

9 th December	a.m.	Mrs. B. Cloke	
	p.m.	United Service	At Gig Mill
16 th Dec.	a.m.	Mrs. B. Guest	
	p.m.	Mrs. E. Hawthorne	
23 rd Dec.	a.m.	Rev. R. Childs	All Age Worship
	p.m.	Mr. S. Hudson	Carol Service
24 th Dec.	7.30 pm	Rev. R. Childs	Holy Communion
25 th Dec.	10.30am	Mrs. M. Ashmore	
30 th Dec.	3.00pm	Rev. R. Childs	Covenant Service

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BIBLE READERS

9 th December	a.m.	Pat Wilson	Pat Perry
	p.m.	Edith Hawthorne	Howard Skidmore
16 th Dec.	a.m.	Edith Hawthorne	Graham Chattin
	p.m.	Sharon Robinson	Mavis Dolman
23 rd Dec.	a.m.	Janet Wood	Patricia Skidmore
	p.m.	Graham Chattin	Cynthia Jones
30 th Dec.	3.00pm	Covenant Service	

Services at 11.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m.
Junior Church 11.00 a.m.

STEWARDS

9 th Dec.	a.m.	Mr. A. Wilson	Mrs. P. Wilson
	p.m.	Mr. R. Penn	
16 th Dec.	a.m.	Mrs. P. Skidmore	Mrs. I. Harper
	p.m.	Mr. G. Hemming	
23 rd Dec.	a.m.	Mr. P. Greaves	Mrs. L. Greaves
	p.m.	Mr. N. Jones	Mrs. C. Jones
30 th Dec.	3.00pm	Mrs. V. Fairhurst	Mrs. A. Harper

FLOWERS:

Arranger for the month of December: Mrs. Elizabeth Dickinson.
2nd December: Mrs. M. Banks: Mrs. J. Greenaway.
9th December: Mrs. A. Knott: Mrs. D. Pitter in memory of Andrea.
16th December: Mrs. D. Hudson
23rd December: In memory of the Prince Family and Mrs. B. Totney in memory of Jack.

Donations for flowers of £15 are gratefully received.

Minister The Revd. Ruth Childs
Joint Senior Stewards: Mrs. Jayne Corns & Mr. Howard Skidmore

A warm welcome is offered to visitors, especially those who join us for the first time.

Flowers used to decorate the church are distributed to sick, bereaved and elderly friends. If you know someone who would appreciate such a gift, please inform a church steward.

For booking of church premises contact Philip Skilbeck on 01384 270403.

Please e-mail any news items to bhmcnews@outlook.com no later than noon on Thursday or telephone Pat Wilson on 01384 832711 for the month of December. Thank you.

BRIERLEY HILL METHODIST CHURCH

Welcome to worship on Sunday, 16th December, 2018

Our service this morning will be led by Mrs. B. Guest and this evening we welcome to our pulpit Mrs. Edith Hawthorne.

This week

The Craft Group, Men's Fellowship and Brownies will not meet this week due to Christmas break.

For information on Brownies, please contact Mrs. P. Skidmore on 01384 571017.

Bible Readings for week beginning 16th December, 2018 The Promised Christ

Sunday	16 th	Luke	3	7-18
Monday	17 th	Matthew	1	1-17
Tuesday	18 th	Matthew	1	18-24
Wednesday	19 th	Luke	1	5-25
Thursday	20 th	Isaiah	9	2-07
Friday	21 st	Isaiah	11	1-10
Saturday	22 nd	Luke	1	26-38

The dismissal for Junior Church is:

Leader: The Lord be with you. Response: And also with you.

Churches Together Carol Singing will take place at Asda on Tuesday, 18th December 6-00 – 7.00 p.m.

Book Stewards' Rota. The Rota is currently being updated. If you are interested in becoming a book steward and wish to be added to the rota, please see Margaret.

Christmas Greetings: The Head family wish all church friends a Happy Christmas. Instead of sending cards we have given a donation to the Seamen's Mission.

Kevin and Sue Gripton have decided to send their Christmas Wishes this year using the newsletter. They will make a donation to AFC. Happy Christmas.

Ruth Parsonage has also decided not to send Christmas cards this year but wishes all her church friends a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Fundraising: Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Tree of Lights in memory of loved ones - £435 has been raised, which will be split between Church funds and "All We Can".

Thanks to all who supported the **Buffet Lunch** plus those who helped in any way. A total of £285 was raised for Mission Funds.

Next Event: Church Anniversary Quiz to be held on Saturday, 26th January at 6.30 p.m.

There will be a Scratch Nativity and All Age Worship on Sunday, 23rd December at 11.00 a.m. Come dressed in your favourite nativity character (some costumes available on the day) and help us to re-tell the nativity story – no rehearsal needed! Or just come and enjoy the story. Everyone welcome.

Churches together prayer & outreach stall in the market. We are going to have a presence in the market every Friday from 10.00 a.m.-2.00 p.m. starting on 11th January. Can you help? Please see Rev. Ruth, Jayne Corns or the Griptions for more information.

Job Opportunity: Circuit Administrator, Vale of Stour – closing date: 17th December, 2018.

The Vale of Stour Circuit are seeking to appoint a high-calibre individual to the post of new Circuit Administrator, who will play a key role in supporting the Ministerial Staff, Lay Employees, and members of the churches within the Circuit in all aspects of administration and communication. More information can be found here:
<http://www.valeofstour.org.uk/jobs>.