

The Christian Community

Stourbridge

Movement for Religious Renewal

Advent 2024 - Epiphany 2025



Icon painted by Wendy Teal in a meditative retreat

Contentment (with gratitude) is the greatest worker of miracles. It transforms water into wine, grains of sand into pearls, raindrops into balsam, poverty into wealth, the smallest into the greatest, the most common to the most noble, earth into paradise.

Kaspar Hauser

Advent 2024

- Saturday 30th 9.00 **Advent wreath making at the church**
December
- Sunday 1st** 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
11.30 **Opening of the fundraising exhibition of prints of famous paintings**
16.00 **Advent Spiral Festival**
- Tuesday 3rd 8.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
- Thursday 5th 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
11.10 Gospel Study: The Acts of the Apostles
- Sunday 8th** 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
11.30 **Celtic Christianity – then and now**
Talk by *Jane Sahin*
Erhard in Ilkeston
- Tuesday 10th 8.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
- Wednesday 11th 19.30 **Carol Concert with the Elmfield choir**
with refreshments afterwards and retiring collection
- Thursday 12th 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
11.10 Gospel Study: The Acts of the Apostles
- Sunday 15th** 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
11.30 **Layers of Laity**
Talk and conversation with Kevin Street
- Tuesday 17th 8.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
- Thursday 19th 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
11.10 Gospel Study: The Acts of the Apostles
Erhard in Ilkeston
- Saturday 21st
- Sunday 22nd** 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
11.30 **Why is the Father God Male?**
Talk by *Erhard Keller*

Christmas and the Twelve Holy Nights

Tuesday 24 th	24.00 Midnight Act of Consecration of Man
Wednesday 25 th	9.15 Children's Christmas Service 10.00 Day Act of Consecration of Man <i>Erhard in Ilkeston</i>
Thursday 26 th	10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man 11.15 'Our Father' in Greek Conversation introduced by <i>Erhard Keller</i>
Friday 27 th	10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man 11.15 'Our Father' in Latin Conversation introduced by <i>Erhard Keller</i>
Saturday 28 th	10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man 11.15 'Forgiving Trespasses' in the Lord's Prayer Conversation introduced by <i>Louise Madsen</i>
Sunday 29 th	10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man 11.30 'Temptation' in the Lord's Prayer Conversation introduced by <i>Erhard Keller</i>
Monday 30 th	10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man 11.15 'Evil' in the Lord's Prayer Conversation introduced by <i>Bernardus Nijhuis</i>
Tuesday 31 st	10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man 11.15 Review of the Year 2024 Shared conversation 18.00 Where there is no vision, the people perish. (Proverbs 29:18) New Year's Eve Sermon by <i>Louise Madsen</i>

January 2025

Wednesday 1 st	10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man 11.15 Resolves for the year 2025 Shared conversation
Thursday 2 nd	10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

11.15 '666- the number of Man' (Rev. 13:18)

Talk by *Erhard Keller*

Friday 3rd

10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

11.15 'The Doxology' in the Lord's Prayer

Conversation introduced by *Erhard Keller*

Saturday 4th

10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

Sunday 5th

10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

11.30 Know just one plant –

The language of plant growth

Talk with sketches by *Ed Berger*

Erhard in Ilkeston

Epiphany

Monday 6th

10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

11.15 **Epiphany Gathering – The Star of Grace**

Tuesday 7th

8.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

Thursday 9th

10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

11.10 Gospel Study: The Acts of the Apostles

Sunday 12th

10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

11.30 **The second half of my life**

Talk by *Nick Godwin*

Tuesday 14th

8.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

Thursday 16th

10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

11.10 Gospel Study: The Acts of the Apostles

Saturday 18th

Erhard in Ilkeston

Sunday 19th

10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

Tuesday 21st

8.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

Thursday 23rd

10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

11.10 Gospel Study: The Acts of the Apostles

Saturday 25th

9-12 Gardening and maintenance morning

Sunday 26th

10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

15.00 **Life through song**

Concert by *Julia Disney*

- Tuesday 28th 8.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
29/1- 10/2 *Erhard on holiday*
- Thursday 30th 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
11.10 Gospel Study: The Acts of the Apostles
- February**
- Sunday 2nd 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
11.30 **Ill health, health, empowerment and our inner activity with Christ's power**
Talk about Kinesiology by *Celine Labesse*
- Tuesday 4th No service
- Thursday 6th 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
11.10 Gospel Study: The Acts of the Apostles

Trinity

- Sunday 9th 10.00 **Devotional gathering**
- Tuesday 11th No service
- Thursday 13th 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
11.10 Gospel Study: The Acts of the Apostles
- Saturday 15th *Erhard in Ilkeston*
- Sunday 16th 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
11.30 **University of Life**
A biographical talk by Sue Bradley
- Tuesday 18th 8.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
- Thursday 20th 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
11.10 Gospel Study: The Acts of the Apostles
- Sunday 23rd 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
11.30 until 2.30 **Celebrating our Community**
including a talk about the Circle of Seven, finances and new initiatives, and a bring and share lunch
- Tuesday 25th No service
- Thursday 27th 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
11.10 Gospel Study: The Acts of the Apostles

March

- Saturday 1st 9-12 Gardening morning, welcoming spring
- Sunday 2nd** 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
15.00 **Family concert**
Organised by *Pam Street and Sajida Holmes*
Erhard in Ilkeston
- Monday 3rd to Thursday 6th Synod in Stroud (no services)
- Sunday 9th** 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
11.30 **Report from the synod in Stroud**
By *Erhard Keller*
- Tuesday 11th 8.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
- Thursday 13th 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
11.10 Gospel Study: The Acts of the Apostles
Erhard in Ilkeston
- Saturday 15th
- Sunday 16th** 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
11.30 **The Eclipse of Nature**
Talk by *Maarten Ekema*
- Tuesday 18th 8.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
- Thursday 20th 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
11.10 Gospel Study: The Acts of the Apostles

Looking forward:

Sunday 23rd March 2025

Passion Tide begins

Sunday 30th March 2025

100th Anniversary of Rudolf Steiner's Death

Dear Congregation

During Advent there will be an exhibition of original paintings and of good quality prints of famous paintings. Many are from Park Attwood and were stored in the cellar of the Elysia centre. We hope to sell many before Christmas as a fundraiser. Proceeds will be shared between the Elysia Centre and our community.

There are very few family festivals in the programme but more might still take place if some parents have an initiative. Children's services are

organised on a weekly basis and are held if at least two children are planning to come.

Feel encouraged to bring a short contribution for the **family concert**. Please let Pam Street know.

Warm greetings for the winter festivals!

Erhard (and Louise)

Gospel Readings

Advent 2024

Sunday, December 1	...	Luke 21:25-36
Sunday, December 8	...	Luke 21:25-36
Sunday, December 15	...	Luke 21:25-36
Sunday, December 22	...	Luke 21:25-36

Christmas

Wednesday, December 25

Midnight	...	Matthew 1:1-25
Dawn	...	Luke 2:1-20
Morning	...	John 21:15-25

Epiphany 2025

Monday, January 6	...	Matthew 2:1-12
Sunday, January 12	...	Matthew 2:1-12
Sunday, January 19	...	Luke 2:41-52
Sunday, January 26	...	John 2:1-11
Sunday, February 2	...	Mark 2:1-12
Sunday, February 9	...	Luke 13:10-17
Sunday, February 16	...	Matthew 20:1-16
Sunday, February 23	...	Luke 8:1-18
Sunday, March 2	...	Luke 18:18-34
Sunday, March 9	...	Matthew 4:1-11
Sunday, March 16	...	Matthew 17:1-13

Office bearers:

Council: Kevin Street, Erhard Keller, Bernardus Nijhuis, Celine Labesse, Marie-Reine Adams

Finance Group: Rosie Phillpot, Paul Randon, Maigread Reynolds, Doug Huntley, Erhard Keller,

Festival Group: Erhard Keller, Bernardus Nijhuis, Celine Labesse

Concert Group: Kevin Street, Michael Jones, Erhard Keller

Exhibitions: Kevin Street, Erhard Keller

Office: Rosie Phillpot

Servers Rota: Jane Sahin

Vestry: Kim Dutton, Rosie Phillpot

Ironing: Maigread Reynolds, Rosie Phillpot

Bread baking: Rosie Phillpot

Flowers: Kate Henderson

Garden: Louise Madsen, Martin Dathan

Cleaning: Ryan Walker

Maintenance: Maarten Ekama, Bill Warren, Bernardus Nijhuis, Erhard Keller

Music: Alan Stott, Maren Stott, Pam Street, Joris Boon

Books: Erhard Keller

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The Christian Community owes its physical existence to the generous donations of its members and friends.

For details of standing orders, Gift Aid payments and legacies, please contact our honorary treasurer, Rosie Phillpot.

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