



*“Let’s go to Bethlehem! Let’s see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”*

*Luke 2:15*

**16<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

10:30 am     Nativity Service  
2:30 pm     Coombeswood Service



Prayer is available after the service from our Prayer Ministry Team at the front of the church, if you would prefer a quieter room please ask one of the team.

**Prayer chain** Nat Bond 01626 366668    email: [bond.nat@btinternet.com](mailto:bond.nat@btinternet.com)  
If you are not on the chain at the moment and would like involved please talk to Nat.



For those who use a hearing aid, a hearing loop is provided in the main hall. To use: switch to the 'T' position.






If you are visiting we are pleased to have you with us, please take time to write in the visitor's book and stay for tea or coffee after the service.

**Website**     <http://kcbchurch.org.uk/>



**Please remember our Christmas diary in your daily prayers**



-  Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Sing Christmas at the Sandygate Inn starting at 7pm
-  Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December All Age Carol Service
-  Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 6:30pm Carols by Candlelight
-  Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December 10am Christmas Service
-  Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December 10:30am Service will be centred on the Lord's Supper



**HOME MISSION STAMPS** Please save all your stamps from Christmas cards and ask family and friends to do so  
Stamps should have a 6mm or ¼ inch border.

**A big THANK YOU** on behalf of the 24 children in Romania who will receive shoeboxes from KCBC and the many others who had items added into their boxes at the warehouse.

Blythswood have sent an email to say thank you and that people often ask what is most needed for people who want to collect things throughout the year. They have prepared a list of items below that they hope will be helpful:

Toothpaste, Gloves/Mittens, Soap, Balls (tennis ball size), Face cloths/Flannels, Large knitted hats, Combs, Paper notebooks, Colouring books, Short rulers, Items for Men, Packets of Sweets (must have a use by date beyond March 2020).

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



Do you have a bible verse, poem, passage or song etc. that has been of encouragement or that you are thankful for that you would like to share? If so please let me know so that I can include it in the newsletter and we can all encourage each other. Thanks to all those who have provided items over the last year. *Sarah*

*For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*



*Romans 6:23*

It is estimated that every year, almost a billion dollars worth of gift cards go unused. Bought and paid for, they lie inactive by millions of people. "What a waste," you might think. But, friend, have you accepted the gift God Himself has given you? Bought and paid for by the death of His only Son, the Lord Jesus, does this priceless gift remain "unopened" in your life? *Lynn Shatford*



## The Advent Wreath

Traditionally Christians all over the world light candles on an 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

**The fourth candle "ANGEL CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF LOVE"** The angels announced the good news of a Saviour. God sent his only Son to earth to save us, because he loves us! For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. John 3:16-17

On Christmas Day we light the traditionally white central candle, the "**CHRIST CANDLE**", the central reason for Christmas. The white candle reminds us that Jesus is the spotless lamb of God, sent to wash away our sins! His birth was for his death, his death was for our birth!