

We give thanks to all who lead our worship

		7th Dec 2nd in Advent	14th Dec 3rd in Advent	21st Dec 4th in Advent	24th Dec Christmas Eve	25th Dec Christmas Day	28th Dec 1st of Christmas	4th Jan 2nd of Christmas	11th Jan 1st in Ordinary	18th Jan 2nd in Ordinary	25th Jan 3rd in Ordinary	1st Feb 4th in Ordinary	8th Feb 5th in Ordinary	15th Feb Sunday before Lent	22nd Feb 1st in Lent
Lectionary Year A 2025/26		Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 Romans 15:4-13 Matthew 3:1-12	Isaiah 35:1-10 Psalm 146:5-10 James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11	Isaiah 7:10-16 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-25	Isaiah 9: 2-7 Psalm 96 Titus 2: 11-14 Luke 2: 1-14 (15-20)	Isaiah 52:7-10 Psalm 98 Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12) John 1:1-14	Isaiah 63: 7-9 Psalm 148 Hebrews 2: 10-18 Matthew 2: 13-23	Jeremiah 31: 7-14 Psalm 147: 12-20 Ephesians 1: 3-14 John 1: (1-9) 10-18	Isaiah 42: 1-9 Psalm 29 Acts 10: 34-43 Matthew 3: 13-17	Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 40:1-11 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 John 1:29-42	Isaiah 9:1-4 Psalm 27:1, 4-9 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Matthew 4:12-23	Micah 6:1-8 Psalm 15 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 Matthew 5:1-12	Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12) Psalm 112:1-9 (10) 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16) Matthew 5:13-20	Exodus 24: 12-18 Psalm 2 OR Psalm 99 2 Peter 1: 16-21 Matthew 17: 1-9	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Psalm 32 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11
BISHOP AUCKLAND DL14 6EN	10:30 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm	Pinkney HC - -	E. Hird - -	Pinkney C - -	- - Pinkney PNS	- - Pinkney	CS:10.30am at Shildon - -	Pinkney HC/COV - -	J. Spencer - -	Bean - -	Pinkney HC - -	Gibson - -	Nodding - -	Swinbank - -	Haigh - -
COCKFIELD DL13 5EN	10:30 am 11.00 am 2.00 pm	- Payne HC -	Gibson - -	- - Payne C	- - -	- - -	CS:10.30am at Shildon - -	Armstrong - -	Watson - -	Payne HC/COV - -	Swinbank - -	- Payne HC -	E. Hird - -	Bean - -	J. Hird - -
DENE VALLEY DL14 8UE	2:00 pm 3:00 pm	- Pinkney HC	- Holliday	- Pinkney C	Pinkney PNS - -	- - -	CS:10.30am at Shildon - -	- Watson	- Pinkney HC/COV	- Holliday	- E. Hird	- Gibson	- Pinkney HC	- Holliday	- Pinkney
ETHERLEY DL14 0HZ	9:30 am 10:00 am	- Scott	Payne HC -	- Nodding C	- - -	- - -	CS:10.30am at Shildon - -	Payne HC/COV - -	- E. Hird	- Haigh	Payne -	- George	- Armstrong	Payne HC -	- Pinkney
HAMSTERLEY DL13 3PP	10:30 am 10.45 am 11:00 pm	PS - -	- Payne HC -	Ward - -	- - Payne HC	- - -	PS - -	- Payne HC/COV -	PS - -	Nodding - -	PS - -	Pitt HC - -	PS - -	- Payne -	PS - -
HEIGHINGTON DL5 6PP	9:30 am 8:30 pm	Payne HC -	PS -	PS -	- Payne HC	PS -	PS -	J. Hird -	PS -	PS -	PS -	Payne HC/COV -	PS -	PS -	PS -
NEWTON AYCLIFFE DL5 5DH	10:30 pm 11:00 am 2:30 pm	- Nodding -	- - Payne HC/CA	- Scott C -	- - -	Payne - -	CS:10.30am at Shildon - -	- Swinbank -	- J. Hird TP -	- Pinkney -	- Payne HC/COV -	- J. Spencer -	- Payne HC -	- Gibson -	- George -
SHILDON DL4 1AH	9:30 am 10:30 am 2.30 pm	- Armstrong -	- J. Hird -	- Payne HC/C -	- - -	Payne - -	- Payne/Pinkney CS -	- Scott -	- Payne HC/COV -	- - Payne WPCU	- Squares -	- E. Hird -	- - Payne HC	- Watson -	- J. Spencer -
WITTON PARK DL14 0DG	9:30 am 10:30 am 6:00 pm	- - Pinkney HC	- - Bean/Swinbank MC -	- - Pinkney/Bean C	- - -	Bean/Swinbank - -	CS:10.30am at Shildon - Swinbank Mem	- - Pinkney HC/COV	- - Bean/Swinbank MC -	- - Payne	- - J. Hird	- - Simpson	- - Pinkney HC/MC -	- - Payne	- - Pinkney
WOODHOUSE CLOSE DL14 6PD	9:30 am 10:00 am 3:00 pm 6:00 pm	- Thorns HC - -	- Pinkney C - -	- Money HC - -	- - Pinkney PNS	- Pinkney -	CS:10.30am at Shildon - -	- Watson -	- Pinkney HC/COV -	- Gibson -	- Hutchinson HC Pinkney VP/WPCU -	- Nodding - -	Payne HC - - -	- Pinkney - -	- Thorns HC - -
Telephone	4:30pm	A telephone service is available for anyone unable to attend a church service, please contact Jenny Prior for further details.													

C:Carol Service CA:Chapel Anniversary CS:Circuit Service COV:Covenanat Service HC:Holy Communion MC:Messy Church Mem:Members Service PNS:Pop up Nativity Service PS:Parish Service TP:Transport Required TS:Toy Service VP:Visting Preacher WPCU:Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Ash Wednesday Service: Bishop Auckland 18th Feb, 6pm Payne/Pinkney

A newsletter is sent weekly by email, please contact bascircuitoffice@gmail.com if you would like to receive this.

Circuit website: basmethodistcircuit.org.uk

LOCAL PREACHERS

1955	Maureen Howe	2000	Robin Young
1967	Jeanne Spencer	2003	Joyce Hird
1985	Margaret Nodding	2005	Christine Bennett
1992	Andrew Robinson	2010	Carol Bean
1997	Jane Armstrong	2010	Gwen Morrison*
2000	Clifford Holliday	2013	Edwin Hird
2000	Evelyn Swinbank	*Preachers no longer on Active Service	

CHURCH OF ENGLAND LICENSED LAY READER

Roger Gibson

Worship Leader - Newton Aycliffe

Marion Anderson

VISITING PREACHERS

Rev Ken George	Supernumerary Minister, Darlington & Teesdale Circuit
Rev Trevor Haigh	Supernumerary Minister, Cleveland & Danby Circuit
Rev Barry Hutchinson	URC/WHC
Rev Kim Money	URC Moderator
Maureen Simpson	East Durham Methodist Circuit
Rev John Squares	Acting Chair of District / Superintendent Durham & Deerness Valley
Rev Joanne Thorns	Church of England
Jonathan Ward	Church of England Authorised Lay Minister

A message from the Superintendent Minister:

Dear Friends,

As I write on Remembrance Sunday, the words of John Lennon join this day of remembering with Christmas to come: "And so this is Christmas," as he goes on to sing, "War is over," sadly, patently not true. Despite the best efforts of so many good people, humanity's continuing inhumanity remains in the news headlines. As people of God and followers of Jesus, it is our proclamation of love coming to earth at Christmas, bringing peace and goodwill to all, that must be shared. This Plan begins as Advent arrives. May I suggest setting time aside for reflection and preparation with a look at what happens in the first chapters of both the gospels of Matthew and Luke? By the time their respective second chapters begin, we are well into the Christmas story! There are opportunities for sharing in prayer and study in a number of Circuit churches in the lead up to Christmas Day itself, including worship on Christmas Eve. If you are interested in getting involved, please check with the Circuit website or one of the ministers. The Sunday between Christmas and New Year will be marked by a Circuit Service at 10.30 am, hosted at Shildon Methodist Church. We shall then renew our commitment to following Jesus in the New Year Covenant Services. I wish you a Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2026 to come.

Every blessing, David.

Ministerial working days in the Circuit:

Revd David Payne	Wednesday-Monday
Revd Rachel Pinkney	Sunday-Thursday

BISHOP AUCKLAND AND SHILDON METHODIST CIRCUIT 13/10

December 2025 - January 2026 - February 2026

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