



Weekly News
Darlington Methodist District
Thursday 30 November 2017



World AIDS Day

World AIDS Day takes place on 1 December. It's an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV and to show support and pray for people living with the illness. For more information click [here](#).



Advent Special

Welcome to the Advent special of the Darlington Methodist District Weekly News. Need some inspiration or something to reflect on? There are Advent resources about [justice](#), [family](#) and being [prophetic](#).

Planning a service in Advent? Have a look at the [Advent Offering Service](#). You can also start opening the online [Advent calendar](#) from 1 December.

Writing your Christmas cards? Why not send an extra card? Find out more [here](#).

Missing loved ones? There is a special service this Tuesday at St Anthony's Priory. Find out more [here](#).



[New Methodist Youth President announced](#)

Jasmine Yeboah, 22, from north London, has been elected as the new Methodist Youth President-designate. She was elected at this year's 3Generate event, attended by more than 1,000 young Methodists supported by 500 leaders and volunteers, that took place over the weekend of the 24 - 26 November in Southport.

Circuit
Advent
Evening

Friday 1st December, 2017
from 7.00pm at New Marske
Methodist Church

An informal reflective service with a frugal meal and featuring the music group from Guisborough.

Click for more info ...

You are invited to a special Advent Evening on Friday 1st December at New Marske Methodist Church from 7.00pm. It will be an informal evening with reflections based around the theme of 'Waiting', very fitting for the time of Advent. We will be sharing in a frugal meal of cheese, crackers and fruit. Worship will be led by the music group from Guisborough Methodist Church.

You are very welcome to come along to this special evening, we hope to see you there!



Lights of Love
Tues 5 Dec 7-8pm
St Anthony's Priory

A time to remember in the Festive Season. Light a candle for one you love in the company of others.

Open to all. Refreshments served afterwards. No booking is required.



The Richmond Tree Festival

Friday 1 - Saturday 9 December

Richmond Methodist church will be open 10-4pm every day, with the Richmond Town Trail 'Follow the Star!' starting and finishing here.

Find out more [here](#).



Online Advent Calendar

The Methodist Church online advent calendar on the [Advent Offering](#) theme of 'Comfort my People' is [available to start opening here from 1 December](#) (and not a chocolate in sight!).

Could this be the most important Christmas card you'll send this year?



Every year, as part of their Christmas Friendship Appeal, MHA ask people to write an extra Christmas card, send it to them. They'll deliver it directly into the hand of an older person in one of their care homes, retirement living communities or Live at Home schemes.

To take part in the scheme as a group or individual, contact the fundraising team: 01332 221641 or FundraisingEnquiries@mha.org.uk for an information sheet.



Joint Public Issues Team Advent resources

Each week focuses on a different way we might prepare for the coming of Christ, and provides stories, prayers and actions based on the lectionary readings for Advent. You may wish to use them for your own personal study, for group bible studies, or perhaps to guide sermons you may be writing during Advent.

[Download JPiT Advent Resources by Week](#)



Meditations and Prayers Advent and
Christmas 2017

Prepared by the Family Life Committee, World
Methodist Council

[Download all meditations and prayers](#)

Or look out for prayers and meditations on the
[District website](#)...



Discipleship Learning and Ministries Network Advent Resource

This is week 1 of the [Advent Prayer Resources](#) collated to support and encourage us across the region in this special season from the beginning of Advent to Epiphany.

Included: a short reading for each day, some prayers or reflections and one verse of the newly written Advent hymn (tune: As with Gladness).

Sign up [here](#).



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