



*"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 18<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

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

**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](mailto: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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**Website:** <http://kbcchurch.org.uk/>

**Facebook group:** KCBC at home



## Please remember our diary in your daily prayers

### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December

7:30pm Homegroup meeting at Haytor Drive  
7:30pm Homegroup meeting at Primrose Drive

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December

10:00am Christmas Day worship

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023

10:30am Communion Worship Service

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2023

10:30am Worship Service – Eagles and Owls restart today



### *From the minister ....*

Christmas at KCBC is a mix of our own worship time, invitation worship such as Carols by Candlelight, and us at other venues, like the Sandygate Inn and the Civic Carol Service. I like the mix.

I think it is important to have time where we can draw together and worship and being able to dedicate ourselves to the Lord in worship. But those times when we take the Christmas celebrations to those who have nothing to do with church or faith all year is just how it ought to be. Christ was born in that public place, out there among us. And His ministry in later life would also be out there and among us. And it is there that lives are touched.

It has been good that you have been able to lift our Christmas events to the Lord in prayer. Keep praying for those whose lives, even for a brief moment, were touched by the Good News of Jesus.

*David*



### Notes for your diary

- **Eagles and Owls** restart on 8<sup>th</sup> January
- **Kilts** restarts on 10<sup>th</sup> January
- Next **Craft and Chatter** Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January at Sue W's home
- Next **Friday Outing** 27<sup>th</sup> January



## ***Prayer for Ukraine***



God of all peoples and nations,  
Who created all things alive and breathing,  
United and whole,  
Show us the way of peace that is Your overwhelming presence.  
We hold before you the peoples of Ukraine and Russia,  
Every child and every adult.  
We long for the time  
When weapons of war are beaten into ploughshares  
When nations no longer lift up sword against nation.  
We cry out to you for peace;  
Protect those who only desire and deserve to live in security and safety  
Comfort those who fear for their lives and the lives of their loved ones  
Be with those who are bereaved.  
Change the hearts of those set on violence and aggression  
And fill leaders with the wisdom that leads to peace.  
Kindle again in us a love of our neighbour,  
And a passion for justice to prevail and a renewed recognition that we all play a  
part in peace.  
Creator of all hear our prayer  
And bring us peace. Make us whole.  
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=RhR0Xz1qI\\_Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RhR0Xz1qI_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



## THANK YOU ... a message from Hugh at CR2EE

*Dear Sarah,*

*I was delighted to read your email and encouraged by the offer of support.*

*We are always looking for very good quality clothing, (summer and winter), bedding, shoes etc. With the recent lack of power in Ukraine we urgently need generators, candles, quality camping stoves, torches and lanterns, (preferably solar powered), Power banks etc.*

*Please thank everyone at KCBC for their support and prayers for those in Moldova and Ukraine.*

*Yours in His service*

*Hugh*

The lorry has now arrived click here to see a video of it being unloaded

<https://www.facebook.com/689261597/videos/1290733134831836/>

Some people asked for their banking details

Barclays Bank, Exeter

Sort Code 20-30-47

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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

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.





*Thank you Heidi for this lovely painting of an Advent Wreath*

Today is the fourth Sunday in Advent.

When Traditionally Christians all over the world light the fourth 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 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 use, 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*



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.

Thanks to Bill for the following poem and to all those who have contributed over the last year.

*Sarah*

### **The Darkness.**

The city groans under the weight of glitz,  
 Comforting arms of glittering fairy lights embrace the buildings.  
 Illuminated tableau raise smiles, sighs, laughter and wonder.  
 Little children shriek with excitement as each spectacle lights up the great commercial show.  
 All is transformed as neighbours strive to gain ascendancy, a few more lights on the roof,  
 another Santa in the garden!  
 Houses glow with warm attraction as celebration takes control.  
 Drinks flow freely.  
 Friendships not known, nor sought after, flourish.  
 Hostility is suppressed as plastic smiles flash as plastic zips across the tills.  
 Umpteen music variations congeal in the mind.  
 Weary shoulders trudge wearily home from centres alight with festive essentials.  
 Plastic reigns as financial indicators move into the red.  
 The god of ignorant, frenzied, frantic, boisterous revelry must be appeased.  
 So,  
 Weary worshipers reluctantly succumb to the annual demanding rituals. Convinced  
 themselves that it is all worthwhile.  
 It means something.  
 Dedicated worshipers wallow with delight as each ritual is accomplished and the next  
 embraced.  
 Fearful questioning concludes the preparations as all nations hold their breath.  
 Have I forgotten anything?  
 Have I forgotten anyone?  
 And I simply ask,  
 Is Jesus on the guest list?

**Bill Smith.**

## 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

### ***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]*

### **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

