

## Victoria Methodist Church, Bristol is excited to be hosting another **Advent Mystery Knitalong this year!**

Over the course of Advent participants are invited to knit a square table mat in DK weight yarn, which can be used/displayed or given as a present on Christmas Day. The exact design of the table mat is a surprise, as it's a Mystery Knitalong, and will be revealed as you knit, but it will feature a design in lace and textured stitches...!

Knitters may prefer to work a smaller square in 4ply/fingering weight yarn which would be perfect as a Christmas dishcloth if worked in a cotton yarn. The pattern is worked the same, regardless of yarn weight.

The Knitalong will follow the format of previous Advent/Lent Knitalongs: the pattern will be laid out across 24 days (1st - 24th December) and each daily chunk of knitting will be accompanied by a Bible verse for reflection as you knit.

To take part, you'll need approximately 40 - 60 grams (90 - 160 metres) of DK yarn in a solid (Christmassy?!) colour and 4mm needles - these should ideally be 20 - 30 cm in length, or knitters may choose to use a circular needle.

Knitters who choose to work the square in 4ply/fingering weight yarn will need approximately 30 - 45 grams (100 - 160 metres) of yarn and 3.5mm or 3.75mm needles.

The pattern requires knitters to cast on and off, work the basic knit and purl stitches, and some simple lace stitches: K2tog, SSK, YO and CDD - these will be explained in the pattern (and there is always help available in the Facebook group - see below - if these are new to you!). The knitting should take an average knitter 10 - 15 minutes each day.

The pattern/verses will be released as one document (with a large print option) on Thursday 28th November, ready for the knitting to start on Sunday 1st December, and you can receive this document in a variety of ways:

Knitters on the Victoria Methodist Knitalongs mailing list will automatically receive it by email. To sign up to the mailing list, please sign up online at

<https://www.vic-methodist-bristol.org.uk/knitalongs>

OR email Vicky, email address: [learning@vic-methodist-bristol.org.uk](mailto:learning@vic-methodist-bristol.org.uk).

The document will be uploaded in the dedicated Facebook group, 'Victoria Methodist Bristol Knitalongs' which you would be very welcome to join, if you're not already a member! It is a lovely community of knitters from all over the world, and there will be threads to share photos of your knitting progress, chat about the knitting and share thoughts on the reflections.

The document will also be uploaded on Victoria Methodist Church's website here:

<https://www.vic-methodist-bristol.org.uk/advent-knitalong-2024/>

Finally, users of Ravelry can access the document there, as well as add project pages and keep track of progress there:

<https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/advent-knitalong-2024>

We hope that you'll join us!

*Some previous "ideas"!*



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