive early to assure seating, as this is the most crowded service of the year.

Sunday 29 December (11.00am & 7.00pm)

*Rev Dr Patrick T. O'Neill preaching
'Sweet Charity'*

'Sometime in your life' writes Daniel Berrigan, - 'sometime in your life, hope that you may see one starved man, the look on his face when the bread finally arrives. Hope, pray that your might have baked it, or bought it, or even needed it for yourself. For that look on his face, for your hands meeting his across a piece of bread, you might be willing to lose a lot, or suffer a lot, or die a little even-'. Let's talk about Charity this morning. Bring a friend, why don't you?

The Rosslyn Hill Unitarian Chapel
The Unitarian Chapel in the heart of Hampstead



Unitarianism is spirituality without dogma and welcomes people of all religious faiths as well as those who are humanistic. Unitarians cherish and live by the values of love, compassion, a free mind, service to others, human dignity, and other similar values. It encourages each person to deepen their relationship with God, yet allows each person to understand God in their own unique way.

**The Chapel holds two services on Sundays,
at 11.00am and 7.00pm**

The morning service is more family-oriented, including activities for children led by professionally trained leaders, and a Children's Chapel is offered for children of all ages. The evening service is more intimate for those who prefer a more meditative tone.

Visitors and guests are always welcome!

The Chapel also offers a rich programme of social activities, covering a wide range of interests such as literature and poetry, Tai Chi, choir singing, monthly lectures, and a variety of monthly events for all age groups.

The Chapel is licensed for marriages and other ceremonies.

**For more information, visit our website at
www.rosslynhillchapel.com**

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From the Editor

Winter Holidays!

Winter with its long dark nights, is the time of year that we celebrate the light at the heart of darkness. That's why lighting candles and filling our homes with twinkling lights are major symbols for this season of winter holidays. Many cultures celebrate the rebirth of the light – Hindus have Diwali, Jews have Hannukah, Pagans have Yule, Christians have Christmas. These holidays remind us that darkness will yield to light. The sun does come back, and spring will follow winter. Nature is only slumbering, she is not comatose, and she will awaken as the wheel continues to turn.

Contrary to the natural rhythms of the earth, our culture makes this season the busiest time of the year – many of us are frantically running around shopping, cooking, baking, decorating, and partying.

Yet, when we pay attention to the rhythms of this season, we realise that the long dark nights of November and December are a time of preparation for the coming of the light. This offers us a great opportunity to pause, to take a break from the rush of everyday, and simply be – to sit quietly, not expecting anything, just breathing, stilling our mind, calm and at peace. So, let us slow down to renew ourselves and reconnect with spirit in some way, and find inner strength and resolve.

This season is a time to rest in faith that through the darkness of winter the sun will return. Blessings are with you as you journey towards the coming of the light.

Ingrid Tavkar

*Again did the earth shift
Again did the nights grow short,
And the days grow long.
And the people of the earth were glad
And celebrated each in their own ways.*

Dian Lee Moomey





PO'Nderings

From our Minister
Rev Patrick T. O'Neill

Got my first holiday card this week, from a friend back in the States. I like what it said: 'Be Hopeful. Keep a place in your heart for the passing bird, a room for the unexpected guest, and an altar for the unknown god. They may all yet appear.'

I'm a great believer in holidays and holy days. Almost any excuse will do for me. We're all of us in need of a declared holy season now and then, a time to face down the chaos that has been accumulating in the back rooms of the soul, clear it out, clean it up, make some room inside for new hope, new attitudes, new possibilities waiting to be born in our lives.

But here we are in December already. Winter. It gets dark early now, despite my protestations. Hanukkah is here early this year, an ancient festival of lights celebrating the miracle of fires that lasted eight days instead of one, and is now a holy reminder not to lose hope even in the darkest of hours. And Advent in the Christian calendar marks a four-week season given entirely to the religious notion of Hope, that most human of human virtues. The Winter Solstice is coming too. We celebrate them all at our house: between the Menorah candles, the Advent wreath, and the Solstice candle, the place is positively aglow these nights.

Counsellors and pastoral counsellors this time of year hear so many people say how they find this season depressing and sad, how it raises up surprising feelings of anger and loneliness and alienation. Those feelings are very real for many good people, and I do not mean to minimize them in any way. It's hard for people in pain to summon up good will. I understand. The holiday season is so loaded down with cultural symbolism, with personal memory, with religious profundity, and with trite platitudes.

To keep our balance, we must be honest with the tensions inherent in the holidays. The season is neither pure nor simple for any of us. On one level, the season is a perennial call to our hearts - to sing a familiar carol or two, to give a gift or two, to put a light in the front window, to try seeing the world - for a few days at least - through the eyes of a child again.

And on another level, amidst these calls to observance and celebration, the world we know continues to live in precarious and ever-present dangers. This year again, the aspiring notes of Joy and Good Will, Faith and Love do not rise so easily in our throats. Our eternal human yearning after Peace on Earth continues unfulfilled, and on many days indeed it feels unreachable, a dream frustratingly forever beyond humanity's grasp.

Someone once gave me a poster that hung in my office for many years. It read:

"Faith is how you know where you're going.
Hope is what keeps you going.
And Love is how you get there."

I wish you all the gifts of Faith, Hope, and Love this season. That candle that you see burning in the Manse window? That's for you...po'n

Chapel Activities



Weekly Activities

Children's Programme meets every Sunday at the 11.00am service. New children of all ages are always welcome. Infants are welcome in the creche.

Chapel Choir rehearses each Wednesday at 7.30pm in the Chapel. New voices are always welcomed into the choir. No audition necessary.

A **Tai Chi class** is held each Wednesday at 5.45pm in the Chapel.

Monthly Actities and Meetings

CHAPEL POETRY GROUP - If you like to read and /or write poetry, the group meets on **Monday 2 December at 7.30pm**. For more information contact George Appleby (Tel: 020 7424 9733, email: gappleby@talktalk.net)

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE meets on **Tuesday 3 December at 7.30pm**

THE CHAPEL MANAGEMENT BOARD meets on **Thursday 12 December at 7.00pm** in the Cottage basement science room at the Chapel. Members of the Chapel are welcome to attend but please contact, as a courtesy, Kerry Reid (Chair), in advance.

CHAPEL BOOK GROUP - The Book Group will **not** meet in December. They will be meeting again on **Thursday 16 January 2014 at 7.30pm** to discuss 'The French Lieutenant's Woman' by John Fowles., as usual at The Magdala at 2a South Hill Park, Hampstead. For further information, please contact Bill Ellington at ellingtonbill@aol.com

POT LUCK LUNCH - The next 'Pot Luck Lunch' will be on **Sunday 15 December** in the side aisle at 12.30pm (after the morning service). This is an informal, friendly occasions - all are welcome and the request is to bring some food to share, maybe homemade or cheese/fruit/salad. We look forward to seeing you there. Margaret Perry

OUR CHAPEL COMMUNITY

Children's Programme



In a February session of the Children's programme, we discussed the ways that people support the Chapel by giving their time and money. To be part of the giving, the children have been steadily filling a large jar with pennies. At last the jar was full and the money counted.

The children raised enough money to sponsor the flowers on Sunday 17 November and dedicated the flowers 'To all the children in the world' to mark the United Nations Universal Children's Day on 20 November 2013.



Flower Group

Saturday 14 December at 10am – 1.00pm

Let's Decorate the Chapel!

Do come along - the more the merrier - to help decorate the Chapel for the festive season.

If you can lend a hand please contact Janna Williams j.williams16@virginmedia.com or any member of the Flower group or email admin@rosslynhillchapel.com

Chapel's Fund Raising Success!



The Chapel Choir raised **£262** at the Remembrance Sunday evening service, during which they performed Karl Jenkins' 'The Armed Man'. Thank you to those who supported the choir. These proceeds have been forwarded to the charity 'Merlin' which provides medical care in some of the world's toughest places.

Congratulations to the Chapel's talent show, 'Rosslyn Hill's Got Talent', for raising **£160.83** to be shared between our Chapel's Cold Weather Shelter and C4WS.

On Sunday 24 November, the plate collection was **£400.69** and has been donated to the DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee) in response to the Philippines Typhoon Appeal. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Prayer For Faith

*So often words fail us
and we do not know
to whom or what to pray.*

*We ask for legs that can walk for peace,
arms that can work for justice,
voices that can speak with love,
hands that can soothe a feverish brow.*

*By our actions and voices
may our prayers be sent.*

Shalom. Salaam. Om. Amen.

Jane Ellen Mauldin

OUR CHAPEL COMMUNITY



SHELTER FROM THE COLD

Our chapel Cold Weather Shelter has been running for four weeks now. In that time we have housed 45 homeless people on Friday nights, supported by more than 40 volunteers - including children - who cook, serve and eat supper, stay overnight or prepare a slap-up breakfast.

One volunteer said the evening felt like a 'great big family meal' which we hope sums up the experience for everyone. Meanwhile the CWS team work hard to find our guests somewhere permanent to stay. Many thanks to everyone involved in this life-changing project.
Claire Julian (Cold Weather Shelter Co-ordinator)

Food Bank



A very big thank you!

The congregation's response to the Food Bank that we started in September has been quite overwhelming. We have taken bags and bags of non-perishable food to the Food Bank in Chalk Farm. They are very grateful and they told the Ingrid and Mohan Tavkar, who made the latest delivery, that they had been running out of food so our contribution was most welcome. We live in difficult times and some people are hungry. We can do our small part to help. You have been very generous.

Leighton Cole (on behalf of the Social Action Committee)

SHOPPING LIST

Milk (UHT or powdered)
Sugar (500g),
Fruit juice (carton)
Soup
Pasta sauces
Sponge pudding (tinned)
Tomatoes (tinned)
Cereals
Rice pudding (tinned)
Tea Bags/instant coffee
Instant mashed potato
Rice/pasta
Tinned meat/fish
Tinned fruit
Jam
Biscuits or snack bars

Values in Action



The Social Action Committee is delighted to invite anyone who is passionate about a cause or working, volunteering or campaigning for change to tell chapel friends about it: Reverend Patrick has offered a 3-minute slot for anyone who wishes to share news of **VALUES IN ACTION** during morning service on the **FIRST Sunday** in the month.

If you would like to take part, please send details of your topic to Social Action Committee member, Claire Julian [claire.marley@mac.com] so that these brief contributions can be co-ordinated.

Thank you. **Claire Julian**, (on behalf of Social Action Committee)

*'The world has enough for everyone's need,
but not enough for everyone's greed.'*

Mahatma Gandhi

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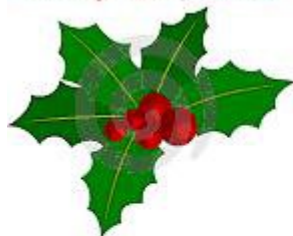
Stewards

1 December	Will Hopper & Hilary Ratna
8 December	Janna Williams & Ken Levy
15 December	George Appleby & Lorna
22 December	Victoria & Bill Ellington
24 December	TBA
29 December	Kieran Seale & Camino Eguren

Worship Group Assistant

1 December	James Chiriyankandath
8 December	Leighton Cole
15 December	Julia Reid
22 December	Leighton Cole
24 December (6.30pm)	Zoe Gerrard
29 December	Leighton Cole

Merry Christmas



*May you have the gladness of Christmas which is hope,
the spirit of Christmas which is peace,
the heart of Christmas which is love.*

Ada V. Hendricks



To make everyone feel welcome in our beautiful chapel on Sunday mornings; and to help them feel comfortable within our friendly community, we use a Welcoming Steward system.

We arrange for two regular members of our congregation to be there, greeting and welcoming people as they come in. They are there to offer a smile, a hymn book, the order of service for the day and an invitation to stay behind for a chat over tea and biscuits.

Visitors are also encouraged to enquire about our approach to religion and the historic building where we congregate. **Jim Burtles**

Other events in the Chapel



Sunday 8 December (3.00pm) - Concert by Peter Raynor

Tuesday 10 December (7.30pm) - Royal Free Carol Concert

Friday 13 December (7.30pm) - Concert by Clare Pierard (soprano) and David Harper (piano) performing 'La Bonne Chanson' by Gabriel Faure and 'Lieder' by Richard Strauss. Tickets sold at the door.

Saturday 14 December (7.30pm) - Concert by Hampstead Chamber Choir - 'A Ceremony of Carols' by Benjamin Britten. Tickets £10, concession £8.00

Saturday 21 December (9.00am to 5.00pm) - Jay Edge Workshop

NEWS FROM THE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Any member of the Chapel is welcome to attend the Management Board meetings as an observer. If you would like to attend, as a courtesy, please contact Kerry Reid (Chair) in advance. The next meeting will be on Thursday 12 December 2013 at 7.00pm in the Chapel (in the Cottage 2 Basement Science room).

Meeting held on 14 November 2013

Kerry Reid as Chair.

Minister's Visa: we now have 7 confirmed members of the Search Committee so can now proceed with the search process. Rev O'Neill has had his first successful meeting with the Border agency.

Minister's Report: Rev O'Neill has spoken at two events this month, reading at the Robert Frost Evening on the 13th and giving the Channing Lecture on the 23rd November. The first 'plate share' has been run, and the first few Cold Weather Shelters have been successful. The Board approved the Social Action Group's suggestion that a whole plate be given to the Philippines' relief effort.

Chapel Caretaker: Huggy Lever has been appointed as full-time caretaker for the Chapel.

Choir: Georgina Drewe has resigned as Choir Director, and the Chapel Carol Concert will be her last event as Director. The Board would like to express their appreciation and thanks for her work with the Choir, which has flourished under her direction.

Thriving Membership: The Board approved the new membership of Lori Heise, and it was announced that four more members should hopefully be joining us shortly. The idea that the 'Friends' category was problematic as had been mentioned at the last SGM was raised again, and the Membership Committee suggest that this category is more trouble than benefit to the Chapel. This will be discussed at the next board meeting and at the AGM.

Estates Group: There has been an architect's survey of the Chapel buildings and their uses, which will help us to work out how to streamline the way our space is used and make it more efficient. Board members were pleased to hear that Roger Harrabin has now joined the Estates Group.

Bride's Door: The Board approved a budget for full-length curtains to be produced for the Bride's door entrance, kindly orchestrated by Leighton Cole and other volunteers, which will help to keep the prevalent drafts out.

Special General Meeting at the Chapel Sunday 1 December 2013 at 12:30.

This is a very important meeting and your attendance would be appreciated, please note there will be a potluck lunch served before the SGM and childcare is provided.



*Candles, fire and star –
These are the symbols of this most blessed of seasons:
Candles for the banishing of darkness;
Fires to warm hearth and home;
Stars to beckon us, guiding our footsteps to the holiest'*

Tony Perrion

Reflections, thoughts, and poems about some Seasonal Festivals

Winter

Nature strips down to her bare bones;
trees reveal themselves as the lungs they truly are;
gardens are braced for the full onslaught
of wild, wet and windy weather.
Time to wrap up warm as darker days
and dormancy reign.

There is often a brisk breeze
and fresh crispness in the air,
which can be exhilarating.

Hardy birds and other creatures scurry about
seeking sustenance from frozen berries,
or food scraps put out for them.

Life is suspended
pending the return of milder weather.

Ark Redwood



Life Is an Advent Season

*Life is a constant Advent season:
we are continually waiting to become,
to discover, to complete, to fulfil.*

*Hope, struggle, fear,
expectation and fulfilment
are all part of our Advent experience.*

*May this Advent season be a time for bringing
hope, transformation and fulfilment
into the Advent of our lives.*

(unknown)

*It is the beautiful task of Advent
to awaken in all of us
memories of goodness
and thus to open doors of hope.*

Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger

Christmas Spirit

Fill your heart like a vessel with the Christmas spirit. Take the time to let your vision clear and your concern deepen. Allow your heart to overflow with all the authentic gifts that this season has to offer.

The blessings and the wealth of Christmas can overflow from each of our hearts, if we take the time to fill our hearts first. We are a world of materially rich men and rich women who are spiritually impoverished by our very wealth. The signs of that impoverishment are all around us. They push and shove to get our attention, especially at this time of year.

But let us stop the rush and allow the spirit of the season to enter our being. Let us clear our vision and deepen our concern. Let it move us away from an isolating concern for self to a relationship of love and care and wonder and joy with all of life around us.

Donna Morrison Reed (997 UUMA Worship Materials Collection)

Winter Solstice – The Pause between breath

The Earth has been withdrawn inside herself.
Winter brings the hardships of
cold and shortness of daylight.
Very little growth has happened,
but deep within the Earth,
roots have been growing,
bringing stability and nutrients
to the plants and trees.

New buds are slowly forming
on the trees and bushes
and deeply buried bulbs
are beginning to send up their first hardy shoots.

All of nature has slowed down,
waiting for the energy to change
and for warmth to return.

Glennie Kindred



Yule - The Winter Solstice

And so the Shortest Day came and the year died
And everywhere down the centuries
of the snow-white world
Came people singing, dancing,
To drive the dark away.
They lighted candles in the winter trees;
They hung their homes with evergreen;
They burned beseeching fires all night long
To keep the year alive.
And when the new year's sunshine blazed awake
They shouted, revelling.
Through all the frosty ages you can hear them
Echoing behind us - listen!
All the long echoes, sing the same delight,
This Shortest Day,
As promise wakens in the sleeping land:
They carol, feast, give thanks,
And dearly love their friends,
And hope for peace.
And now so do we, here, now,
This year and every year.

Susan Cooper

Deck the Halls with boughs of holly...

At Solstice, at Yuletide, and at Christmas,
families regularly bring the wilderness into
their homes by setting pine boughs on their
mantles, hanging wreaths, symbols of the
nature cycles that nourish us, on their doors;
and even erecting trees in a place of pride with
their homes.

The trees are festooned with all manner of
ornaments, from popcorn and berries to
glowing orbs and figurines to strings of light.
The evergreens – the pines and firs that
provide winter colour when the rest of the
landscape is white and grey during this harsh
time of year – remind us that life perseveres.

Even in the most trying of times,
the trees grow. And so do you.

Brian Nelson

Christmas

Invocation in the Spirits of Christmas

(In tribute to the spirit of Charles Dickens)

In the Spirit of Christmas Past,
let us gather to listen and learn
the ancient stories,
THAT OUT HEARTS MAY FIND
WISDOM.

In the Spirit of Christmas Present,
let us gather to view and question
the way things are,
THAT OUR HEARTS MAY SEEK
JUSTICE.

In the Spirit of Christmas Future,
let us gather to dream and to plan
the way things will be,
THAT OUR HEARTS MAY BE
RECLAIMED BY HOPE.

Lauralyn W Bellamy



Winter Solstice

Let us embrace the winter; the time of
white skies and black bark;
Of drifting mists and reflecting waters.
Let us use this time, as the earth uses it, to
rest and replenish.
Let us be still and be nourished.
Let us be patient and be loved.

Be glad of this dark earth-time and
strengthen your roots.
Feel close to the source of your life.
Recover and restore.
This season of inwardness and receiving
Makes us ready for the time of growth
And abundance which will soon begin.

*Margaret Owen***Christmas Eco Prayer***(to the rhythms of the Lord's Prayer)*

Our Gaia, your Winter Solstice
heralds Christmas time.
Stars in our eyes, fire in our hearts,
on earth, as it is in visions.
Grant us the Great Christmas Blessing –
birthing joy, love, peace and oneness.
An everlasting carol sung each New Year
to unite culture and creation
in a Christmas spirit passion.
For ours is the power
to create such a future.
Real reverence
for Earth.

Ann Palmern**Our Larger Unitarian Movement****SimpleGifts – Sleep Over/Circus Weekend****Calling all 14-20 year olds.....****Help spread a little joy at a "Circus Saturday"****for low income East London kids aged 4-13!**

In partnership with the Unitarian Youth Group, led by John Harley, we will be holding a Circus Day

on Saturday, 18 January from 2-4 pm.

Venue: Mansford Street Church, 117 Mansford Street, Bethnal Green, London, E2 6LX –
A 15 minute walk from Bethnal Green tube

You are warmly invited to a Fri-Sat 24 hours of fun, hanging out, good eats, sleepover and professionally led "Circus Afternoon." A great opportunity to make not only new Unitarian friends, but also hang out with youth from London Buddhist and Quaker groups! Together we will help kids in need and develop leadership skills at this SimpleGifts/Unitarian/Buddhist/Quaker Youth social action project. Admission is just £1 per child and all are welcome! **Visit the website: www.simplegiftsucs.org.uk**

Our Larger Unitarian Movement

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**The 2014 Annual Meetings are due to take place
at Whittlebury Hall, Northhamptonshire
from Sunday 13 to Wednesday 16 April 2014.**

Every year, around Easter time, the General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches (GA) holds its Annual Meetings to which delegates from congregations, fellowships, district associations and affiliated societies are invited, along with individual Unitarians. These meetings are commonly known as "The G.A." within Unitarian circles.

Basically, it's a mixture of FAITH, FUN and FUTURE – an opportunity to influence decisions on the future of our Unitarian movement, and a chance to get together with lots of Unitarians to worship and sing together, exchange views, share delicious meals, learn something new, be inspired by quality lectures from guest speakers and fellow Unitarians, and enjoy being immersed in a convivial atmosphere.

For more information contact: Andrew Mason – Tel: 020 7240 2384

Come along and take part in the decisions on our Unitarian future!

DECEMBER DIARY

(* = further details elsewhere in Bulletin)

Sunday 1 December

11.00am – Morning service -
'Can We Still Trust?'
Led by Rev Dr Patrick T. O'Neill

12.30pm – **Special General Meeting**

7.00pm – Evening service -
'Can We Still Trust?'
Led by Rev Dr Patrick T. O'Neill

Monday 2 December

7.00pm – Poetry group meets*

Tuesday 3 December

7.30pm – Social Action Committee meets*

Wednesday 4 December

5.45pm – Tai Chi class in the Chapel*
7.30pm – Choir rehearsal in the Chapel*

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Wednesday 11 December

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7.30pm – Choir rehearsal in the Chapel*

Thursday 12 December

7.00pm – Management Committee meets*

Saturday 14 December

10.00am-2.00pm – Christmas Decorating in the Chapel*

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*'Winter Solstice Celebration'**

Led by the Wheel of the Year group

Tuesday 24 December

6.30pm – *Candlelight Service - 'Lessons and Carols'*

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