

Children and family's news and chat November 2021

Hello! Here is your November edition of News & Chat, with diary of events.

How quickly this year seems to be going! Already we are looking at our Christmas events and I am feeling excited about Christmas once again! But hang on Sandy, its only November, you might say. Well, there is lots of things to think about in our preparation for Jesus' birthday, so I hope you'll forgive me for looking ahead a little. Please check out the diary of events for November – in our Sundayclub we will be starting to rehearse for our nativity service, if you'd like to take part you will need to come to as many rehearsals as possible in the lead up to 12th December, and we'll also be doing some Christmassy crafts! Let me know if you'd like to join in.

If you're not feeling Christmassy yet, don't worry, plenty of time to get there! I expect your schools will be starting their lead up to Christmas too, in the church we call this Advent. It's why we have advent calendars. Advent in the church begins on the fourth Sunday before

Christmas, so this year it starts on 28th November. Photo by [David-Olivier Gascon](#) on [Unsplash](#)



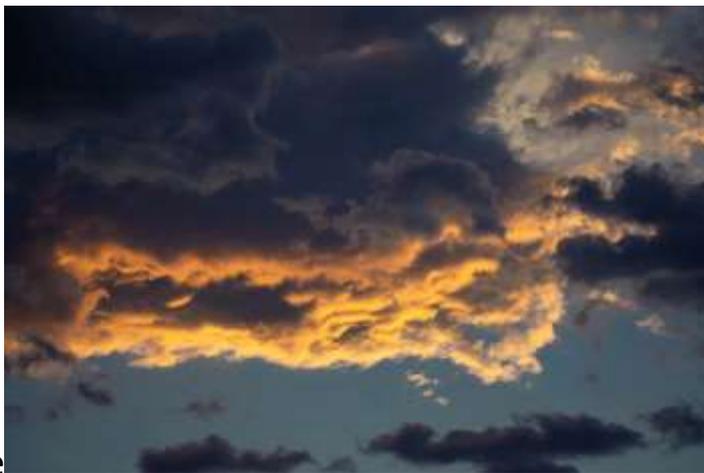
A prayer: *Dear Lord, in our excitement about the season of Advent, help us to remember the real reason we are celebrating – that God came down to us as a baby, to show us the way back to you. Amen.*

“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it”

John 1 verse 5.

John wrote these words at the beginning of his book in the New Testament. He spoke about Jesus as a light that can never go out. Most of the lights we can think about we can turn on and off at will, a light bulb, a torch, a candle, the light on your phone, can all be turned on and off when we want them to.

Jesus isn't like that; we can't just turn Jesus on and off when we want to. If we are going



to be Christians, we need to do it all the time. We need to shine our lights into the darkness of this world always. Not just on Sundays, or when we feel like it.

But in order to keep our light going we need to feed it, like electricity keeps our lights lit. And we can do this by keeping in touch with God, by praying, reading our bible and meeting regularly with other Christians. photo by [Ernest Brillo](#) on [Unsplash](#)

Watch and Listen John: God's story:

<https://youtu.be/hJy0mfnUDjM>

How many lightbulbs
does it take to change a
lightbulb?

Answer: Depends on
how clumsy you are. 😊

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Diary:

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| Sundays 9am | Uploaded children & family talk via Facebook, the website or YouTube. |
| 10.30am (Time may change after church meeting!) | 7th November: Rev. Naomi will be leading the service at Christ Church. Followed by church meeting. 14th November: Gwyneth will be leading the Remembrance service at Christ Church - children straight out to Sundayclub and back in later for Remembrance silence. 21st November: Service at Christ Church led by our minister Rev. Naomi. 28th November: Service at Christ Church led by John Amos. 5th December : Rev. Naomi will lead the service at Christ Church. Sundayclub will be open in Caley Hall for all the above Sundays and we'll be starting rehearsals for our nativity and doing some Christmassy crafts. Let us know if you're coming! Zoom is now available so if you'd like to join in Sundayclub this way please contact Sandy for the link, before Sunday! |
| Mondays 9.30am- 11am 10am- 11.30am | Mustard seeds toddler group 9.30am and Babies and bumps 10am continues each week during term time. Please let me know if you are coming. |

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| <p>Thursdays</p> | <p><u>Triologue – online YouTube broadcasts for 16- to 25-year-olds</u> URC Youth invite you to join their regular online live YouTube broadcast called 'Triologue' which will also be broadcast simultaneously on the URC Youth Triologue Facebook page and the URC Children's and Youth Work Facebook page. Aimed at 16- to 25-year-olds, each session explores a theme alongside a Bible passage, providing a springboard for further discussion and reflection.</p> <p>Triologue takes place every other Thursday at 7pm - see the URC Youth Triologue Facebook page for what is coming next.</p> <p> bit.ly/trialogueURC https://www.facebook.com/urcYouthTriologue</p> |
| <p>Saturdays 10am – 12pm</p> | <p><u>6th November Art for all club!</u> This is open to all ages, with a separate area for children. Please bring your own art equipment if you have it, or we have some we can lend out for the session. Children's art activities will be fully supplied.</p> <p><u>20th November Faith Adventurers</u> – a monthly club for primary school aged children, with games, crafts and activities based around a bible story or truth. Please sign up with Sandy.</p> <p><u>27th November – Art and crafts fair, 10am – 3pm.</u></p> <p><u>4th December – Art for all</u> See above.</p> |
| <p>Future dates:</p> | <p><u>Sunday 12th December</u> Sundayclub nativity service.</p> <p><u>Monday 13th December</u> Mustard Seeds and Baby and Bumps Christmas party</p> <p><u>Saturday 18th December</u> family Christmas/Messy Church/Adventurers party. 10.30am -1pm.</p> <p><u>Sunday 19th December 3pm,</u> Posada Christmas trail and carols.</p> <p><u>Friday 24th December</u> Christmas Eve! Christingle service. <u>3pm</u></p> <p><u>Christmas day service with Rev. Naomi.</u></p> <p><u>28 to 30 January 2022</u> Youth Assembly Calling all young people and young adults associated with the URC - the URC Youth Executive are delighted to announce that bookings are now open for Youth Assembly 2022 - Jubilee. Commemorate the past * Celebrate the now * Create the future At Whitemoor Lakes in Alrewas, Staffordshire, a fantastic venue for which we have sole use. Youth Assembly is a weekend of fun, friendship and fellowship including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Decides - discussions • Workshops and keynotes • Worship • Silent Disco |

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| <p>Age: Year 10 (England and Wales) to 26 years (inclusive) The age limit is extended for 2022 only due to the cancellation of YA 2021. A creche will be available for children between 0 and 5 years old. Cost - Early Bird price on or before 11 November 2021 is £115, standard price from 12 November 2021 onwards is £145. Click here for further information and booking form URCYA 50% Subsidy available contact Nicola cydo@urceastern.org.uk</p> |
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With love from Sandy, Children and family worker. xx