



The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us.



1John 1:2

Sunday 6th December

10:30 am

Worship service – Second Sunday in Advent

11:45am

Eagles meet on Zoom - Look out for the link being sent round.

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.



Pastor: David Goddard

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Newsletter & Website Updates: kbcnews@btinternet.com

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 9th December

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

Sunday 13th December

- 10:30 am Worship service – Third Sunday in Advent

From David...

As I have been working with various members of our local community on the Kingsteignton Community Christmas Celebration video, it has made me realise how much pressure many people are under in the working community and the volunteer groups. I have been more than impressed by the commitment many have shown in getting their part of the video done.

Then there is pressure mounting for those who have been kept away from regular social contact with friends and family, and it is beginning to bite for many.

As decorations are starting to go up (and it is good to see many brightening up inside and out), we steel ourselves to look out to check in with one another, either to let others know how we are getting on, or to reach out to others with the hope of giving support.

Christ our light, Christ our strength, Christ with us.

Our Christmas Events

Friday 18th December 6:00 pm Launch of the Kingsteignton Community Christmas Celebration

Saturday 19th December 10:00am Christingle (details below)

Sunday 20th December 5:30pm Carols on the Doorstep (details below)

Sunday 20th 10:30 am Christmas Nativity

Sunday 20th 6:30 pm Carols by candlelight

Friday 25th 10:00 am Christmas Day service





Today is the second 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?

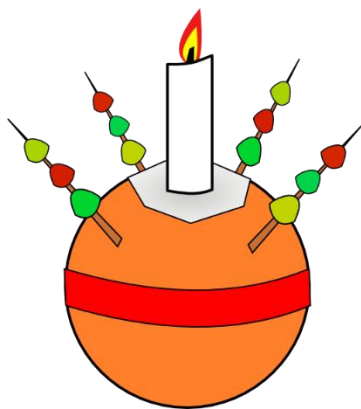
The Wreath: The wreath itself means "victory" as Christ's victory over sin so He can save us. The Advent Wreath has 4 or 5 candles that are arranged in a circle symbolizing Christ's eternity, as a circle has no beginning and has no end, it is a symbol for God, who is eternal and thus without beginning 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. *Thank you Heidi for this lovely painting of an Advent Wreath*

The second candle "CANDLE OF PREPARATION" means His light and preparation. Preparation means to 'get ready'. "Help us to be ready to welcome YOU, O GOD!"

*"As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:
A voice of one calling in the wilderness,
'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.
Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low.
The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth.
'And all people will see God's salvation." Luke 3:4-6*



Christingle



All three Kingsteignton Churches will be joining together for an online Christingle service. You receive a pre-packaged kit (hygienically prepared and delivered) and follow online as one of us steps you through how to make one, with a focus on the spiritual message and a prayer.

This is a brief service suitable for all ages. No maximum age.

If you would like to join and receive a kit, contact Phil Nevard (pnevard@gmail.com) or David, saying how much you are looking forward to it and would like a kit. Details of how to join online will be in the kit.

Date: Saturday 19th December

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Carols on the Doorstep

We are invited to join with a nationwide initiative that serves our communities by giving people the opportunity of joining other to sing carols this Christmas. We will all be staying on our doorsteps but can broadcast the carols from our radios (or digital devices). To make this happen, you can print out and deliver carols sheets, details of the radio station and invitations.

5:30 p.m. on Sunday 20th December is when it happens, just before our evening carol service. Why not consider reaching out to your neighbourhood with carols before our own time.



*** 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>

Good news for those who have packed a shoebox!

Samaritans purse are still collecting boxes this year from 5th – 14th December.

Go to their website to find your nearest collection point.

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/find-your-drop-off-location/>

If you have 'fillers' for boxes please could you store them for next year when (hopefully!) I will go to the Blytheswood warehouse.

Thank you *Tricia*

Chocolate at Christmas – a message from Christina Greeves

What's your favourite Christmas chocolate? After Eights? A tin of Quality Street? Celebrations? A giant tube of Smarties in your stocking?

None of the companies that make these chocolates can say that all their chocolate has been made without child slavery. That means that whenever you buy chocolate it is highly likely that you are supporting the use of child slaves. I am sure the thought of being involved in what the International Labour Organisation calls 'the worst form of child labour' upsets you as much as it does me. This involves children from as young as 5. They may have been abducted by traffickers, taken far from home and forced to work on cocoa farms, using hazardous pesticides, dangerous tools and with no chance of leaving. Neither they nor their families "earn" anything for this.

Around 60-70% of all cocoa comes from Ghana and the Ivory Coast. A recent 2020 report by NORC from the University of Chicago says that 1.56 *million* children are used as illegal child labour in the cocoa supply chain in these countries. Therefore, most of the chocolate you see in our shops is tainted with this slavery.

To avoid being a part of this shocking treatment of people, look for chocolate with the Fairtrade Mark, chocolate that is Rainforest Alliance Certified or UTZ certified or choose chocolate made by companies on Ethical Manufacturer lists (e.g. at slavefreechocolate.org). These certifications are independently regulated schemes to ensure fairer conditions and wages for all people in the supply chain. Bear in mind that you need to do this for any product containing cocoa, be that the hot chocolate you drink, the chocolate chips you use in your own cookies, chocolate ice cream, biscuits coated in chocolate, tiramisu dusted with cocoa... Some chocolate companies have created their own schemes, e.g. Nestlé Cocoa Plan, Cadbury's Cocoa Life, Lindt Cocoa Farming Programme. It is important to check whether these schemes have been independently verified, and to be aware that, so far, they often only cover a few products the manufacturers make, not all products.

When you are about to buy some chocolate because it's your favourite, because Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without it, because it's on special offer, please stop and think: Has this chocolate cost a child its freedom, its education, its home, its health? Make a choice and choose justice, compassion and freedom from oppression for those that have made it.

"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

Sarah

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 blue cross. To its right is the text 'Kingsteignton Community Baptist Church'. Below this is a navigation menu with links: 'Groups & Activities', 'Children & Youth', 'Future Events', 'Recent Events', 'In Our Community', and 'About Us'. A search bar is in the top right. Below the navigation is a main heading 'A warm welcome to you' followed by a sub-heading '...from all at Kingsteignton Community Baptist Church'. Below that is a notice: 'In light of the Coronavirus containment measures we have decided to suspend all activities at KCBC until we get the all-clear for groups to meet again ... in particular'. This is followed by a bulleted list: 'No Sunday service at the Community Hall', 'No KILTS', and 'Messy church cancelled for March, April and May. June to be decided on.'. Below the list is a prayer statement: 'Our prayers are for some positive things to come out of this time for you and your family.'. At the bottom of the main content area is a paragraph: 'We are pleased to welcome you to our website. Our church community is made up of people from many different stages of life and cultural backgrounds and we hope you will join us and find KCBC can be a place you can call "home".'. On the right side of the page is a sidebar with contact information: 'Contact us: E-mail: admin@kcbchurch.org.uk Phone: 01626 210132', 'Pastor: Rev. David Goddard E-mail: david@kcbchurch.org.uk Phone: 01626 368491', 'Sunday Meetings: 10:30am Family worship All welcome', 'This week's newsletter', 'Our Year of Thankfulness', 'Recent Sermons Sermon Archive', 'How to find us: Kingsteignton Community Centre, Rydon Road, Devon, TQ12 3LP View on Google Maps', and 'Useful links: The Alpha Course'. A red arrow points from a pink box with the text 'Click The Green Button' to a green button labeled 'Online service' in the top right corner of the website.

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