



February Service
At 3.00 pm
Sunday 1st February 2026
Led by Revd. Kevin Hooke

We hope you can come



Once again it was lovely to meet at Poundsgate Chapel for the Carol Service on the 19th December, even though not everyone was able to make it on this occasion

We especially thank Michael, Miffie, Sandy and

Agnes for the beatifically decorated church and others for the lovely refreshments afterwards. A retiring collection was taken for Action for Children.



Happy New Year everyone

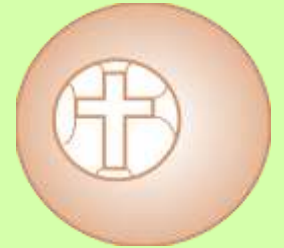
Rota We are continuing to look for someone to help provide tea/coffee and cake once every four months. If you would like to join the rota and help in this or another way, please let us know. Thank you.

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Poundsgate Methodist Church

Teignbridge Circuit

Beside the main road from Ashburton to Tavistock about 1/2 mile on the moorland side of Poundsgate village (TQ13 7NY)



January 2026



January Service
Sunday 4th January 2026
At 3 pm
Led by Revd. Kevin Hooke
We hope you can come

Dear Friends,

“In him was life, and that life was the light of humankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it... The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world... The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory.... full of grace and truth.”

You'll recognise those words from the first chapter of John's Gospel, and often we hear them during the Christmas season – the passage is John's great statement about the nativity, without telling a nativity story.

The particular verses I have quoted highlight a number of things – that God's light gives light to everyone, not just people of faith or specifically Christians. The fundamental draw towards compassion, and the desire for peace, community and belonging are human things. And that light continues to shine, John says, despite the presence of darkness. We know that to be true – we can all think of people coming together in mutual support and humanity in the face of tragedy, and of countless acts of generosity, thoughtfulness and kindness. And then the phrase that God in Christ 'made his dwelling among us' – a

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and cake after the service**

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sense of becoming at home with us that is stronger than had John just said 'lived with us'. That we humans are so important to God is part of the wonder of Christmas.

So now that we have said farewell to 2025 and head into the New Year, let us affirm that the light still lives in a world which at times feels bleak and dark – and let us commit ourselves to live as people of light that, as a community of faith and as a part of our wider communities, people might experience that God has made his dwelling amongst us.

And as we start this New Year, may I thank you all for your interest and involvement in our small chapel on Dartmoor over the last 12 months – whether that be in receiving this newsletter, attending regularly or occasionally, donating to our funds, cleaning, preparing refreshments, providing music, producing publicity and the newsletter, organising repairs, being interviewed, or in the other things I have omitted.

It is all greatly appreciated, and the chapel would not still be here without you.

With love, and every blessing for 2026.
Kevin