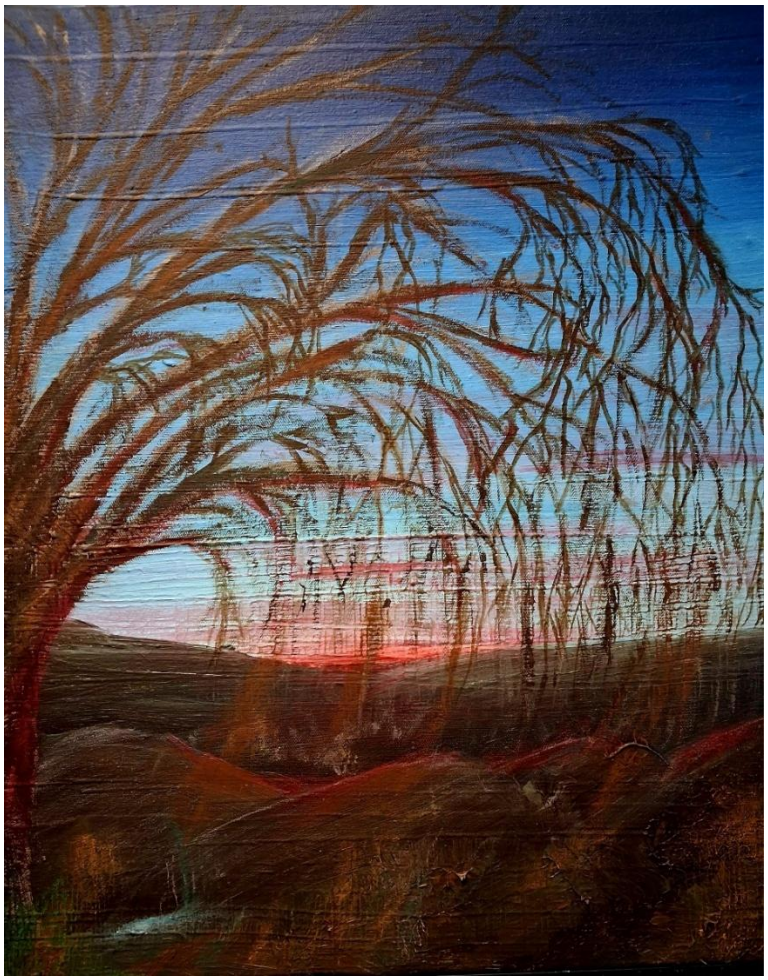
The Christian Community

Movement for Religious Renewal

Stourbridge

Advent 2026 - Epiphany 2027



'Advent' by Kevin Street

Autumn turns towards mid-winter
Deep darkness envelops the outer world.
Veiled stillness, behind our bustle and hurry,
Entreat us, in inner stillness, to contemplate the source of all Creation.
Now we must inwardly prepare ourselves to meet the Christ,
To await the birth of the Child of the turning point of time.

Acrostic Poem by Pam Street

Advent 2026

November

Sunday 29th 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

11.30 **Dementia – Preparing for Birth in the Spiritual World**

Talk and conversation led by Erhard Keller

December

Tuesday 1st 8.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

19.30 Council Meeting

Thursday 3rd 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

11.11 Gospel Study

Saturday 5th 10.00 -15.00 **Art Sale in Community Room**

Sunday 6th 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

11.30 **Servers' Meeting**

Tuesday 8th 8.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

Thursday 10th 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

11.11 Gospel Study

Saturday 12th Erhard in Ilkeston

Sunday 13th 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

11.30 **The Advent Epistle: An Opening into the World of Spirit**

Conversation introduced by *Louise Madsen*

Tuesday 15th 8.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

Thursday 17th 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

11.11 Gospel Study

19.30 **Christmas Carol Concert**

With the *Elmfield Choir*

Sunday 20th 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

11.30 **The Loving Presence in Near Death Experiences in the 21st century**

Talk by *Erhard Keller*

Tuesday 22nd 8.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

9.00 **Preparing the church for Christmas**

Christmas and the Twelve Holy Nights

Thursday 24th	18.00 The Troll who wanted to become human Performance by Mathew Dexter
	24.00 Christmas Midnight Act of Consecration of Man
Friday 25th	8.00 Christmas Dawn Act of Consecration of Man
	10.00 Christmas Day Act of Consecration of Man
	13.00 Christmas Dinner
Saturday 26th	10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
Sunday 27th	10.00 Devotional Gathering Erhard in Ilkeston
Monday 28th	10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.15 The Christian Community funeral for children - Commemorating the massacre of the innocents Talk by *Erhard Keller*
Tuesday 29th	10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.15 The Little Prince – his Rose and the Fox Story based on the book by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry told by *Jane Sahin*
Wednesday 30th	10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
Thursday 31st	10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.15 What was 2026 about? Shared Conversation
	18.00 Upholding Humanity in an Unstable World New Year's Eve Sermon by *Louise Madsen*

January 2027

Friday 1st	10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.15 Resolves for the year 2027 Shared conversation
Saturday 2nd	10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
Sunday 3rd	10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30 The Rose Outside, the Rose Inside Talk by *Ed Berger* Erhard in Ilkeston

Monday 4th	**10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man**
Tuesday 5th	**10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man**
	11.15 The Parable of the Rings
	by Ephraim Gotthold Lessing
	presented by *Rainer Klocke* and *John Thornborrow*

Epiphany

Wednesday 6th	10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.20 **The Three Kings Festival accompanied by songs**. Please let Erhard know if you want to help create the festival
Thursday 7th	10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.15 **80 years of exploration** Talk by *David Adams*
Sunday 10th	10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
Tuesday 12th	8.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
	19.30 Council meeting
Thursday 14th	10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.11 Gospel Study
Saturday 16th	Erhard in Ilkeston
Sunday 17th	10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.30 **Can we become The Christian Community in the 21st century?** Talk with Conversation by *Erhard Keller*
Tuesday 19th	8.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
Thursday 21st	10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.11 Gospel Study
Sunday 24th	10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
Tuesday 26th	8.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
	19.30 Finance Group Meeting
Thursday 28th	10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
	11.11 Gospel Study
Saturday 30th	17.00 Reading for the Dead

Sunday 31st 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
11.30 **The Star: Blessing Light in our Hearts**
Conversation introduced by *Louise Madsen*
Erhard in Ilkeston

February

Tuesday 2nd 8.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
Wednesday 3rd Rosie, Erhard, Philippa at Trustees meeting in London
Thursday 4th 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
11.11 Gospel Study
Saturday 6th 9.00- 11.30 Gardening morning, welcoming spring

Trinity

Sunday 7th 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
11.30 **Annual Congregational Meeting**
with a financial report for the previous year
Tuesday 9th 8.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
19.30 Council Meeting
Thursday 11th 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
11.11 Gospel Study
Saturday 13th Erhard in Ilkeston
Sunday 14th 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
15-26/2 Erhard on holiday and at the ordinations in Stuttgart
Tuesday 16th no service
Thursday 18th 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
11.11 Gospel Study
Sunday 21st 10.00 Devotional Gathering
Tuesday 23rd no service
Thursday 25th 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man
11.11 Gospel Study
Saturday 27th 17.00 Reading for the Dead

Passion Tide

Sunday 28th 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

11.30 **In the Age of Two Messiahs: Islamic Insights**
Talk by *Chris Hewer*

12.45 Bring and share lunch

13.30 Conversation on the theme with *Chris Hewer*
Erhard in Ilkeston

March

1/3-4/3 Synod in London - no services

Saturday 6th 10.00 The Act of Consecration of Man

11.15 Celebrating the 50th Anniversary
of the ordination of *Louise Madsen*

Dear Congregation

£10 Art Sale Saturday December 5th, 10 until 3. A once in a 2026 opportunity! I will have many paintings for sale, at £10 or less, with 50% going to church funds. For a few weeks you'll get to see some of them in the Community Room, randomly displayed with no price or title.
On the day these will be joined by others, all on a 'first come first served' basis. Come and browse, have a drink, and leave with a bargain!

Kevin Street

This year on Christmas eve we will be able to enjoy the magical Christmas story of the *Troll who wanted to become human*. This is a story by Jeanna Oterdahl enacted by Mathew Dexter. After the play we can light the candles on the Christmas tree, sing carols and enjoy a hot punch and mince pies.

The Christmas dinner will be organised by Sue Bradley. Please text Sue for details: 07540805012.

There purposely are a few Sundays after the service without a programme. Feel free to offer talks or other events.

The family concert will be on 14th March 2027. Please contact Pam or Sajida if you can contribute.

Greetings from Louise and Erhard

Pericopes

Sunday, 29 November	…	Luke 21:25-36
Sunday, 6 December	…	Luke 21:25-36
Sunday, 13 December	…	Luke 21:25-3 6
Sunday, 20 December	…	Luke 21:25-36
Friday, 25 December		
Midnight	…	Matthew 1:1-25
Dawn	…	Luke 2:1-20
Morning	…	John 21:15-25
Sunday, 27 December	…	John 21:15-25
Sunday, 3 January	…	John 21:15-25
Wednesday, 6 January	…	Matthew 2:1-12
Sunday, 10 January	…	Matthew 2:1-12
Sunday, 17 January	…	Luke 2:41-52
Sunday, 24 January	…	John 2:1-11
Sunday, 31 January	…	Matthew 20:1-1
Sunday, 7 February	…	Luke 18:18-34
Sunday, 14 February	…	Matthew 4:1-11
Sunday, 21 February	…	Matthew 17:1-1

Office bearers: (a big thank you to you all who contribute to the life of our congregation)

Council: Celine Labesse, Marie-Reine Adams, John Thornborrow, Sue Bradley, Rainer Klocke, Erhard Keller
Finance Group: Rosie Phillpot, Rachel Sax, Paul Randon, Maigread Reynolds, Doug Huntley, Erhard Keller,
Devotional Gathering preparation: John Thornborrow, Geraldine Warren, Maigread Reynolds, David Adams
Concert Group: Kevin Street, Michael Jones, Erhard Keller
Exhibitions: Kevin Street, Erhard Keller
Office: Rosie Phillpot, Rachel Sax
Servers Rota: Jane Sahin
Vestry: Kim Dutton, Rosie Phillpot, Sue Bradley
Ironing: Maigread Reynolds, Rosie Phillpot
Bread baking: Rosie Phillpot
Kitchen supplies: Kevin Street, Rosie Phillpot
Laundry: May Poon, Rosie Phillpot

Flowers: Jane Sahin, Vicky Randon, Kim Dutton, Brenda Ratcliff
Garden: Louise Madsen, Martin Dathan, Erhard Keller
Pond: Paul Randon, Martin Dathan
Cleaning: Ryan Walker
Maintenance: Maarten Ekama, Bill Warren, Erhard Keller
Music: Alan Stott, Maren Stott, Pam Street, Joris Boon
Books: Erhard Keller
Birthday Cards: Francis Tagg

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