



"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep.



John chapter 10 verses 14-15

Sunday 11th December 2022

10:30am Worship Carol Service (Third Sunday in Advent)
6:30pm Carols by Candle light
 Eagles and Owls are meeting this week.

Live at the hall. For those at the hall, there will be opportunity for and (socially distanced) socialising. Refreshments served at the end of service.

Live on Zoom will be open from 10:00 a.m. Afterwards we will, as last week, have the option of joining others in chat rooms of about 4-5.

If you know of anyone outside of KCBC who joins us, please let them know about the recording or alternatively invite them by passing on the Zoom details. If you need help, please contact one of the tech team, who will be delighted to assist you - David B, Darren, Jack, Phil, Nick, Richard

Prayer chain

Nat Bond 01626 366668 email: natfromfife@gmail.com

If you are not on the chain at the moment, would like to put things on the prayer chain or would like to be involved please talk to Nat.



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Please remember our diary in your daily prayers



Monday 12th December

7:30pm Leadership Prayer

Tuesday 13th December

9:00am KILTS for helpers
10:00am KILTS parents/carers
12:00noon David meeting with Torbay area Baptist ministers

Friday 16^h December

10:30am Craft and Natter at Sheila P's home

Saturday 17th December

9:30am Messy Church Christingle Special

Sunday 18th December

10:30am Nativity Service (Fourth Sunday in Advent)

Christmas Services 2022

Sunday 25th December 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day worship



From the minister

This week, a parent at KILTS was telling me of the anguish they feel when they know of the huge needs of people around the world, from devastation in Ukraine to flooding in Pakistan to unbridled crime in Haiti. What's worse, they told me, there is nothing they can do about it. Well, money can be given to various groups, but that is it. I admired their strength of feeling coming from their desire to alleviate suffering. But they have a point. What can we do?

We have to admit that much suffering comes from dysfunctional human nature. We have always fought for territory, exacted vengeance, tried to dominate and exploit people. We harm others with our anger outbursts, our manipulation tactics or our refusal to be involved. We harm ourselves, picking up habits we know are harmful, detaching from reality or wondering if life is worth living at all. What can we do?

John started his gospel telling us *'the word became flesh and camped among us.'* As we celebrate this amazing act of God this Christmas, we can grab onto the truth that

Almighty God really is interested in our plight. We are not abandoned. But if we are to do anything useful, we first turn to the Lord. Only then can we be put on the right path and start to be fixed, healed. Then it is likely we will find there is much we can do. We won't save the world, that is Jesus' job, but we can be part of His restoring work.

David



Prayer for Ukraine



Loving God,
We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world
that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways
so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world.

Amen.

Travelling Nativity!



The Travelling Nativity has started travelling! Please continue to pray for those families from within and without the KCBC community who are hosting the "toys" and meeting with Jesus. They have the beautiful figures to recreate the story and some books to read for the night. They also have a handmade crocheted star to hang on their tree to remember the experience by. AND, because this is 2022, we have an original Follow the Star story for them to watch on Youtube so they can access it any time after they have hosted.

This is the link

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RhROXz1qI_Q

Please feel free to have a watch and make the viewing figures look good!

Please feel free to sign up, pass the word around and pray for this handcrafted piece of evangelism! Thank you, Rose

COP 27 is over and whilst our leaders don't seem to be able to make many practical changes, we here at KCBC are all set to do our bit. The cost of living crisis is biting but we can ease one little burden. Repetitive strain injury is a real danger, but we can almost entirely remove the need for ibuprofen.

Introducing... **The Great KCBC Christmas Card!**

Rather than us all exchanging little bits of card, the option is available to sign one large card, **from** all of us **to** all of us. If you wish to put the money you are saving into a pot, there will be one and we will send the money to CAP Teignbridge. There is no obligation though and really we just want everyone to have the chance to wish each other the very happiest of Christmasses and remind each other of the joy in this season of light in the darkness and the wonder of God among us here on earth.

The fate of the Church Photocopier

Could you help KCBC by housing the church photocopier.

It's not used very much now but David and Rose sometimes need it. It is quite large as it stands on its own base which houses paper etc. If you think you can help please contact June or David. Thank you [June]

Thank You so much for your most generous food donation. We are especially grateful given the increasing cost of living which is affecting us all.



Sadly, we are seeing a steady increase in the number of people coming to us for assistance and are currently also supporting a number of Ukrainian families who are living locally. We are providing

food, toiletry and cleaning packs as well as Christmas "goody" boxes so are extremely busy.

We rely heavily on the generosity of the local community together with the dedication of our volunteers and manager to enable us to continue to support those in greatest need in our area. Should your organisation know of any



individual/family in need of assistance please do not hesitate to contact us (by phone or email) with their details and we will be happy to help.

Yours sincerely

Hazel (Secretary) On behalf of THAT



THANK YOU

From their facebook page (I have also shared a video of the lorry being loaded to our facebook group for those without Facebook here is a link

<https://www.facebook.com/689261597/videos/555692753049659/>)

Thank you for your amazing response to our Christmas appeal, over fifteen tonnes loaded and now heading for Moldova with things for both Moldova and Ukraine. Some people asked for their banking details

Barclays Bank, Exeter

Sort Code 20-30-47

Account: Christian Response

Account Number: 20902446

IBAN: GB21 BUKB 20304720902446

We intend have regular collections of clothes and humanitarian aid throughout the year. I will keep you updated here in the newsletter and on our KCBC at home Facebook group. Thanks again. Sarah



Thank you Heidi for this lovely painting of an Advent Wreath

Today is the third Sunday in Advent.

When Traditionally Christians all over the world light the third candle of the Advent Wreath. But what does it all mean?

The Wreath: The wreath itself means "victory" as Christ's victory over sin so He can save us. The Advent Wreath has 4 or 5 candles that are arranged in a circle symbolizing Christ's eternity, as a circle has no beginning and has no end, it is a symbol for God, who is eternal and thus without beginning or end. The evergreens mean He is "ever with us," they are usually pine branches or holly that are used as a base that represents anticipation, newness, renewal and His everlastingness. The red berries of the holly represent the shedding of Christ's blood.

The third candle "CANDLE OF THE SHEPHERDS or JOY"

That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Saviour—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger."

Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased." When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem! Let's see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."



Luke 2:8-20

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing" 1 Thess. 5:11



We need to encourage each other. Do you have a Bible verse, poem, passage or song or any of the following? Something you are thankful for. Something that has made you laugh. If you have found something online that would be a good resource for us, please share. If you don't feel comfortable sharing in "person" this may be the way for you to encourage others.



Sarah

How to join the Sunday Service via Zoom'.

1. Go onto the internet and type kbcchurch.org.uk
2. On the Home Page in the top right-hand corner is a green bar and on it is written "online service" with an arrow.
3. Click on the green bar/arrow and you'll go straight to the video.
4. Either press play or it will automatically start playing