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Dear Friends,

*Lo within a manger lies,
he who built the starry skies*

Every year we either sing or listen to carols, often we sing along without truly thinking about the meaning behind the words. These beautiful words from Edward Caswall, for me, sum up what is happening at the heart of Christmas.

Each year we decorate homes, put up lights, eat plenty of food, perhaps see a nativity play or attend a carol service. For many it's a time of joy and celebration, spent with family and friends. Yet for others it is a time of sadness and loneliness.

At the heart of it all is a baby who was born in Bethlehem and laid in a manger, a feeding trough for animals. Most people have heard the story, but how many appreciate exactly who that baby is?

As Edward Caswall puts it – that baby is our everything, the one who created us, created the heavens, everything around us. That baby is God come to earth as one of us, so that God can understand us in a deeper way, and that we can learn about God in a deeper way too. For me, that is amazing and something truly worth celebrating.

However you approach the season, I pray that you will feel something of the awe and wonder of the season. When you see a nativity scene, I hope that when looking upon the baby in the manger, you will feel something deeper. I pray that through the madness and rushing, or through the pain and loneliness, that everyone will get a glimpse of the hope and light that was wrapped up in that tiny baby.

I wish you all joy and peace this Christmas, as well as hope and light for the new year.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Claire". The script is cursive and elegant, with a large initial 'C'.

Congratulations

- *To **Christine Gleave** who reached her **90th** birthday on **7th** October – and brought us all birthday cake on the Sunday.*
- *To **Joanne** and **Genevieve** on their wedding blessing at Norley on October **11th** (see article below).*
- *To the **Open Door Café** which celebrated its first anniversary in September (see article below).*
- *To **Rev'd Claire Rawlinson**, our minister, on conducting her first Communion Service at Norley (on November **2nd**), her first joint service of Norley and The Hurst (on August **31st**), her first Harvest Festival at Norley (on September **28th**), her first wedding blessing at Norley (on October **11th**), on chairing her first Norley Church Leadership Team meeting (on **29th** September) , and chairing her first Norley Pastoral Committee, and will shortly chair her first Norley Church Council and is about to lead our Advent Bible Studies. She is certainly packing them in. We are most grateful.*

Thank You

- *To all those who decorated the church so well for our Harvest Festival.*
- *To the donors of a huge number of shoeboxes, packing them on shoebox Saturday and bringing them to the service on Shoebox Sunday .*
- *To **Ruth Lane** for not only producing the diary and most of the future adverts, but also for proof reading the whole magazine*
- *To all the contributors for sending their articles, photos and adverts to the editor by the due date. Wonderful.*

In Our Thoughts

- *The **Dimelows** and other relatives and friends who are mourning the passing on August 12 of **Philip Garner**, whose funeral was held at Norley on September **15th** led by Rev Sue Levitt*
- *The family and friends of **Sheila Wilding** who passed away during the quarter and the funeral was held at Norley*

First Wednesday Walks

There was no First Wednesday in September as is our practice as many people are away on holiday.

Bruce and Ruth led the October Wednesday walk around Ashton Hayes. The walk was about 2 miles in length, a gentle stroll around Peel Hall stud with all its beautiful horses and foals. Some 12 people attended the walk. We saw the exterior of Peel Hall a spectacular house built before 1690 by Henry Hardware IV but since reduced in size. The house entertained King William III on his way to Ireland to fight in the Battle of the Boyne.



The main reason for choosing the location was to lunch in the Golden Lion pub which had re-opened in October, having been closed for 12 years – and the excellent meal was well worth the 12 year wait. Bruce was particularly pleased to learn more about Ashton Hayes' drive towards becoming the first carbon neutral village - a target the community had pioneered for many years - setting up wind turbines, photovoltaic communal panels on the sports ground with batteries, LED lighting and planting lots of trees. Well done Ashton Hayes.

Photo Garry, Text Bruce

The November walk, which was led by Peter & Sheila, started from the car park at Marbury Country Park. Eleven walkers plus Sheila on her tricycle took part. Passing by the site of the old Marbury Hall, we then looped round and down to the shore of Budworth Mere, following this in an easterly direction before turning up Forge Brook. Soon after this, seven of the party opted for the shorter walk, returning across the fields to the car park. The remaining five continued along the Brook up to the Trent and Mersey Canal, joining Marbury Lane at the bridge over the canal. After following this for a short distance, we re-entered the Park and returned to the car park, a total distance of two miles. We then drove the short distance to the Spinner and Burgamott in Comberbach for an enjoyable lunch.



Photo Garry, Text Peter

Future walks are planned for

Wednesday December 3rd

Wednesday January 7th

Wednesday February 4th

Meet at the church by 9.45am to drive to the walk start. These days the walks are 1-3 miles maximum followed by a lunch in a local hostelry. You would be most welcome to join this leisurely activity.

Bruce

Open Door Café

The Open Door Café celebrated its first birthday at the beginning of September. The year has flown by, and it is good to welcome regular, occasional and new visitors every Tuesday morning.

We enjoyed a fun morning celebrating, with a quiz, craft...and of course, birthday cake!

It was so encouraging to receive this message from one of our regular visitors:

“What a wonderfully supportive and inclusive group, many of whom I now class as friends...Thank you for a great year!”



During the first year we estimate we served over 425 litres of coffee... and lots of tea! As well as lovely conversations, cake & coffee, we've been pleased to host some small meetings during the year: Norley Parish Council, Local Churches, Norley WI, Norley CE Primary School, Councillor Surgeries, local police drop-in surgeries, United Utilities PR and Guitar lessons.

In late September we ran a Macmillan Coffee Morning as an extra event – and raised £375! Special thanks go to Cllr Gillian Edwards and our volunteer Liz Robinson for their help in organising this event.



Finally, thank you to everyone who has helped and supported the Open Door Café over the year - we look forward to seeing you all soon!

Lesley Gough

Harvest Festival



Claire led our Harvest Festival service on September 28th this year with visual aids on a flip chart stand of the seed growing in different grounds.



The church was wonderfully decorated by Heather, Hazel and many volunteers to decorate the windowsills.

Following the service, the flowers were distributed around the village



Photos Anthony, Text Bruce

The Wedding Blessing

Jo and Gen flew over from Perth, Australia where they live and got married in a registry office for a wedding blessing service led by Claire in Norley Methodist Church on October 11th.

Joanne grew up in Norley Methodist Church with her 2 sisters, Catherine and Carol, who were both present and read during the service.



Carol

It was lovely to see them all again. Jo and Gen had met over the internet after Last Tango in Halifax to discuss the issues in the programme over 10 years ago and their relationship was shown over the intervening years in pictures to the Last Tango in Halifax theme tune before the service.



Catherine

On their 10th anniversary, Gen had proposed to Joanne as an anniversary present, and Jo was overwhelmed. Lovely. Jo saw the blessing in Norley as very important to her in memory of her mother and gran and because of her happy memories of growing up in our church.

Bruce

Shoebox Appeal 2025

Thank you to everyone who contributed and helped with our Shoebox appeal this year!

On Saturday 25th October a group of us assembled at the Church to pack shoeboxes for the Teams4U Shoebox Appeal. A wonderful selection of items were donated and it was clear how much thought and care people put into choosing items to donate. We spent a lovely morning together carefully packing the boxes for girls and boys of all age groups, and some 'home' boxes with some special gifts and useful items for parents.



Together with additional boxes brought to the Shoebox Sunday service the follow day, shoeboxes donated by the Wednesday Club and other friends in the village, John Bell transported a total of 46 shoeboxes to the collection point in Wrexham (12 more boxes than last year!). We are very grateful to John for his help and ensuring that they were safely delivered and ready to start their journey to those in need.

In addition to the shoeboxes a total of £290 (including gift aid) was donated, and this will help with the costs of transportation

and distribution.

The shoeboxes will be given to vulnerable children, or families, through schools, nurseries, hospitals and orphanages. Teams4U's aim is that each box is given in relationship with the local community as part of a long-term commitment to these children. Just like last year the shoeboxes will be heading to Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Bosnia and Romania, where the charity works with partners like the Red Cross to help them find children that are most in need.

Thank you again to everyone for this wonderful effort!

Lesley Gough

Claire's welcome service at Tarvin



The Superintendent warmly welcomed Claire as the minister over the rural churches of North Cheshire circuit at a well-attended service at Tarvin on her official first day – Monday 1st September.

Everyone was very excited and looking forward to her ministry



The Church Leadership Team Meeting



Claire was welcomed to her first meeting with the Norley Church Leadership team on September 29th. Essentially the meeting prepared for the forthcoming Church Council in late November. Claire decided she would like to meet with the Norley CLT approximately quarterly and the next meeting was set as February 3rd.

Changes were agreed to update the Norley Methodist Church 'All are welcome in this place' leaflet and get a supply printed. In addition, a decision was taken to update the church website to reflect current activities and putting in Claire as our minister. A subgroup was set up to work with Martin Bell on a revised website

proposal, which would include broadening into social media platforms and bring the proposal for discussion in February at the next CLT. Replacing the 2 church notice boards at the entrance to the church drive would also be explored.

Bruce

Remembrance Sunday

This year's service was held on November 9th at St John's Anglican church. It was a well-attended joint service between Norley Methodists and Anglicans. 1st Norley Beavers, Cubs and Scouts with their leaders paraded from the Lychgate into the church with the Union Flag and their colours which were received by Rev'd Jane Parry during the first hymn.



A Scout read the lesson, Jane preached an interesting sermon about what being British meant and Patriotism was not enough, and then the colours were returned and 2 verses of the national anthem sung before the colours marched out to the Tommy. The names of the Norley fallen in WW1 were read out, a two minute silence was observed and wreaths were laid at the Tommy before the parade was dismissed. We all then moved to the Parish Rooms for a welcome hot drink.

Solar Panels Update



Our solar panels generated 1091Kwh of electricity during the last quarter, resulting in a payment to the church of £840. Altogether we have been paid £26,138 in 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ years, a pretty good return on our £7,500 investment which will continue returning for a further 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ years.

Bruce



Church Calendar



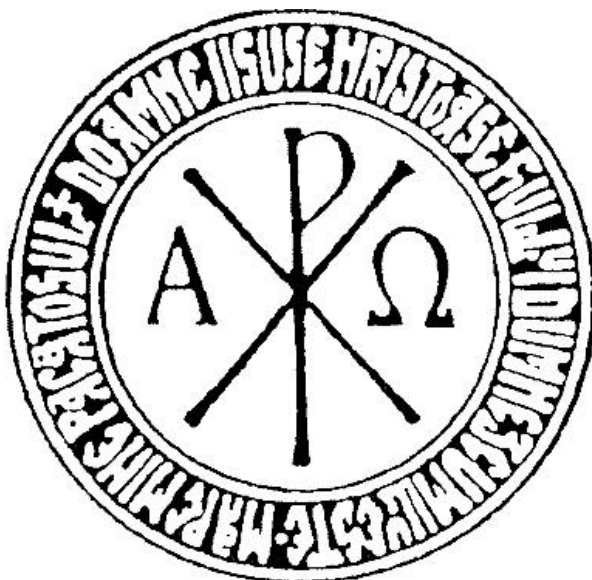
November 2025 – February 2026

Date	Time	Preacher	Activity
November			
22 nd	10.00am		Coffee Plus
23 rd	10.00am	Prof Neville Ford	Joint Service at The Hurst Methodist Church
24 th	1.45pm		Advent Bible Study at Tarvin
24 th	7.00pm		Advent Bible Study at Norley
26 th	12.15pm		Soup'n'Pud Lunch
30 th	10.45am	Rev'd Sue Levitt	Advent 1 Morning worship
December			
1 st	1.45pm		Advent Bible Study at Tarvin
1 st	7.00pm		Advent Bible Study at The Hurst
2 nd	10.00am		Open Door Café
3 rd	9.45am		First Wednesday Walk
7 th	10.45am	Rev'd Ian Rigby	Advent 2 Morning worship and Holy Communion
8 th	1.45pm		Advent Bible Study at Tarvin
8 th	7.00pm		Advent Bible Study at Norley
9 th	10.00am		Open Door Café
12 th	10.00am		Decorate church for Christmas
13 th	10.00am		Coffee Plus
14 th	10.45am	Ian Johnson	Advent 3 Morning Worship
15 th	1.45pm		Advent Bible Study at Tarvin
15 th	7.00pm		Advent Bible Study at The Hurst

December continued			
16 th	10.00am		Open Door Cafe
17 th	TBD		Carol singing with the Anglicans from Norley, Kingsley, Crowton and Manley
18 th	TBD		
21 st	4.00pm	Rev'd Claire Rowlinson	Advent 4 Candlelit Carol Service
23 rd	10.00am		Open Door Café
25 th	10.00am	John Bell	Advent 5 Christmas Day worship – bring a gift you've received
28 th	10.45am	Rev'd Sue Levitt	United service with The Hurst at Norley Morning Worship
January			
3 rd	10.00am		Take down church's Christmas decorations
4 th	10.45am	Rev'd Claire Rawlinson	Covenant service with Holy Communion
6 th	10.00am		Open Door Café
7 th	9.45am		First Wednesday Walk
11 th	10.45am	Paul Wilks	Morning worship
13 th	10.00am		Open Door Café
13 th	10.00am		Open Door Café
13 th	2.00pm		Pastoral Committee Meeting at Howell Croft
17 th	10.00am		Coffee Plus
18 th	10.45pm	Rev'd Gordon Gresswell	Morning worship
20 th	10.00am		Open Door Café
21 st	7.30pm		Preachers' Meeting at Frodsham
25 th	10.45am	Ruth Lane	Morning worship
26 th	2.00pm		Spiritual Committee Meeting
27 th	10.00am		Open Door Café
February			
1 st	10.45am	Rev'd Sue Levitt	Morning worship

February continued			
3 rd	10.00am		Open Door Café
4 th	9.45am		First Wednesday Walk
4 th	7.00pm		CLT at Howell Croft
8 th	10.45am	Janet Batey	Morning worship
10 th	10.00am		Open Door Café
15 th	10.00am	Rev'd Helen Kirk	US at The Hurst
17 th	10.00am		Open Door Café
18 th	12.15pm		Soup'n'Pud Lunch
21 st	10.00am		Coffee Plus
22 nd	10.45am	Rev'd Claire Rawlinson	'Morning worship with Holy Communion
24 th	10.00am		Open Door Café
25 th	12.15pm		Soup'n'Pud Lunch

Spiritual Committee



Collaborations

A quarterly joint Service with The Hurst, Kingsley, alternating between the two churches, is now regularly part of our worship pattern.

We have also sought to strengthen our ecumenical activity with the Anglican United Benefice of Norley, Crowton, Kingsley, and Albanley. A joint service was held at Norley Methodist Church (NMC) on the 31st of August 2025 with over 80 people from the various churches present. We look forward to developing these ecumenical ties further and see 5th Sundays as an opportunity for this.

We have agreed that the annual Remembrance Service will be shared and alternate between NMC and Norley St Johns, with this years' service being hosted at the parish church.

Advent/Christmas 2025

An Advent Bible Study is being planned for NMC and The Hurst.

The usual preparations for Christmas are being made including: internal illumination of the church; Advent Ring/Liturgy; Carol Singing (two nights shared with our Anglican friends); Carol Service (4pm, 21st December 2025); worship on Christmas Day (10am, Mr John Bell); a joint service between

Christmas and New Year with Frodsham Methodist Church and the Hurst (28th December 2025, Rev'd Sue Levitt).

Looking Forward - 2026

Our Annual Covenant Service will be on 4th January 2026 and be led by our Minister, Rev'd Claire Rawlison.

Lent starts on 18th February 2026 with Easter Sunday on 5th April 2026.

New Course: Introduction to Christianity – 'On the Way'

A new Methodist training course has been developed – 'On the Way', which runs over 12 sessions and is aimed at people who want to find out more about Christianity. It will also function as a Membership preparation course. Rev'd Claire Rawlison has ordered copies of the resources so that her section of Churches can consider this as a shared activity. Further details of dates/locations – tbc.

Michael Gough

Convener, Spiritual Committee

**Come and help
decorate the
church for
Christmas**

**10am Friday
December 12th**



Christmas COFFEE +

**10am – 12 noon on
13th December 2025**

***Festive goodies and
music, the usual great
conversation and a fun
quiz (it may even be
Christmas themed!)***

Our 2026 dates will then be:-

- 17th January 2026
- 21st February 2026



**Carol Singing with friends from the
Anglican Benefice**

on

Wednesday 17th December

and

Thursday 18th December



Look out for details of meeting times and locations



**We are open and you are
welcome!**

**The Open Door Café
at
Norley Methodist Church
Maddocks Hill, Norley
Cheshire, WA6 8JT.
Every Tuesday 10am – 12 noon**



(A member of the Places of Welcome network)

December 21st

Candlelit Carol Service



4.00pm



Everyone Welcome

Christmas Day



10.00am Family Worship

Come and celebrate with us

You are invited to an Advent Bible Study looking at some of the characters of the Christmas story.

Each session will be an hour and will focus on one set of characters, so if you miss one session, you will still be able to follow the other sessions.

Monday 24th November – Elizabeth and Zechariah

- 1:45pm at Tarvin
- 7pm at Norley



Monday 1st December – King Herod

- 1:45pm at Tarvin
- 7pm at The Hurst



Monday 8th December – The Magi

- 1:45pm at Tarvin
- 7pm at Norley



Monday 15th December – The Shepherds

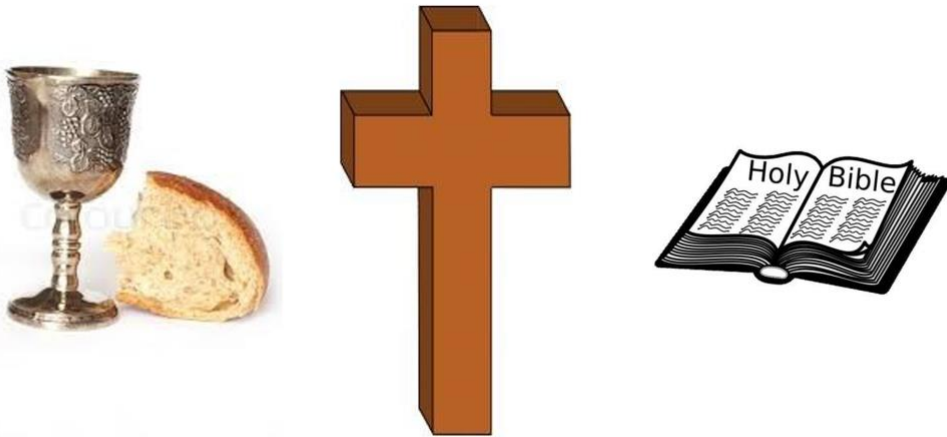
- 1:45pm at Tarvin
- 7pm at The Hurst



Covenant Service

January 5th at 10.45am

led by Peter Levitt



Soup and pudding lunches

**Wed 18th February'26
at 12.15pm**

Everyone welcome!

Please see or message Sue to reserve
your place



Finance Review

It is customary to summarise the church's finances for the previous Methodist financial year in this edition of Outreach. Why change a good arrangement? As I write this to meet the submission deadline, the Church Council hasn't yet convened, but may I assume that they will agree the accounts and resolutions for the year September 1st 2024 to August 31st 2025. If they don't, I'll let you know next time, unless I've shamefully fled to some distant desert island.

At the end of August, balances in the NatWest current account (£1592) and the Methodist Central Finance Board deposit account (£20,694) totalled £22,286. Charities, including churches, must not hold financial balances over their foreseen needs, so we have a Reserves Policy which justifies retaining this balance: it includes the Methodist Church's recommended six months' expenditure plus known commitments and provision for any emergencies – such as unexpected property costs, of which we're all too familiar.

In the year 2024-25, income exceeded expenditure by £1096, for various reasons, but much of that surplus was carried forward to meet already committed expenses in 2025-26. In round terms, give or take, we more or less broke even – now there's a woolly statement, but it's true!

For the first time ever, donations in a year to external charities and organisations exceeded £5000, including gift-aid where possible, as listed below. The total for 2024-25 was £5240.

- £1647 to West Cheshire Foodbank
- £725 to Lifted at Wythenshawe
- £635 to North-West Air Ambulance
- £391 to Runcorn Foodbank
- £320 to the Christian Aid Middle East Appeal
- £313 to Christian Aid
- £262 to the Methodist Church World Mission Fund (Easter Offering)
- £250 to Englesea Brook Chapel and Museum
- £237 to Teams4U – the shoebox appeal
- £200 to the Mickle Trafford woodland project (as a thanks for the blue chairs)
- £150 to Norley News
- £110 to the Royal British Legion

As a result of successfully persuading the Circuit Meeting to honour its earlier commitments in respect of quarterly assessment valuation, we have been able to prepare a break-even budget for 2025-26 and saved ourselves over £2500 per year. But we never know what might crawl out of the woodwork (metaphorically, not literally) or what bright ideas might surface. The bottom line is that, as things stand, there is no cause for financial concern and we continue to be deeply grateful for the sustained generosity of our congregation and supporters.

John Bell, Treasurer.



IN MEMORIAM



Philip John Garner

25th March 1949 – 12th August 2025

We have all come here today to give thanks for the life of Philip Garner and you will all have come with your own unique memories of him... some will be of happy times and may well bring a smile to the lips in the remembering whilst others may be of more poignant times which may bring a tear to the eye ... and that is fine and as it should be.

But all these memories, happy or sad, unique to you alone or recalled by many ... all of them I am sure will be filled with love because Philip, although a quiet and reserved man was full of love and of care, God's love and care... He knew and experienced God's love and care in his own life and was committed to sharing it with others....

Philip was an only child of Amos and Eadie and brought up at Hamblett's Hollow, a place that was home for much of his life. Sadly, his dad died when he was just 9. Although an only child, his mum did foster 2 boys Harry and Dennis, so Philip did have others to share with. He was a wonderful caring son who stayed at home caring and sharing with his mum until her death, when he moved to Northwich... but still kept his strong links with Norley... especially at church, more of which later!

When he left school, he studied electronics at Birkenhead Technical College and became a television repair engineer... and many people remember with affection the kindness he brought with him when mending their televisions... nothing was too much trouble.

When televisions changed and became much more technical, he went to work at Morrisons boxing up fruit and vegetables to be distributed to the various stores in the area.

He loved the countryside and animals, especially his cat.

In his spare time, he was an extremely avid railway and bus enthusiast! He loved travelling on them... but oh so much more!.... I don't think there was a book on steam trains he hadn't got and bus magazines galore! If ever the flying Scotsman or similar was in the area you could be sure Philip would know just where he could go to see it!

And he never missed going to the Steam fair at Kelsall, a definite highlight to his year! and I'm told he loved a trip to Oulton Park too!

His other great love of his life was his church... he and his mum attended Crowton Methodist and then Norley Zion before moving his membership to this Church when Zion closed.

He has served the church being a willing and active steward over many years and was always supportive of any activity in the church especially those that involved food!

He loved the weekends away and was always willing to do morning prayers or an epilogue which were well received.

He trained as a Methodist Local preacher and was always well received around the circuit... particularly in the smaller churches, as he realised many had no organist, so he learned to play the hymns.. and would go from pulpit to organ to help lead the singing... a true one man band!

So today we give thanks for the life of Philip for all that he has meant to us in so many different ways

We thank God for all those special memories of him which mean he will live on in our lives and in our hearts

through our memories of Philip that we will share....

through all the things he has taught us in the way he has lived his life ...

he will live on through the love and care he gave to us as we share that love with others.

So, we thank God for Philip's life, for all He meant to him, for all Philip means to us.

But now for Philip the trials and tribulations of this world are over, and death is past and I know that he has gone to a place where there is no more pain, and no more suffering.

I know he will have been received into the arms of his heavenly loving Father with the words

*Well Done my good and faithful servant. **Amen.***

Rev'd Sue Levitt

Some reflections from afar

Fear not, this is not a holiday odyssey, just some reflections on scenes and moments which caught my eye and struck a chord while on a recent trip across the Pond. It's the sort of thing that preachers do – always on the alert for future sermon illustration material and, indeed, articles for church magazines.



This is St George's Anglican Church hall in Sydney, Nova Scotia, Canada: the first service in the adjacent church was on Christmas Day 1789 and it's the oldest building in the town. What caught my eye here were the words emblazoned above the door and on the car, 'Loaves and Fishes'. I wonder who thought of that inspiring imagery! Evoking the six gospel accounts of Jesus overseeing the feeding of the thousands of people and all were fed –

nobody went home hungry – this is a reminder that the need is worldwide, as we not only think locally of the Ark Café in Sandiway, the West Cheshire and Runcorn foodbanks but also of the queues for basic provisions in Gaza.

Next to Copley Square in Boston, Massachusetts, USA and the Old South Church, built in 1873 and now part of the United Church of Christ. A superb place of worship, but what caught my eye was the advertising board on the pavement (sorry, sidewalk) by the front door. As a Methodist, I warmed to that invitation – it's straight out of John Wesley's sermons and Charles Wesley's hymns, based on Arminian theology: 'for all my Lord was crucified, for all, for all my Saviour died'.



When we share in Holy Communion at Norley, all are welcome and nobody is turned away; there is indeed a place at the table for everyone. No conditions and no questions asked. But it struck me that to say so publicly on the city street was a bold initiative and I wondered how many people respond on a Thursday evening. (I even pondered the discussion at their church council which agreed it!) And who would they be? What would be their personal circumstances? I leave that to your imagination in the context of a bustling US city. I'd like to think that those who came and knelt, felt both welcomed, fed and assured of the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Now in the Canadian province of Prince Edward Island off the country's north-east coast and to the community of New Glasgow on the River Clyde (no, I'm not making this up) and a tour which paused at the 'Prince Edward Island Preserve Company' which offered a delightful lunch. Its history is fascinating and, due to personal experience, the owner decided to offer hospitality to people who needed a break for a week or so, for whatever reason, in the accommodation provided. The extensive Gardens of Hope, overlooking the river, were open to the public. What caught my eye this time was the simple board at the entrance. You could wander as long as you wanted for no payment, or give what you wished in the box.

That appealed to me; it's what we do at Open Door Café and Coffee+ and on other occasions at Norley. Giving must be voluntary and those who can't afford shall not be excluded. All are welcome – no charge.

That's why I bridle at the imposition of a charge to enter some of the cathedrals in England. Yes, they cost money to run, but they might benefit more by inviting donations rather than demanding a fee to enter God's houses.



Finally, a place where people of all nations have come, for they remember the day when the events happened, 9/11/2001, the catastrophic collisions of planes into the Twin Towers of Lower Manhattan, New York. There are two water cascade memorials, each on the footprint of the towers, with the nearly 3000 names of those lost around the memorial edges. For me it was the more poignant as Joan, Alison, Martin and I had ascended to the observation

deck of the South Tower nearly 40 years ago. Now, in September 2025, I stood, in solemn remembrance, where it once did. It was a truly touching moment that I shall never forget. And it was there for all, without charge. Thanks be to God!

You may recall, we are now sharing our monetary donations for the Foodbank between the Runcorn and West Cheshire Foodbanks. Collected food and other items will be taken to the West Cheshire depot in Ellesmere Port.

As in previous years, the Foodbanks have created a Reverse Advent Calendar, with suggested items to donate for each day. Your donations will help fill gaps in the warehouses, ahead of a worrying winter. Why not start collecting early to ensure the donations made can be distributed in time for Christmas?

We will deliver collected food and other goods to the depot during the week commencing Monday 15th December – so if you wish to donate in this way, please could you bring along any goods to the Church by Sunday 14th December? Thank you!

As always, the Foodbanks are extremely grateful for the support you provide through food donations and via monetary donations.

For more info and for printable versions of the Reverse Advent Calendar, visit <https://westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk/.../christmas.../>

Thank you!



**West Cheshire
Foodbank**
Together with Trussell



**Reverse
Advent Calendar**

Why not start in early November to collect in time for Christmas! To enable packing and distribution before Christmas, please drop off any Christmas related items at our warehouse (weekdays 9-2) or any donation point by Tuesday 16th Dec

1 Tinned soup	2 Shampoo	3 Variety tins or boxes	4 Tinned tomatoes	5 Rice	6 Deodorant
7 Box of biscuits or chocolates	8 Nuts and confectionery	9 Tinned fish	10 Coffee	11 Jam	12 Breakfast cereal
13 Tea bags	14 Chocolate bars	15 Long-life fruit juice	16 Instant mash potatoes	17 Tinned vegetables	18 Cooking sauces
19 Tinned potatoes	20 Tinned meat	21 Toilet rolls	22 Rice pudding	23 UHT long-life milk	24 Tinned fruit

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