



For to us a child is born, to us a son is given.



Isaiah chapter 9 verse 6

Sunday 19th December 2021

Fourth Sunday in Advent

10:30 am Christmas Nativity
Michael Trigg is preaching at Loddiswell Congregational Church
6:30 pm Carols by candlelight

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

Saturday 25th December

10:00am Christmas Day Service

Sunday 26th December

No service

Sunday 2nd January 2022

10:30am Communion Worship Service

Sunday 9th January 2022

10:30am Worship Service followed by Fellowship Lunch

From the minister...

The football league is in chaos as matches are postponed due to Covid. One fan was bringing his whole family to a big match which meant a hotel stay on top of the cost of the seats and rail fare. Total cost just short of £1000. The cost of changed plans.

Do you have your plans for the Christmas period sorted? Maybe, but you know those plans might have to change at the last minute. Yet in our highly organised lifestyle, we forget that many people have to adapt to things happening around them that are beyond their control.

For Mary and Joseph, on top of planning for the birth of their first child, they had a call up to register some 70 miles away. They had to adapt or at least grin and bear it. And the nativity story relates how that all unfolded. In the midst of all the turmoil caused by the changed plans, the Spirit of the Lord was at work. It was hard for Mary and Joseph to see it at the time but the Lord was at work, leading, guiding, protecting and eventually 'unto us a son is born'.

As each week we struggle to lay down firm plans, as uncertainty is always there over how our worship together will happen and what events we can run, we look to God to be at work in the jumble of plans, bringing about His good purposes.

David



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 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. If you don't feel comfortable sharing in "person" this may be the way for you to encourage others. *Sarah*

Thank you to all who sent in contributions this year it is really appreciated.

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

A few thoughts for the start of the new year.

Gate of the year – otherwise known as God Knows

And 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 out 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. And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.

So heart be still:

*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.*

Wishing you all God's blessings in 2022

HOME MISSION STAMPS

Please save all your stamps and encourage family and friends to do so

Stamps should have a 12mm or 1/2 inch border.



Notes for your diary

- **Quiz** Graham has kindly agreed to continue to host Quizzes via zoom as long as we have enough interest so invite friends and family and don't forget you can now meet in groups to make up teams. There will not be one in December the next one will be in January.

Getting going again

As we look to get the church functioning again, there are many ways you can get involved. Here are some to consider.

- Help operate the PA. Not over-taxing as our young people have shown over the Summer. Full training is provided.
- Operating the laptop and projector. Young people have shown the way again over the Summer. It is not too complicated but a vital part of what we offer in the service.
- Setting up the hall. Chairs, tables, bits and pieces of PA all need getting out those cupboards and putting in the right place. Come down at 9:00 to lend a hand.
- Welcoming. Each week 2 people need to be on the doors from 10:00 to welcome everyone, hand things out and be around should help be needed in the service.
- Help with Eagles and Owls on a rota basis.
- Serving refreshments. As we start this up again, eventually we need a team to sustain it.
- KILTS and Messy Church. We need a new set of people for each as our teams have been depleted over lockdown.

A full instructions are provided for each team.

If you are able to help please let David or a member of the leadership team know you really will be an answer to prayer.... Thank you

'How to join the Sunday Service via Zoom'.

1. Go onto the internet and type kbcchurch.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

