

# Welcome to Griffydam Chapel In the Valley

**JESUS HAS TOLD THIS CHURCH TO GO AND MAKE  
DISCIPLES AND TEACH THEM TO OBEY HIM.**

<b>Think</b>	<b>with the Mind of Christ</b>
<b>See</b>	<b>with the Eyes of Christ</b>
<b>Speak</b>	<b>with the Words of Christ</b>
<b>Serve</b>	<b>with the Hands of Christ</b>
<b>Love</b>	<b>with the Love of Christ</b>
<b>Live</b>	<b>with the Life of Christ</b>

**Sunday 7 December 2025**

**11.00 am Clare**

**Advent 2 - Matthew 1:18–25**

**4.00 pm Lights of Love at Staunton Harold**

**No evening service at civ**

**Church Flowers for 2025**

7 December - Advent 2

14 December - Advent 3

21 December - Advent 4

28 December - Church

**Advent Week 2 - Prayer for Peace**

Lord, in a season when every heart should be happy and light, many of us are struggling with the heaviness of life—burdens that steal the joy right out of our stockings. Tragedy arrives as innocent victims suffer, and an inner voice whispers, “Be afraid!” We need your peace, Jesus. We confess that our hearts are too often filled with wonder of a different kind: wondering when the bills will be paid, when the terror will stop, when rest will come. Will it ever? Is the message still true? In a world where worry, not peace, prevails, stir up that good news again. This Advent, make it real in our hearts. Never have we needed Your joy and peace more than now. Thank You for the gift of Jesus, our Immanuel, the Word made flesh. We not only need Your peace and joy; Lord, we crave it. You’ve promised rest for the weary, victory for the battle-scarred, peace for the anxious, and acceptance for the broken hearted—not just at Advent, but every day of every year. Your name is still called “Wonderful,” “Counsellor,” “The Mighty God,” “The Everlasting Father,” and “The Prince of Peace.” We know that peace on earth can only come when hearts find peace with You. You are still our Joy. You are still our Peace. You are no longer a babe in the manger. You are Lord of lords and King of kings. And we still celebrate You as Lord—this Christmas and always. ~by Rebecca Barlow Jordan



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TO  
EARTH

*Join us this Advent*

*11am 30th Nov, 7th, 14th & 21st Dec 2025*

CHAPEL IN THE VALLEY, REMPSTONE RD,  
GRIFFYDAM, COALVILLE LE67 8HP

## Chapel In the Valley forthcoming events

- ***Sunday services at 11.00 am and 6.00 pm (unless shown differently)***

8 December 7.00 pm

Bible study at Chapel

12 December 10.00 am

The other Bible study at Chapel

## CHAPEL IN THE VALLEY CHRISTMAS SERVICES

14th December - 5pm

Carols on the Patio

21st December - 6pm

Carol Service

25th December - 11am Christmas Day Service

## More Christmas events at the civ

18 December Time to be arranged

Glue Christmas Party

Any other events, please email details to [stewart@brighthope-nwl.org.uk](mailto:stewart@brighthope-nwl.org.uk)

## A Retired Person Looks at Time

Elizabeth is chasing a lamb soft toy which escapes from a busy department store in Norway on the 1st of December. On the third day of running, she meets the angel Ephiriel. "Now can you tell me exactly where we are going, my dear?" asked the angel

"To Bethlehem" replied Elizabeth

"And what are we going to do there? We're going to stroke the lamb, I suppose"

The angel nodded. "And we'll also welcome the baby Jesus into our world. He was called God's lamb, because He was just as kind and innocent as the little lamb's fleece is soft. 'We have to travel two thousand years backwards in time to the moment when Jesus was born.'"

Elizabeth put her hand to her mouth. "But isn't it impossible to travel backwards in time?" she asked.

"Not at all," said Ephiriel. "Nothing is impossible for God, and I am here as God's messenger."

Elizabeth simply sat and stared, and Ephiriel continued. "Since you began running after the lamb, more than fifty years have gone by. We are running to Bethlehem through time, going downhill through history on a diagonal line. It's like running before the wind, or rushing down a moving staircase."

Elizabeth nodded. She wasn't sure she understood everything the angel was saying, but she knew how clever it all was. "How do you know that we're at the beginning of the twentieth century?"

The angel raised his arm and pointed at a gold watch on his wrist decorated with a row of shining pearls. On its face it said 1916. "It's an angel watch," he explained. "It isn't quite as accurate as other watches, but in heaven we're not too particular about all the hours and minutes."

"Why not?" she asked.

"We have the whole of eternity to see to," replied the angel. "And anyway, we never have to catch a bus to get to work on time." (From: The Christmas Mystery, by Jostein Gaarder  
Courtesy Lesley

## Here and There in December

### New Swannington

9th 10.00am Bible study with John at Margaret's house

13th 10.00am to midday Coffee morning

20th 9.00am Men's Breakfast

With thanks to Marjorie and Pete for this information

## New Swannington Chapel, Christmas reminders.



December 7<sup>th</sup> 4.00pm  
Christingle service.



Bring the children,  
make your own  
Christingle!

December 8<sup>th</sup> 11.00am – 1.00pm  
or December 19<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm – 9.00pm  
Table decorations.



Everything included, even tuition for £10.  
Places must be pre-booked with Emma,  
Text 07394 390796

December 21<sup>st</sup> 10.30am  
Carol Service.



All your favourite Carols  
and the Christmas story.

December 24<sup>th</sup> 5.00pm  
Carols in the car park



Followed by refreshments  
and mulled wine

December 13<sup>th</sup> 10.00am – midday  
Coffee morning.



Coffee and loads of Christmas goodies!

## Here and There in December

### Moir

14th Service Brian Parker 10.30am

28th Service Rev Chapman 10.30am

Here and There in December  
*Ellistown*

*Friendship Group Christmas Meal*

*Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.*

*No meeting in Community Room*



*Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 4 p.m.*

*Fellowship Service of  
Carols by Candlelight Service*

*Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30 a.m.*

*Join us as we watch*

*'Home Alone 2*



*December 21<sup>st</sup> at 10.30 a.m.*

*Fellowship Service of  
Carols and Readings*

*Thanks to Margaret for this information*