Additional Services

Additional services to those shown on the preaching plan are as follows:

Carol Services

Baslow 13th December - 4pm Carol Service with Primary school
Rev Tim Morris and Rev Gill Sharp

Litton 20th December - 2pm Carol Service with Cressbrook Band
Rev Fran Johnson and Rev Tim Morris

Christmas Eve – Thursday, 24th December

Bakewell - 6pm – Carols and Holy Communion led by Rev Fran Johnson

Christmas Day – Friday 25th December

Bakewell – 10.30am – Morning Christmas Day Worship led by Rev Tim Morris

Hathersage – 10.00am – Morning Christmas Day worship led by Rev Jo Rand

Sparrowpit – 5.30am – community singing down the street, followed by Service in the chapel at 6.00am

THE PEAK METHODIST CIRCUIT 25/13
WORSHIP PLAN
December 2026 to February 2027

Dear friends,

"Do not be afraid."

These are words we hear repeatedly in the Christmas story. The angel speaks them to Mary, to Joseph and to the shepherds. Each faces uncertainty and the unexpected, yet each is reminded that God is with them.

As we enter Advent and look towards Christmas, perhaps these are words we need to hear afresh.

We live in uncertain times, with worries about the world, our families and the future of our churches. It is easy to become anxious or to cling to what is familiar. Yet the message of Christmas is that God comes to meet us in the midst of our fears. In Jesus, God enters our world, bringing light into darkness and hope where hope may seem difficult to find.

Mary and Joseph could not see the whole journey ahead. They were invited to trust God and take the next step in faith. This is at the heart of our Methodist understanding of grace: God meets us where we are, strengthens us through the Holy Spirit, and enables us to grow in faith and love.

Perhaps Don't be afraid is also a call to action. Do not be afraid to welcome someone new, to speak honestly, to try new ways of serving our communities or to trust God with the future. Our calling is not simply to preserve our churches, but to share the good news of Jesus Christ in word and deed.

I am grateful for the faithfulness and service of our local preachers, worship leaders and congregations across the Peak Methodist Circuit. Every prayer, every act of kindness and every welcome helps make God's love visible.

As we journey through Advent, Christmas and into the New Year, may we be people of hope rather than fear, trusting that although we may not know what the future holds, we know the One who holds us in his love.

May we hear the angel's words afresh: Do not be afraid. May Christ's love give us courage, his grace sustain us, and his Spirit lead us forward in faith.

Every blessing for Advent, Christmas and the New Year. Your minister and friend,

Tim Morris

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Denotes the Peak Methodist Church communities

	6 Dec	13 Dec	20 Dec	27 Dec	3 Jan	10 Jan	17 Jan	24 Jan	31 Jan	7 Feb	14 Feb	21 Feb	28 Feb
	Advent 2	**Advent 3**	**Advent 4**	**1st of Christmas**	**2nd of Christmas**	**1st in Ordinary**	**2nd in Ordinary**	**3rd in Ordinary**	**4th in Ordinary**	**Sunday before Lent**	**1st in Lent**	**2nd in Lent**	**3rd in Lent**
Bakewell 10:30 am	Morris HC	Sharp	M Atkins	NS	P Rand	Edwards	Johnson Cov	Morris	Smith	Simpson	LA	P Rand	V Atkins
Bamford 11.00 am	@ PC	6pm CS Morris	@ PC	LA	@ PC	M Atkins Cov	@ PC	P Rand	NS	@ PC	LA	@ PC	Morris
Calver 10:45 am	NS	NS	LA CS	NS	NS	NS	Sharp Cov	NS	NS	NS	NS	Morris	NS
Castleton 10:45 am	LA	NS	NS	NS	J Rand Cov	NS	NS	NS	NS	Morris	NS	NS	NS
Edale 3:00 pm	NS	LA CS	NS	10am US @PC Cov	NS	NS	NS	NS	Morris	NS	NS	NS	V Atkins
Hathersage 10:30 am	Simpson	Morris	LA 3pm CS	NS	Morris Cov/US	Simpson	LA	Sharp	Donoghue	P Rand	Morris HC	M Atkins	Edwards
4:00 pm	MC - Christingle							3pm CU @ RC	MC				MC
Hope 10:30am	NS	Hub Gathering		Hub Gathering	NS	Hub Gathering		Hub Gathering	NS	NS	Hub Gathering		Hub Gathering
7:30pm			Hub Praise				Hub Praise					Hub Praise	
Sparrowpit 2:45 pm	NS	NS	6pm CS Morris	NS	NS	J Rand Cov	NS	NS	NS	NS	Morris	NS	NS
Fountain Square 10:30 am	US 9.30 @ PC	Perry Escape Room	Marsden Nativity	LA CW	US 9.30 @ PC	Morris with activities	Marsden HC/Cov	M Atkins CW	10am Marsden Breakfast Service	US 9.30 @ PC	Edwards with activities	Marsden HC	P Rand CW
Woodlands 2:30 pm	Morris CS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Youlgrave 10:30 am	Dyer	Fellowship	Donoghue	NS	Fellowship	J Rand Cov	Jansen	Simpson	Morris	M Atkins	Fellowship	Simpson	Fellowship

Service Key: Cov-Covenant; CU-Christian Unity; CS -Carol service; CW-Cafe Worship; HC-Holy Communion; LA-Local Arrangement; MC-Messy Church; NS–No Service; PC-Parish Church; RC-Roman Catholic Church; US-United Service