



She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”



Matthew 1 verse 21

Sunday 20th December

- 10:30 am Fourth Sunday in Advent – Our Nativity Service (details below)
- 11:45am Eagles meet on Zoom - Look out for the link being sent round.
- 5:30pm Carols on the Doorstep (details below)
- 6:30 pm Carols by candlelight

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.



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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.

Wednesday 23rd December

- 7:00pm Baptist Union Prayers online
- 7:30pm Musungwa homegroup meeting via Zoom to be confirmed
- 7:45pm Long Barton homegroup meeting via Zoom to study James to be confirmed
- 8:00pm Rundle Road homegroup meeting via Zoom to be confirmed

Friday 25th December

- 6:00 pm 10:00 am Christmas Day service

Sunday 27th December

- 10:30 am Worship service including communion

Sunday 3rd January 2020

- 10:30am Worship Service

From David...

It is here. After many weeks of planning, asking, chasing, we have the Kingsteignton Community Christmas Celebration video, live on YouTube, accessed via our website (with /Christmas added). The idea has always been to put the celebration of the birth of our Saviour out into our town community. There are so many well produced carols services online but we have to face it, most people will not look at them. So to draw people in the video involved people across the community, representing their job or role. What better way of drawing people in than to have them or their colleagues appearing in the carol service.

I have been impressed by the response. Very busy head teachers have contributed, and Teign School recorded a carol. Then there were vets, medical practitioners, pub owners, council helpers, students, children, library workers, a Town Crier, food bank volunteers, local police and even our MP, who was the first to return a recording despite Parliamentary commitments. Maggie from KingsCare recorded the shepherds' reading with her own sheep in the background.

And then our team. We are grateful to Rob for doing so much editing, to Darren who produced the carols and added some much needed extras and, with Richard, handled putting it all on our website. And you, spreading the publicity on social media.

Now we can share it. The poster you can use is below. And watch and enjoy. It is unique, and something positive to help us remember Christmas 2020 in Kingsteignton.

A Christmas video featuring people
from Kingsteignton leading us in carols,
the Christmas narrative and prayers



*The Kingsteignton
Community
Christmas
Celebration*

The link to YouTube:

[https://www.kcbchurch.org.uk/
christmas](https://www.kcbchurch.org.uk/christmas)

From: December 16th 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

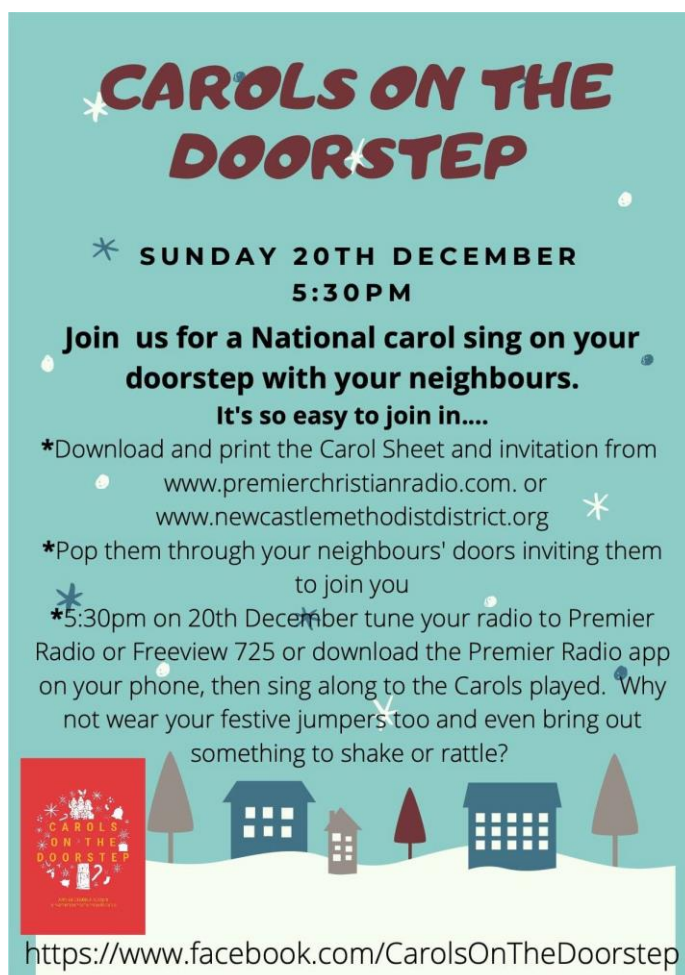
A FEW THANK YOUS

Thanks to June for printing and delivering newsletters to those who would otherwise not have seen them.

Thank you so much to those that provided items for the newsletter and Facebook this year.

And thank you to all those who have served us so well with the change to online services - to Darren for the music, technical input and bringing the musicians together, to our producers Richard, Phil, and Darren who ensure we all appear when we should on a Sunday, to Jack for recording the service, Chris for producing the DVDs and Nick for his technical assistance. Thank you too to all those who have participated in our services as readers, prayer leaders, sharing your life stories and other ways.

Finally, our thanks go to Sarah for faithfully, week by week, bringing us the notice sheet. The change was necessary to the digital format and we have also needed (and got) more information and devotions to help bring us together. Thank you, Sarah.



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>

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.

Thank you Heidi for the lovely painting of an Advent Wreath

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!

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.



"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.
Thanks to all those who have contributed to the newsletter this year it really is appreciated.

Sarah

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 2021

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 website for Kingsteignton Community Baptist Church. At the top left is the church logo. A search bar is in the top right. Below the logo is a navigation menu with items like 'Groups & Activities', 'Children & Youth', 'Future Events', 'Recent Events', 'In Our Community', and 'About Us'. The main content area features a 'A warm welcome to you' message, a notice about suspended activities due to Coronavirus, and a list of bullet points: 'No Sunday service at the Community Hall', 'No KILTS', and 'Messy church cancelled for March, April and May. June to be decided on.' A pink callout box with the text 'Click The Green Button' points to a green button labeled 'Online service' in the top right corner of the page. The right sidebar contains contact information for the church, including email and phone numbers, and links to recent sermons and newsletters.

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