

Church at home

East Leake Methodist Church 2020

Sit comfortably in a quiet place and prepare, start with a brief period of silence, turning your mind and spirit towards God. You may want to have a cross or candle in view as a focus.



Nativity Service 2020

A gathering prayer with candle lighting

Turning towards each other in this holy season of Advent,
we light the final candle,
trusting that you will always bring your covenant of love to completion.
God, among us, in hope and expectation
in fulfilment and flourishing.
Amen.

Opening hymn – Good Christian Men Rejoice

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HR7ZdtWQAfE>

Unfortunately, due to the size of the file we cannot email out a copy of the nativity filmed by the Brownies. But here is the links to some nativities that are online along with the songs that we are using in during the service.

Using You Tube we have found two nativities that can be accessed via the links below. The first one is an animated one and the second is a dramatized nativity.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JyVXIvdTF20>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yXWoKi5x3lw>

Hymns

O Little town of Bethlehem

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sI7_TGZaOIE

See him lying on a bed of straw

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=79h_5jhzT7Q

Whilst shepherds watched their flocks

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S7_hM1h0aYU

We three kings

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BaheOgdGKJQ>

The following link is to a Christmas blessing filmed by a community choir in Nottingham.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jjFinQdSYhU>

Prayers

We pray today for those who feel far from themselves and others. We pray that this Advent season might, in the midst of demand, provide soft nights and ease, so that people can return to themselves, knowing you, too, are always in the heart, and always wait for us with kindness.

We ask this, in the name of all that is good.

We remember today all who have not given their consent, but whose lives and bodies and integrity are taken for granted. For them, we pray for justice, reparation and truth.

We ask this, in the name of all that is good.

Today we remember that God surprised us by coming among us through the 'Yes' of Mary. Let us always be open to the surprise of finding God in unexpected places.

We ask this, in the name of all that is good.

We approach Christmas knowing that there are many ways to celebrate.

Some of us are excited, some of us are tired, some have exams, some have results

Together – all of us, of all ages and expectations –
we celebrate this life that is gifted to us to share and to honour.

We thank the Brownies and their Leaders for all the hard work that went into preparing this service and all the meetings which have taken place during the pandemic.

We ask these and all our prayers in and through our Lord Jesus Christ as we join together in the Lords Prayer... Our Father.....Amen.

May we go out into our world to Love and serve the Lord. Amen.

Happy Christmas everyone. Best wishes Chris.