

## HEELEY PARISH CHURCH – CONTACTS

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### DAILY HOPE FREE PHONE LINE

Do try this FREE phone line. Dial 0345 646 2206  
It's like a 20-minute service with music and it's FREE.



### ENGLISH CONVERSATION GROUP

Tuesdays 1.00pm—2.30pm -

See Cynthia for more information.



Learn English At Heeley Parish Church!



## HEELEY PARISH CHURCH NEWS & VIEWS



**Making Love Known**

*21st December 2025*

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

**10.45am**

**Café Church - Toddler Nativitiy**

**6.00pm**

**Christingle**

Eternal God,  
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,  
so we wait for his coming in glory;  
bring us through the birth pangs of this  
present age to see, with her, our great  
salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



## WHAT'S ON



Sunday 21st December	Café Church—Toddler Nativity Christingle	10.45am 6.00pm	Church Church
Wednesday 24th December	Away in a Manger Holy Communion	4.00pm 10.00pm	Church Church
Thursday 25th December	Christmas Day Communion	10.00am	Church
Sunday 28th December	Morning Worship Sunday @ Seven	10.45am 7.00pm	Church Church

## WHAT'S COMING UP



Monday 29th December	Board Games Night	6.00pm	Church
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### CHILDREN'S PRAYER MINISTRY ON ZOOM

Laura will be hosting a new monthly prayer Zoom meeting for the children's ministry at Heeley. It will be held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 8.00pm for 40 minutes maximum and is for anyone to join. She will share updates on what has been happening with children's work and anything coming up, talk about specific prayer points, then we can all prayer together.

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73976207634?](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73976207634?pwd=yfOm625RvQbO1b4l5X09LgeaZwhE74.1)

[pwd=yfOm625RvQbO1b4l5X09LgeaZwhE74.1](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73976207634?pwd=yfOm625RvQbO1b4l5X09LgeaZwhE74.1)

Meeting ID: 739 7620 7634

Passcode: heeleycyf



# Christmas Services @ Heeley Parish Church

## BLUE CHRISTMAS

7<sup>th</sup> December - 1.30pm

## CHRISTMAS MESSY CHURCH

10<sup>th</sup> December - 3.30pm

## CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

14<sup>th</sup> December - 6.00pm

## CAFÉ CHURCH & TODDLER NATIVITY

21<sup>st</sup> December - 10.45am

## CHRISTINGLE

21<sup>st</sup> December - 6.00pm

## AWAY IN A MANGER

24<sup>th</sup> December - 4.00pm

## CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION

24<sup>th</sup> December - 10.00pm

## CHRISTMAS DAY COMMUNION

25<sup>th</sup> December - 10.00am

All are welcome to any of our services




**Heeley Parish Church**  
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**CAFÉ CHURCH  
&  
TODDLER NATIVITY**

Sunday 21st December 10.45am



Family friendly worship with  
 crafts and activities.


**The Children's Society**

**Christingle Service**

21st December  
 6.00pm

Come and join us at our  
 Christingle Service.

A warm welcome awaits you.

Refreshments served after the  
 service.

Children and Families Worker  
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For unto us  
 a child is born!

**Away in a manger**

Heeley Parish Church  
 CHRISTMAS EVE - 4.00pm



You're invited to dress up as a nativity character or animal to  
 help us tell the Christmas story - we have some costumes at  
 church, or you can come dressed in your own.

After the story we will have crafts and food


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**Christmas Eve  
Holy Communion**

24th December 2025  
 10.00pm



All are welcome to come and celebrate  
 the birth of Jesus

## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR

Some of you may have seen that Heeley Parish Church was featured on ITV Calendar news this week. It was part of a piece on Blue Christmas services, which provide a space during the season for those grieving the loss of someone they love.

I was initially asked if they could have a few shots of me pretending to put out hymn books – a bit difficult, when we don't have hymn books, or pews to put them in! So instead, they filmed me pretending to light the Advent candles.

There is always some artifice to our media-driven world. We curate the photos we put on Instagram, Snapchat, or Facebook, so that they convey the image we want to portray of ourselves. We use filters to make ourselves look a particular way. But under it all, we long for authenticity. It's no surprise that many young people today are abandoning social media, and prefer to find friendships through shared interests.

It constantly amazes me that there was no artifice in God becoming a human being in Jesus. That he became a real live baby, who needed feeding and changing and was completely reliant for survival on his parents. And as he grew, Jesus felt things just like us – the Gospels tell us how he was tired, and thirsty, and cried.

Throughout history, some people have found this offensive – how could God, the creator of the universe, become really human? But this is the truth – this is the God we worship – one who never made creation to be far and distant from himself, but who wanted to come to us, to be with us, and to be one of us, so that we could never be in any doubt that he understands and loves us.

I hope you may find the comfort of his presence with you, especially if you are feeling sad or lonely for any reason. I wish you every blessing of this Christmas season! All are very welcome at any of our remaining Christmas services.

*Amy*


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**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS**

NEPALESE FELLOWSHIP EVENT

FEEL FREE TO COME AND JOIN WITH US  
 ON THIS WONDERFUL FESTIVE SEASON

20th December 2025 11:00 - 14:00

### CHURCH FAMILY IN NEED OF PRAYER:

Ruth and family following her dad's death  
Dennis & Joan—Joan recovering from a broken hip  
Cynthia, now out of hospital  
Ron Austin and family following Margaret's death  
Kara— for protection, peace and deep healing.  
Margaret and family as they come to terms with Clive's death  
Joanne and family following the death of her mum. Michael's mum is in a care home but his dad is back at home  
Ken and Sue's brother in law, very poorly, now in a care home  
Laura S - Her mum and dad, John and Julie. For healing, strength, help and comfort and for her nan, Margaret. Also for Laura's cousin David.  
Anne from Martha's Kitchen now in Heeley Bank Care Home  
Simon and Nora - Nora still struggling with her health and for Simon and his work colleagues who are under threat of redundancy  
Carl and Lindsey as they care for foster children  
Barbara's family following her death  
Kate  
Beajong as he settles back home in Nepal  
Paul Gill – continued healing for mental health issues

### SABEEL WAVE OF PRAYER FOR THE HOLY LAND

Holy God, as we witness the lighting of the Christmas tree in the place of your birth, for the first time in three years, we meditate on the mystery and hope of the Christmas story that proclaims liberation for the oppressed. In the face of overwhelming death today, teach us how to faithfully hold onto your promise of liberation and life. Amen

### HEELEY PARISH CHURCH PRAYER CHAIN

Heeley Parish Church has a prayer chain and everyone is welcome to use it for urgent prayer. It's very simple to use. Just ring or text Cynthia (07552 035404) Amy (0748 213 5061) or Kate (0788 878 2083) with your request, and they will put your request into a short form suitable for texting and then send out a group text to everyone. If you want to join the prayer chain as a recipient of prayer messages to be prayed for please have a word with Cynthia (your mobile number will be needed).

### RICHARD'S SONGS

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLrj\\_0U75zRThNO8ukxqk3XGM1ZCGeRKx](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLrj_0U75zRThNO8ukxqk3XGM1ZCGeRKx)

If you use the above link each week, Richard will update with the latest songs.

### OPEN DOORS MISSION PARTNER



Please pray for our Sisters & Brothers in Christ.

### EYEWITNESS

**Sunday 21 December – Afghanistan** "I've witnessed many people becoming disillusioned with Islam due to strict religious laws," says Aisha. "When they read the Bible, they find beauty and truth. That's why they turn to Christ." Pray for more encounters.

**Monday 22 December – Indonesia** Abdul dreamt about Jesus, leading to his salvation, but he's been forced into hiding. "I've seen Jesus. I cannot go back." Pray for Open Doors partners as they pastor him.

**Tuesday 23 December – Cuba** "I heard the testimonies of ten leaders," says a partner. "It was inspiring and heartbreaking – a passionate, living faith alongside poverty, fear and repression." Pray for hope, courage and provision. **CHRISTMAS EVE** It's a year since Christians were amongst dozens killed in Christmas attacks in Nigeria and DRC. Pray for affected believers to feel the enfolding comfort of Emmanuel, 'God with us', and pray for the protection of gatherings worldwide over Christmas.

**CHRISTMAS DAY** "Christmas is a very bright holiday for me," says Mina from Central Asia, who's faced persecution at school. Pray that Christmas joy will shine brightly in the hearts of our persecuted family today.

**BOXING DAY** "In worship, I find answers," says Alicia in Mexico, who's faced rejection from her community. Pray that our persecuted family will encounter God through worship over Christmas.

### EYEWITNESS

**Saturday 27 December – Asia** "I was amazed by the teachings of Jesus," says Joel, who first met Jesus in a dream. "Something inside me knew I wanted to follow Him." His wife and father are hostile to his faith – pray for salvation.

### ECO TIP OF THE WEEK

Getting ready for the festivities of Christmas. Buy as much locally produced, in season food and particularly veg as you can. Try not to over cater and waste food.

If you would like to share an eco tip please send it by email to [joanne.christchurchheeley@gmail.com](mailto:joanne.christchurchheeley@gmail.com)

### ROOM BOOKINGS

A reminder that **ALL** room bookings must be made through our Centre Manager, Cynthia, on 0755 203 5404 or via her email address, [bookings.heeleyparishchurch@gmail.com](mailto:bookings.heeleyparishchurch@gmail.com)