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| Sun 13th Dec | 9.00 am | Sacrament of Holy Communion conducted by Rev Terry Hudson |
| | 9.50 am | 10 minutes of open prayer in the Parlour |
| | 10.30 am | All age Worship for Advent led by Rev Terry Hudson |
| | 7.00 pm | In the Link |
| Mon 14th Dec | 6.30 - 8.30 pm | Switch |
| Tues 15th Dec | 2.15 pm | Bowls Club in Hall B |
| Wed 16th Dec | 10.30 am | Pause for Prayer and Thought |
| | 7.30 pm | Badminton Club |
| | 7.30 pm | Women's Wednesday Group - Carol Service |
| Fri 18th Dec | 5.00 pm | Boys Brigade - Anchors |
| | 6.30 pm | Boys Brigade - Junior Section |
| | 7.00 pm | Boys Brigade - Inters and Company Section |
| | 7.30 pm | Choir Practice |
| Sat 19th Dec | 3-5.30 pm | Table Tennis in Hall B all standards welcome |
| Sun 20th Dec | 10.30 am | Morning Worship led by Mr Don Skinner |
| | 6.30 pm | Carols by Candlelight |

Dates for your Diary

CHRISTMAS CAROLS in the 'Precinct' with Churches Together In Shirley on Saturday 19th December at 11 am. Please break into your Yuletide preparations to sing joyfully of the Saviour's birth. Some helpers to distribute mince pies and Good News Papers would be appreciated.

Soup & Sweet Lunch 12.30pm Monday 21st December all welcome.

Please note the Christmas Day Service is at 10.30 am not as published in the magazine

General Notices

Grateful thanks to all who supported Supper Club last Tuesday - either by helping in preparation, serving or attending for the meal itself. After expenses were covered for our festive meal £126 will be forwarded to the Methodist Relief and Development Fund (this includes £90 saved during the year from nectar points at Sainsbury's). Thank you for all your support throughout another year. Our next meal will be on 6th January 2010. Look forward to seeing you.

Angie and Ray Allport sincerely appreciate receiving the messages of love and support from SJR friends at this anxious time with regard to Ray's health. They hope that his treatment plan will begin this week.

Christmas Cards Sorting Box - The box for you to bring your Christmas Cards for friends at SJR is available in the Link from TODAY until Christmas. Please remember to collect cards as well as deliver your own.

Christmas Card Display Board - Is available in the Link for you to display a single card to friends at SJR.

Carols by Candlelight - Next Sunday evening 20th December is our annual Carols by Candlelight. Please come along and bring friends and neighbours to make this (as it always is) a very special occasion in the life of our church. Proceeds from the special collection that evening will be split between Action for Children and Save the Children funds.

Magnet There is a copy of the current issue 'Identity' in the Link- please borrow it. Amongst many other articles Paul Young author of 'The Shack' discusses the identity of God. To order your own copy for 2010 (£10 for four issues) speak to Gill Robinson.

SCRATCH Basics Bank help to provide emergency food supplies to those in our city who have nothing. Thank you to all who regularly donate tins and packets of food. Please include some 'Festive' food during December. Thank you.

SCRATCH CHRISTMAS COMPLETE is an annual project to provide toys and gifts to children and young people who are suffering the effects of poverty and disadvantage. A CHRISTMAS COMPLETE poster is displayed in the 'Link' for more information and how you could help.

9 am Communion

Hymn 86 - Tell out, my soul

Hymn 81 - Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Hymn 113 - O little town of Bethlehem

Reading - Isaiah 9:2,6,7

Sunday Morning

Call to worship

Hymn 77 - Joy to the world

Prayer

Lighting the Advent Candle

1st, 2nd verse of SoF 891 Like a candle flame

Scripture - Isaiah 40:1-8

Choir Anthem

Offering

Nativity Play

Hymn 94 - Away in a manger

Address

Hymn 118 - See him lying on a bed of straw

Prayer