Kingsteignton Community Baptist Church



A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God."



Isaíah chapter 40 17, 18

Sunday 28th November 2021

First Sunday in Advent

- 10:30am Hybrid Worship service at the Community Hall
- 10:30am Michael Trigg preaching Loddiswell Congregational Church

Our Sunday groups for young people, Eagles and Owls will be running today

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: <u>natfromfife@gmail.com</u> 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 prayer

Monday 29th Novebmer

8:00pm Leadership meeting via Zoom

Tuesday 30th November

9:00amKILTS for helpers10:00amKILTS parents/carers

Wednesday 1st December

6:45pm David leading prayers at the Town Council Meeting

Friday 3rd December

Christmas Friday outing for more information please see Christina or Sue Watkin

Sunday 5th December

10:30am Communion Worship service at the Community Hall with THAT food bank collection more information below

At a time of year when we think of what we want for Christmas, we also think of the needs of those who are lacking so much day to day. As a church we will focus on our THAT foodbank collection next week and the Selection Box collection this week. We will also take an interest in overseas justice and poverty issues through live and video presentations. We will force our minds to keep looking outwards.

And we will celebrate the gift of our Saviour. Though many events are not going ahead this year in the region, we will make the most of the opportunities we do have. Our big focus is the 19th December, when we have our Nativity and Carols by Candlelight, then Christmas Day itself. We will make sure we keep looking upwards.

It is that dark time of year too and easy to feel a little gloomy inside. So we seek to take care of each other and our families, and take care of ourselves, remembering to persevere with habits of prayer and Bible reading. You know what they say about a verse a day... or was that a Mars a day? Whatever, a verse a day helps. The Word encourages us, builds us up and directs us. We work at nourishing our inner selves as we keep looking inwards.

David



• Friday outings

Friday December 3rd for a Christmas special, for more information please see Christina or Sue Watkin

Food bank collection

Sunday 5th December – more information below

• 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.

KCBC's next donation to the Foodbank is on Sunday 5th December. If you would like to donate, I have been asked if we could choose anything that would help to make Christmas a celebration for all the recipients, so let your imagination run wild!

Please remember that any items must be in date, otherwise they cannot be used.

So, please bring along any donations you have to our Sunday Worship Service on 5th December. If you are unable to make the service, David & Claire are happy for you to drop off your items by Saturday 4th, or you can contact me (Sue) and I will come to your home to collect. Thank you everyone.

The Salvation Army's – Christmas Be A Star Appeal. This year THAT Foodbank will not be collecting Advent Calendars but advised I contact The Salvation Army about their 2021 Christmas Appeal. I appreciate that time is of the essence but if you would like to donate they are collecting Selection Packs to add to their "Be A Star Toy Appeal", and it would be great if you could bring your donation along to our Sunday Worship Service on **28th November**, or please contact me (Sue) and I will be very happy to collect from your home. Once again, thank you everyone!

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 Heidi for this lovely painting of an Advent Wreath

Today is the first Sunday in Advent (Advent Sunday).

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 first candle "CANDLE OF HOPE" means His promise and hope. We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises He has made to us. Our hope comes from God. (Romans 15:12-13)

And again, Isaiah says, "The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; in him the Gentiles will hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in



him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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 kcbchurch.org.uk
- 2. On the Home Page (the first page with the Coronavirus statement) in the top righthand 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

