



In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God....



John chapter 1 verse 1

Sunday 3rd December 2023 – First Sunday in Advent

10:30am Communion Worship Service
Eagles and Owls will be meeting today

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.



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Please remember our diary in your daily prayers

Monday 4th December

2:00pm Snowdrops venue to be advised

Tuesday 5th December

9:00am KILTS

Wednesday 6th December

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

7:30pm Homegroup meeting at Haytor Drive

7:30pm Homegroup meeting at Rundle Road

Friday 8th December

Friday Outing Christmas Lunch please see Christina for more details

2:30pm Natalie Trigg is running St Michael's School Parent Support Group

7:00pm Mayor's Civic Carol Service, with much KCBC participation

Saturday 9th December

7:30pm KCBC Virtual Quiz Night : Christmas Special – more information below

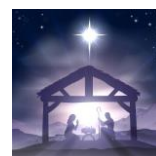
Sunday 10th December

10:30am Worship Service

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Christmas Events 2023

-  **KILTS nativity** - Tuesday 12th December 10am
-  **Carols around the Tree** – Friday 15th December 7:00pm in the Community Hall car park
-  **Messy Church Christingle** – 9:30am Saturday 16th December
-  **Nativity** – Sunday 17th December 10:30am
-  **Carols by Candlelight** – Sunday 17th December 6:30pm
-  **Pub Carols** – Thursday 21st December 7:00pm at the Sandygate Inn
-  **Christmas Day** Worship Service – 10am



From the minister...

Look at any of the great works of art depicting the annunciation and you pick up some interesting angles on what it might have been like to be there when the Angel Gabriel met the Blessed Virgin Mary. What does your imagination hold?



In around the mid-1400s, Filippo Lippi produced the work shown above. I know Mary wouldn't have worn anything blue as that was only for the rich people. But what I want you to notice is that the angel and Mary are the same height and are bowing in imitation. God comes to us but not to overpower us into submission. The Lord sends His messenger to come alongside.

And from that, emotions running high, Mary was able to make her choice. Yes or no? Mary said, "I am the Lord's servant, may your word to me be fulfilled." On the first Sunday of Advent, you too can make your choice again. Will you follow the Lord to fulfil His good purposes?

David

KCBC VIRTUAL QUIZ : CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

This month Nick will be your host for a Christmas themed quiz on Saturday 9th at 7:30pm so pull up a chair, grab a cuppa (or a glass of something you fancy) and join us.

All you need to take part is a team name (which you can use to rename your Zoom session), some paper, pens and a device with internet access using Zoom such as a tablet, laptop, or phone, simple! A great outreach too, so invite friends and family.

Zoom link will be sent out later

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



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.



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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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UPDATE – Lorry should be leaving this week

As you know the lorry full of aid has arrived safely in Ukraine, it went through customs relatively easily as humanitarian aid, however, this is likely to change in the future so please pray that we can find a way of continuing to provide help.

Unfortunately, on the return journey the driver had to wait for over 15 days to get back into Romania because everything that used to go out via the ports now has to go by road and the checkpoints are not equipped to deal with the increased volume of vehicles.

We have been asked to pray for

- *All the pastors who are separated from their families (some have not seen their children since the start of the war) and are struggling to support those who depend on them for spiritual guidance through sheer physical and mental exhaustion.*
- *For the safety of the army chaplains who do not fight but are on the front line supporting the soldiers.*
- *For all those who have lost family members or are waiting for news.*
- *For the mental health of all those affected.*

On a more positive note CR2EE has been able to support the creation of a group assisting wives and mothers of soldiers.

We are supporting a church in Kherson where despite the bombing, church members are taking aid to outlying villages where people are surviving in ruins. With no one to repair anything (all the able-bodied men are away fighting), they say they want to spread the hope and light brought to them by Christ and CR2EE.

Nick and Sarah will be going to the warehouse on the first Wednesday of the month please continue to bring any items you have to church.

If you would like any more information or have anything to donate please talk to Nick or Sarah. Thank you for your continued support, we know it makes a difference.



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.



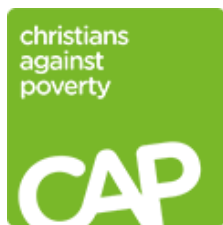


Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing" 1 Thess. 5:11

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.

At the CR2EE News and Prayer evening, we were told how the gift of a bible literally saved a soldier's life.

A charity had sent out bibles to be given to soldiers serving on the front line, one of whom placed his copy into his chest pocket. Later, news arrived that he had been shot in the chest but the bullet lodged in the bible he was carrying and he was not harmed. Saved by the word of God, for which we give thanks!!



CAP Christmas Hampers - Thank you to all those churches and individuals who have contributed towards the Christmas hampers fund over the past 2 years. This is being used again this Christmas, to bless CAP clients and their families across Teignbridge. Also, brand new toys for children of clients have been kindly provided by Salvation Army Newton Abbot.

Tim Wigley - Debt Centre Manager, CAP Teignbridge (Christians Against Poverty)
Tel. 07305380472

St Michael's School Parent Support Group

Natalie Trigg, as a volunteer, is running a Coffee and Cake support group at St Michael's School from 2.30 to 3.05 every term-time Friday. This is open to all parents.

She would really value prayer support from the church during these times, for Natalie herself and the parents who attend

How to join the Sunday Service via Zoom'

1. Go onto the internet and type kcbchurch.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.



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