



*Christ Church Stocksbridge*  
*A URC/Methodist Local Ecumenical Partnership*



**You are invited to share a bit of  
Christmas with us here at Christ Church**

## Toy Service

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

led by Rev Ian Lucraft at 10.45

Fun for children and gifts of toys for

Action for Children and Rotherham Social Services

## Cafe Church

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, starting at 6.00

A round table discussion with coffee.

## Waldershef Singers and Junior Choir

Here at Christ Church on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00

This wonderful local choir is performing a seasonal mix of songs

And there will also be a young peoples choir singing for us

Tickets cost £5, concessions, and accompanied children are free

## St Nicholas Service

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 10.45 led by the Junior Church

A celebration service for the patron saint of Christmas

The church will be open the day before 3.30 – 6.00 to receive displays

## Festival of Local Carols

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30

A perennial treat!

Come along and sing your favourite Yorkshire tunes

## An Evening of Young Talent

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30, presented by Pearl Barrow

Tickets cost £3 for Church funds, and accompanied children free

and there will be a collection for the United Nations Children's Fund

## Father Christmas Festival Open Day

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December, open through the day

Displays, refreshments, family quizzes, Santa's grotto

Drop in during the day.

## Christingle Service

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December led by the church members at 10.45

Why not bring your children or grandchildren

and make a Christingle with them, and sing some carols?





## **From St Nicholas to Santa a “Father Christmas Festival”**

**Lots of these events  
are part of this  
Christmas festival  
here at Christ Church**

### **Nine Lessons and Carols**

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December led by Rev Ian Lucraft at 6.30  
A new take on an old favourite with traditional carols  
and some modern Christmas carols  
followed by a ceilidh at Simon and Christine’s home

### **Christ Church Guild Carols and Supper**

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December from 6 pm  
The Guild (and anyone else!) is invited to  
4 The Royd, Deepcar

### **St Nicholas’ Nativity Service**

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December led by the Junior Church at 10.45  
the young people leading us and showing us the way

### **Christmas Morning**

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December at 11.00, led by Rev Maurice Stafford  
A short and intimate service on this special day

### **Family Service**

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December at 10.45  
Led by Rev Herbert

***There will be coffee and mince pies at many events***

***A collection for church funds will be taken at most events***

Christ Church Stocksbridge is eagerly working towards an exciting new future in the Valley.

We have achieved a great deal over the last four years, uniting two churches, United Reformed in Stocksbridge and Methodist in Deepcar, into one congregation. We can truly say we have been blessed by becoming one community of Christians, sharing our faith and traditions, and reaching out into a united future.

We are thrilled with the plans for a new community hall, which we hope will go up in 2013. We are pleased to be the meeting place of several local organisations, and the wonderful Good Days project for adults with severe learning difficulties. We hope that we can build on this and make use of the new hall, and the safe garden, with other groups as well.

We are now looking to up-date our church through and through, in worship, community engagement, presentation, and with a warm Valley welcome to young and old to share in activities here.

If there is an activity that you would like to see happen here, please ring our new assistant minister, Ian Lucraft, on 0114 234 7153, to talk it over.

**For now, please come and join us in one of these Christmas events and share in the love of Jesus, born among us.**

**Christ Church Stocksbridge, Manchester Road**