



"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled."

Luke 1 verse 38



Sunday 13th December

10:30 am

Communion Worship service – Third Sunday in Advent

11:45am

Eagles meet on Zoom - Look out for the link being sent round.

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.

Here are the options:

1. Join us on Zoom, details below. **Meeting ID: 816 7951 5569 Password: 956671**
2. Watch the recording later in the week, available later from our website via the 'online service' green button.

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.



Pastor: David Goddard

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Website: <http://kbcchurch.org.uk/>

Facebook group: KCBC at home

KCBC Whatsapp Group OYOT if you would like to join please let Mark know.



Please remember our diary in your daily prayer

We are unable to meet to worship until we have the all clear but here is the virtual diary for this week. There may be things added so keep an eye on your e-mail, and the KCBC at home Facebook group.

Monday 14th December

8:00 pm Leadership meeting

Tuesday 15th December

5:00 pm Virtual Parliamentary Carol Service

Wednesday 16th December

7:00pm Baptist Union Prayers online

7:30pm Musungwa homegroup meeting via Zoom

7:45pm Long Barton homegroup meeting via Zoom to study James

8:00pm Rundle Road homegroup meeting via Zoom

Friday 18th December

6:00 pm Launch of the Kingsteignton Community Christmas Celebration

Saturday 19th December

10:00am Christingle (details below)

Sunday 20th December

10:30 am Fourth Sunday in Advent – Our Nativity Service (details below)

5:30pm Carols on the Doorstep (details below)

6:30 pm Carols by candlelight

From David...

Joseph and Mary were at the mercy of event that happened to them. There were the personal things, Mary getting pregnant, Joseph finding out, family reactions. Then the political events, a national census, persecution of a crazed national leader. All these things were beyond their control. But they had to react. Ignoring it all was not an option.

At our Christmas time, we watch on powerless as we are at the mercy of so much that is happening to us. Various health issues, job insecurity, the latest lockdown strategy, the UK leaving the EU. Powerless. But we have to react as hiding from it all is not possible. We are affected. So how does our faith kick in at this time?

Joseph and Mary flexed as the Lord directed them. Joseph changed his mind on what to do about their engagement, they listened to the Spirit as they were directed to flee to Egypt for safety. And they watched. They watched as they saw The Lord's purposes unfold with a Bethlehem birth, shepherds and magi getting roped into the celebrations and a growing revelation from God that the child born was extraordinary and would bring God's rescue for us all.

Faith kicking in. Seek what God has for you that you can do. And look for what the Lord is doing in and around you. It may be quite a surprise.

Our Christmas Events

Sunday 20th December 5:30pm Carols on the Doorstep
(details below)

Sunday 20th 10:30 am Christmas Nativity

Sunday 20th 6:30 pm Carols by candlelight

Friday 25th 10:00 am Christmas Day service



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."

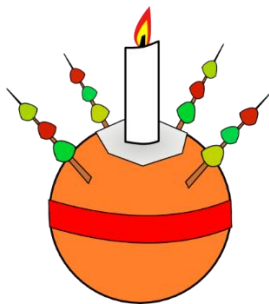


Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying,

"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

Thank you Heidi for the lovely painting of an Advent Wreath



Christingle

All three Kingsteignton Churches will be joining together for an online Christingle service. You receive a pre-packaged kit (hygienically prepared and delivered) and follow online as one of us steps you through how to make one, with a focus on the spiritual message and a prayer.

This is a brief service suitable for all ages. No maximum age.

If you would like to join and receive a kit, contact Phil Nevard (pnevard@gmail.com) or David, saying how much you are looking forward to it and would like a kit. Details of how to join online will be in the kit.

Date: Saturday 19th December

Time: 10:00 a.m.

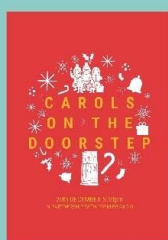
* CAROLS ON THE DOORSTEP *

* SUNDAY 20TH DECEMBER
5:30 PM

Join us for a National carol sing on your doorstep with your neighbours.

It's so easy to join in....

- *Download and print the Carol Sheet and invitation from www.premierchristianradio.com. or www.newcastlemethodistdistrict.org
- *Pop them through your neighbours' doors inviting them to join you
- *5:30pm on 20th December tune your radio to Premier Radio or Freeview 725 or download the Premier Radio app on your phone, then sing along to the Carols played. Why not wear your festive jumpers too and even bring out something to shake or rattle?



<https://www.facebook.com/CarolsOnTheDoorstep>



The morning of 20th December is our nativity service. The nativity will be an interactive telling of the Christmas story. It should be a fun time together to re-think the Christmas story. It is titled "An Unprecedented Christmas". In order to be able to fully participate, it would be great if you could have the following items ready so that at the appropriate time you are ready with your props. Don't worry if you don't have them all, just have as many as you can.

- * atlas/phone with map app
- * piece of A4 paper and pencil/pen
- * tinsel halo
- * baby doll or photo of a baby
- * stable animals - toys/ornament/picture
- * fancy hat/crown
- * a treasure - something that is special to you.

I look forward to seeing you ready with your props on the 20th December.

Emily x

"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 and stay connected.

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

Sarah

Videos and photos of you...

To keep us connected, how about putting together a short video (no more than 3 minutes) on what you have been doing over lockdown. You could show us something that you have grown or built, somewhere you have gone or someone you met up with. Or a pet. Or your latest car if you have changed it. I suppose it could just be a photo but a short video maybe done on your phone would be fun. The idea is to give us a window into our life at a time when we are blocked off.

Think what you can do and then send it over to me or the Tech Team and I will slot it in our time together on Sundays.

'How to join the Sunday Service'

The screenshot shows the homepage of Kingsteignton Community Baptist Church. At the top left is the church logo. A navigation menu includes: Groups & Activities, Children & Youth, Future Events, Recent Events, In Our Community, and About Us. A search bar is in the top right. A green button labeled 'Online service' with a play icon is highlighted by a pink box with the text 'Click The Green Button' and an arrow. Below the navigation is a welcome message: 'A warm welcome to you ...from all at Kingsteignton Community Baptist Church'. A coronavirus statement follows: 'In light of the Coronavirus containment measures we have to suspend all activities at KCBC until we get the all-clear for groups to meet again ... in particular'. A list of updates includes: 'No Sunday service at the Community Hall', 'No KILTS', and 'Messy church cancelled for March, April and May. June to be decided on'. There is also a prayer statement and contact information on the right side.

1. Go onto the internet and type kcbchurch.org.uk
2. On the Home Page (the first page with the Coronavirus statement) 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