



## WELSHPOOL METHODIST CHURCH

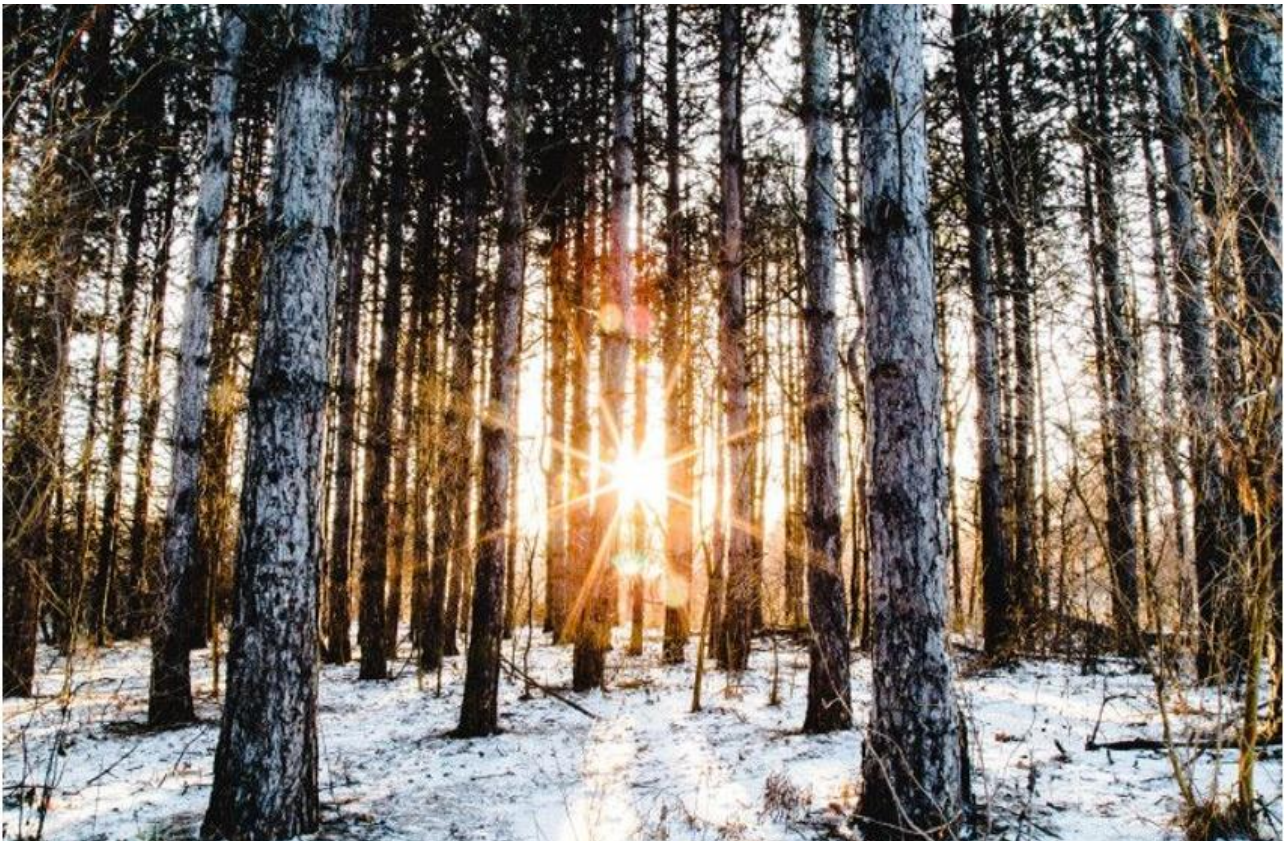
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*“Celebrating and Sharing God’s Love”*

## JANUARY 2020 CHURCH BULLETIN



We extend a warm welcome to any visitors, or to anyone worshipping with us for the first time. Please make yourselves known to us and stay after the service for a cup of tea and a chat. (We have a loop system. Please turn off mobile phones.)

## Pause for Thought

*Two different views of January:*

"Dickensian poverty tends to occur after Christmas in January. For it is then, with pockets empty, diary decimated and larder bare, that the general populace sinks into a collective pauper's hibernation until Valentine's Day." **Stewart Stafford**

"January -the first month of the year,  
A perfect time to start all over again,  
Changing energies and deserting old moods,  
New beginnings, new attitudes." **Charmaine Forde**



## Humour

Don't you hate it when people answer their own questions? I do.

"The problem isn't that obesity runs in your family. The problem is no one runs in your family."

"I want to die peacefully in my sleep, like my grandfather .. Not screaming and yelling like the passengers in his car."

A man is talking to God. "God, how long is a million years?" God answers, "To me, it's about a minute." "God, how much is a million dollars?" "To me, it's a penny." "God, may I have a penny?" "Wait a minute."

## Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January    Covenant Sunday

### Lectionary

Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1: 1-18

**Covenant Service** at 10.45am led by Rev Marian.

No Bring and Share Lunch today

### This week:

Monday 6<sup>th</sup>            Coffee Morning 9.30am; Jubilate 10am; Playgroup 1pm

Wednes. 8<sup>th</sup>            Mid-week Movies, 2pm: "Whistle Down the Wind"

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>            Reading the Bible Together, 12 noon

## Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January    Sunday after Epiphany

### Lectionary

Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matt hew 3:13-17

**Morning Worship** at 10.45am led by Terry Jobling

**Evening Worship** at 6pm at Chelsea Lane (Churches Together)

### This week:

Monday 13<sup>th</sup>            Coffee Morning 9.30am; Jubilate 10am; Playgroup 1pm

Wednes.15<sup>th</sup>            Property and Finance Committee, 7.15pm

Friday 17<sup>th</sup>            Gallery Group, 7pm

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>            Coffee and Lunches, 11am to 2pm

## Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January

### Lectionary

Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

**Holy Communion** at 9am led by Rev Michael

**Morning Worship** at 10.45am -Prayer & Praise

This will take the form of a "**Sankey-style Service**" led by Derek & Jubilate. Come along and bring a friend - a rare opportunity to sing some old favourites!

**This week:**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Coffee Morning 9.30am; Jubilate 10am; Playgroup 1pm  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Stewards' Meeting, 7.15pm  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Reading the Bible Together, 12 noon  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Music Club Concert: "1 Piano -4 Hands", 7.30pm  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Friday Fellowship, speaker: Andrea Davies, 2pm  
Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Walking with Friends: Gregynog  
Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Montgomery Music Festival Choral Workshop, 10am:  
Verdi's "Requiem"; see Janice if interested.

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January**

**Lectionary**

Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; 1Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

**Morning Worship** at 10.45am led by Rev Bob (Holy Communion)

**Afternoon Tea Service** at 4prn led by Rev Bill Rowell

**This week:**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Coffee Morning 9.30am; Jubilate 10am; Playgroup 1pm  
Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> Coffee and Lunches, 11am to 2pm

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

**Lectionary**

Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

**Morning Worship** at 10.45am led by Nigel Evans

Bring and Share Lunch

**This week:**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Coffee Morning 9.30am; Jubilate 10am; Playgroup 1pm  
Wednes.5<sup>th</sup> Mid-week Movies, 2pm: -By Jeeves" -musical comedy, PG  
Wodehouse characters and Lloyd Webber music  
Wednes.5<sup>th</sup> Church Council, 7.15pm  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Prayer Group, 12 noon, led by Rev Bill Rowell

## **CHRISTMAS CHARITY DONATIONS**

A Retiring Offering on Sunday 15th December, following Jubilate's presentation of -The Inn Crowd", raised £161 for Welshpool Church in Wales school's Breakfast Club, our chosen charity for 2019-20.

Collections and Donations from Carol Singing outside Costa on Saturday morning 14th (by a dozen hardy souls who braved freezing temperatures, wind and sleet!) and from the Carols and Coffee on Monday 16th raised £351 for Action for Children. Thanks to all.

## **THANKS TO MEMBERS OF CRAFT GROUP 2019**

The ladies of the Craft Group have continued to produce a variety of popular products and cards which have been sold at church and in other places. We are most grateful for their efforts, and thank them all for raising over £1500 in 2019 for church funds.

## **MID-WEEK MOVIES**

### **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January: "WHISTLE DOWN THE WIND"**

'A charming allegorical study of childhood innocence . . .' Three children (Hayley Mills, Diane Holgate and Alan Barnes) discover a wanted man (Alan Bates) hiding out in their father's barn. After a confrontation and misunderstanding, they come to the conclusion he is Jesus.

### **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February: "BY JEEVES"**

A musical comedy by Alan Ayckbourn and Andrew Lloyd Webber based on the characters of P.G. Wodehouse.

'Enjoy the outrageous comedy as Jeeves guides Bertie Wooster through a series of hapless adventures and improvised chaos!'

### **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March: "12 YEARS A SLAVE"**

'One of the finest films ever made; OSCAR winner; BAFTA winner; an extraordinary true story'. Filled with powerful performances by an outstanding cast, "12 Years a Slave" is both an unflinching account of slavery, and a celebration of the power of hope.

**ALL** are welcome at our movies -free admission and interval drink.

## January by E. Nesbit

While yet the air is keen, and no bird sings,  
Nor any vaguest thrills of heart declare  
The presence of the springtime in the air,  
Through the raw dawn the farmer homeward brings  
The wee white lambs--the little helpless things--  
For shelter, warmth, and comfortable care.  
Without his help the lambs would hardly fare--  
And hardly live through winter's hours to spring's!

So let me tend and minister apart  
To my new hope, which some day you shall know:  
It could not live in January wind  
Of your disdain; but when within your heart  
The bud and bloom of tenderness shall grow,  
Amid the flowers my hope may welcome find.



## January by William Carlos Williams

Again I reply to the triple winds  
running chromatic fifths of derision  
outside my window:  
Play louder.  
You will not succeed. I am  
bound more to my sentences  
the more you batter at me  
to follow you.  
And the wind,  
as before, fingers perfectly  
its derisive music.

