

Memorial Carol Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance

Sunday, 5th of December 2021, 6pm

at Handsworth Methodist Church
289A Handsworth Rd, S13 9BN



Shining God

*Even the darkness is not dark to you.
Shine in our darkness, light of our lives.*

*When I walk in the grey gloom of confusion
When pain drains all the colour out of life
When I am paralysed by the darkness of fear
When death has left me feeling numb and alone:
Shine in my darkness, God!*

*When I know that others are walking in the darkness
Feeling their way forward just like I do
Give us courage to be light for each other.*

from Iona, Scotland

You are warmly invited to this Memorial Carol Service, whether you have lost someone recently or a long time ago. Due to the pandemic, many of us weren't able to attend funeral services in 2020/21, and this may be an opportunity to remember those who have died.

The purpose of this service is to have time and space to remember loved ones, to light candles and hear their names read. We will give thanks to God for lives lived, and we will ask God for support and comfort in feelings of grief and sadness. The service will include some well known carols and of course the Christmas story and a short reflection.

During Advent and Christmas our families and friends are very much on our minds and this is often a time when we miss them most. I hope that you will find this service an opportunity to share your grief with others while remembering loved ones who have died.

Please be aware that we recommend the wearing of face masks during the service.