



When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.""



Matthew chapter 2 verses 4-6

Sunday 17th December 2023 – Third Sunday in Advent

10:30am Nativity Worship Service

7:30pm Carols by Candlelight

Live at the hall. For those at the hall, there will be opportunity for and 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.





Please remember our diary in your daily prayers

Monday 18th December

2:30pm Snowdrops meeting for a Christmas Social

Wednesday 20th December

7:30pm Rundle Road Homegroup

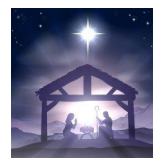
Thursday 21st December

7:00pm Pub Carols at the Sandygate Inn

Sunday 24th December THERE IS NO SERVICE

Monday 25th December

10:00am Christmas Day Worship Service



Sunday 31st December

10:30am Worship Service

Wednesday 3rd January 2024

7:30pm Haytor Drive Homegroup

7:30pm Rundle Road Homegroup

Sunday 7th January

10:30am Communion Worship Service



Notes for your diary

- **Eagles & Owls** finish on 17th Dec with the Nativity and restart on 7th January
- **Kilts** restarts on 9th January
- Next **Craft and Chatter** Friday 12th January location to be advised
- **Fellowship Lunch** is on 14th January (see below for more details)



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From the minister...

As we look back over the last year, it is good to express our appreciation to the many of you who have given so much to the life of the fellowship and to the Lord's work.

A big 'thank you' to those who have led us in the sung worship, Bible readings and other contributions to our Sunday worship. Thank you to our children's and young people's work throughout the year. We show our appreciation, too, for our catering crew and all of you who have helped in the kitchen and have never failed to serve us well week to week.

We express our appreciation for our leadership team who have given so much to support the church. And we say a big thank you to all who produce the notice sheet, run the website, set up on Sunday morning and pack up, run the PA and produce for Zoom. Then there are the tireless band who help reach out into the community, run KILTS and Messy Church, keep the notice board looking fresh and relevant and provide the links with BMS and Home Mission. Thank you. And we include in those thanks those who have contributed to the home groups, Friday outings and other gatherings like the craft group. With Ram Fair, the Coronation event and many other acts of service not recorded here, our heartfelt thanks.

But that is not all. There is all that care for one another, those unnoticed acts and conversations which build God's church. We can lift them all up this Christmas to the Lord as part of our worship. He alone is worthy.

David

Warm Space Drop In

The KYC management committee would like to inform us about KYC's winter Tuesday open mornings in Kingsteignton Youth Centre, Broadway Rd. TQ12 3EH.

This is a free drop in for people of all ages, offering a warm and pleasant place to spend some time, plus a free hot drink, free superfast Wi-Fi, free pool tables and free tabletop football. Children supervised by accompanying adults are welcome to visit the drop in and play in the centre (will need to bring their own toys.)

Warm Tuesday drop ins will be running from 9 -12hrs from December to March.

Please feel welcome to visit and please tell others who may like to know that everyone can visit Kingsteignton Youth Centre Tuesday drop ins, whatever their age!



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.



A message from Hugh Scudder from CR2EE

We are delighted to report, one week after loading our Christmas Truck has arrived and has been unloaded. Our friends in Moldova now have the huge task of delivering all these lovely Christmas Shoeboxes in time for Christmas. The boxes for Ukraine were sent on the previous truck.

The huge lorry also took several family boxes as well as many tonnes of other humanitarian aid.

As always our wonderful team have worked very hard to make all this possible.

We would like to thank our generous supporters who have donated everything and provided the finance to send this lorry, the next one is already being planned for January.

Please pray that all the recipients of shoeboxes and aid are truly blessed. Thank you to you all for the support.

Here is the link to the latest video:

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Since Hugh came to talk to KCBC about CR2EE last year, Nick and Sarah have taken a carload (sometimes a trailer too) of aid to the warehouse in Exmouth each month. They are aware members of the fellowship have supported the charity in other ways too. Thank you KCBC for your support it really does make an enormous difference to the individuals and families who receive it. Nick and Sarah will continue to go to the warehouse on the first Wednesday of the month so please do carry on bringing any items you wish to donate to church.

If you would like further information or have anything to donate Nick & Sarah would be only too pleased to hear from you.



KCBC Travelling Nativity 2023

A big thank you to everyone who has been busy knitting and crocheting Angels as the keepsake in this year's Travelling Nativity. Your endeavours are very much appreciated and as you can see we have a wonderful heavenly host!

As it travels around our KILTS' community could we ask for prayer by the fellowship? By bringing KCBC's Nativity into their home we pray each family is blessed and that amongst all the busyness they encounter the presence of Christ at this joyful and holy time of the year. Thank you, Sue



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 first 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



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!



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

Thank you to all those who have provided items for the encouragement slot I sincerely hope and pray that they have been a blessing to all.

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.

A Gift That Keeps Giving taken from Letters from my Father by Wendy Thomas

My dear child,

Christmas is all about love and it is the time when I showed the world how much I love it by giving my son, Jesus, that by his birth and death everyone could have eternal life.

The birth of Jesus as a baby is just the beginning of the story so this Christmas remember the whole story and tell people of my love for them and how Jesus died so they could be forgiven and know me as their Heavenly Father with no barrier between us.

I love you and want you to know my love. Spend time with me and as you share your heart with me, I will share mine with you.

I will always be your Dad and you will always be my precious child and I will never leave or forsake you.

I know everything about you because it is I who gave you life.

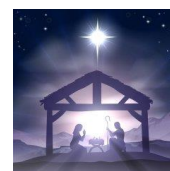
I understand you and love you even in your worst moments.

So this Christmas I want your heart to be full of joy as you realise how fully you are loved.

Share this time with me and celebrate the birth of Jesus, the greatest gift you will ever receive.

Love, Your Dad, Almighty God

Scripture references: John 3:16, Hebrews 13:15



Happy New Year

GOD KNOWS

*I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year,
'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.'
And he replied 'Go into the darkness and put your hand
Into the hand of God that shall be to you better than light
And safer than a known way!'
So I went forth and finding the Hand of God trod gladly
Into the night.*

By Minnie Louise Haskins 1875-1957

*So heart bestill:
What need our little life
Our human life to know,
If God hath comprehension?
In all the dizzy strife
Of things both high and low,
God hideth His intention.*

*God knows. His will
Is best. The stretch of years
Which wind ahead, so dim
To our imperfect vision,
Are clear to God. Our fears
Are premature; In Him,
All time hath full provision.*

*Then rest: until
God moves to lift the veil
From our impatient eyes,
When, as the sweeter features
Of Life's stern face we hail,
Fair beyond all surmise
God's thought around His creatures
Our mind shall fill.*

Just a thought for the start of a new year

“Lucy Maude Montgomery in her classic, Anne of Green Gables book said, “Isn’t it nice to think that tomorrow is a new day with no mistakes in it yet?”

It has become one of my most favorite quotes but also one I remember every New Year’s Eve. The New Year begins with great fanfare and excitement; a New Year full of promise and expectation AND a New Year with no mistakes in it...yet.

KCBC Fellowship Lunch - 14th January

Back by popular demand the January Fellowship Lunch, a traditional Sunday Roast, catered by Charlie at the Old Rydon. The cost of the lunch is: a minimum donation of £12 per head or a special rate of £25 per family, which should cover the costs. Any extra you might be able to offer would ensure a tip for Charlie who provides us with a generous and personalised service which makes this occasion so special. Next, the important bit PUDDINGS!! Everyone loves a pudding, so if you can provide one please contact either Helen or Rachel Hockridge - this would be very much appreciated. The Sign-Up sheet for attendance will be at the Hatch or with Helen/Rachel, as appropriate, but you can text or email either of them to say you'd like to be there. Thank you, Helen

Choice Words

You may well know that we are your local Christian Book Shop based in Newton Abbot and we are excited to now be open 6 days a week again! Mondays -Saturdays, 9.30am to 4.30pm. We are here to help resource you and your fellowship in whatever way that we can.

Bible Reading Notes

Several churches have a representative who orders and distributes daily Bible Reading Notes for the benefit of their members. If you would like to order, just let us know how many copies of which publications and how you would like to pay. You will find a copy of our price list for 2024 attached to this email. Alternatively, you may prefer to print a few of these off to give to individuals to order their own. Advocating daily reading notes is a great way to encourage your fellowship to read their Bibles.

Advent and Christmas

Choice Words are the only local stockist of Nativity themed Advent Calendars as well as the Meaningful Chocolate Company Advent Calendar. But once they're gone, they're gone!

Why use a book shop in this day and age?

Firstly, you can shop local, your money stays in the local area, you can see a variety of resources all in one place and you are helping to support us to stay open. Why is this important? We are a Christian presence on the High Street, we are open 6 days a week unlike most church buildings, we as a staff are here and ready to chat to people, to offer support and encouragement as well as prayer and can point people to resources and to local church fellowships. As a High Street shop, we offer a safe and familiar environment for people to walk into and make enquires about Christianity and to discover the Bible and helpful Christian books for their journey. We are also a place where Christians love to come and spend time looking through our shelves and having a chat, often those who are older and live alone. We would love you to support our ministry in any way that you can so that we, in turn, can support yours. Do visit us and follow us on Facebook and Instagram for offers and updates.

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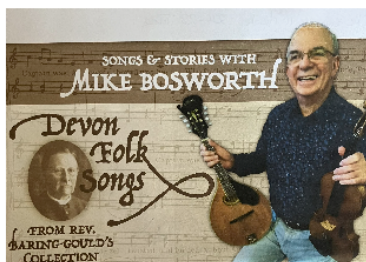
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