



'The days are coming,' declares the LORD, 'when I will fulfil the gracious promise I made to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah.'



Jeremiah Chapter 33 verse 14

SUNDAY 1st DECEMBER 2024

10:30 Communion Worship Service – we light the first candle in this Advent Season
Eagle and owls meet today
(please bring along any Izzy Dolls you have made for KILTS – thank you)

Live at the hall. For those at the hall there will be opportunity for socialising. Refreshments will be 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 miss a sermon the recording will be made available the following week on our website.



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.

Our thanks once again to Heidi for the Advent Wreath artwork we are pleased to use at this time of year - it's much appreciated.



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Please remember this week's diary in your daily prayers

Monday 2nd	19:30	Trustees' Meeting
Tuesday 3rd	09:00	Set up for KILTS
	10:00	KILTS
Wednesday 4th		Nick & Sarah taking delivery to CR2EE
Friday 6th	10:30	Craft & Chatter – hosted by Rob
	19:00	Mayor's Annual Christmas Carols
Sunday 8th	10:30	Second Sunday in Advent Worship Service Eagles & Owls meet

If you have a regular group which meets and you wish to add it to the diary prayers, please do let me know – kbcscribe@hotmail.com



Notes for your diary

- **Leadership Meeting** – 9th December
- **Friday Outing Christmas Lunch** – 13th December
- **Messy Church Christingle** – 14th December
- **Carols Around the Tree Community Service** – 14th December
- **Sing Christmas at Sandygate Inn** – 19th December
- **Sunday Clubs' Nativity** – 22nd December
- **Carols by Candlelight** – 22nd December

From the Minister

It is Advent and it is time to examine yourself. The ancient theme of Advent was repentance, a time of reflecting on where we need forgiveness and how to make our lives more holy. In contrast to our current practices, people used to give up on certain foods to help prepare for Christmas, rather like Lent. Can't see it catching on again just yet.

We may not be thinking about giving things up, but as a church we will start the process of examining ourselves. We will be looking at KCBC as we are now and seeking the Lord on what the Spirit is saying to the church. We will take our time, months of time, but it is a key part of taking the next steps together.

If you were to be asking those questions, what would you put to the church? We will look this Sunday on the 4 questions or areas of church life, and we will be invited to respond over the coming months. Listen in so we are prepared for our church examination.

David

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



Just a snippet - at the recent Women's Know Your Bible event, I heard something which I knew I would want, and thought would be appropriate, to share here this Advent. Interestingly enough it's not from scripture but a quote from The Chronicles of Narnia by CS Lewis, and it made me smile, hope it does the same for you! ["In our world too, a stable once had something inside it that was bigger than our whole world."](#) Sue

From time to time we all need an extra word of encouragement, a boost or a spiritual hug, so if you have something you'd like to share with the whole fellowship, please do pass it along - a Bible Verse, a particular passage, a faith song, study resource, an idea or simply

a passing thought. If you feel that something has been of benefit to you, and you want to share susiedevon@gmail.com (for the time being!!)

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand" Isaiah 41:10



We give thanks, Lord, that into the world, a world full of darkness, sadness, fear and suffering you sent the Light of the World, your Son. This light, despite man's worst efforts, continues to burn brightly and we pray, Lord, that through your grace and mercy we are constant beacons of your light in our communities. Thank you, Oh Lord, for the gift of your son who taught us love, compassion, kindness, peace, and joy. We pray that these gifts will be the ones that light up our homes, communities, and Nation as we celebrate the true and lasting spirit of Christmas. In your Holy Name, Amen.



Christian Response to Eastern Europe Update and Prayer requests - November Ukraine

- ▶ Another lorry has arrived in Ukraine, has been unloaded and the aid distributed. This amounted to \$72,500 of aid including the much-needed generators which will enable a continuous water supply, cooking at the soup kitchens and lighting in underground bunkers at a time when the power supply has been targeted. Some of the dual fuel generators and 240V batteries have gone to field hospitals on the front line and so are saving lives! Please pray for all those who have been injured and for their loved ones as they face an uncertain future. We give thanks for all those who make this possible.
- ▶ Please pray for the children of Ukraine who can no longer attend school in person unless there is a basement/shelter at the school. Those without are having home schooling on the internet but this is often not possible due to the frequent power outages and bombing.

- ▶ We give thanks and pray for the Pastors in Ukraine as they try to find the words of comfort and support when they are struggling too.
- ▶ Please pray for Veronica who has lost the father of her one-year-old son (he never saw him), she was not legally married so receives no support from the state. Please pray that all those who have lost loved ones in this conflict will find the physical and mental support that they need.
- ▶ Please pray for all those who have been displaced by the war both within Ukraine and those who have gone further afield, often being separated from their support network. Those in Ukraine have often had to leave everything behind. We give thanks that we have been able to send money for food and wood.
- ▶ We give thanks that we have been able to support Pastor Viktor in the creation of a mobile bakery enabling the church to have fresh bread at their soup kitchen and distribute aid in the local area.

Please pray for peace, everyone is exhausted, and they realise the high cost of freedom. We cannot stop the war, but we CAN help in so many ways - it starts with prayer.

Moldova

- ▶ We are thankful that has been some improvement under the newly re-elected President Maia Sandu who started the long battle against corruption.
- ▶ Life is still very hard in Moldova especially in the villages and for those with disabilities who receive little or no support.
- ▶ We give thanks for the kind donations that have meant that wood and food can be bought

Life is hard in Moldova and Ukraine, but we can show them love, show them people care, that they are not forgotten. There is so much more to pray for, and so much to be thankful for.

There is so much more happening in Moldova and Ukraine that requires our prayers if you would like to know more about the ongoing prayer requests or answers to prayer please ask Sarah.

If you would like further information about CR2EE or have anything to donate, Nick & Sarah would be only too pleased to hear from you.

Kingsteignton Town Council's Coffee Afternoon & Carols Around the Tree On Saturday 14th December, there will be a Community Coffee Afternoon with Christmas Craft Workshop at 1600hrs - with free refreshments provided. At 1800hrs there will be an opportunity to join in with Carols Around the Tree in the Community Hall grounds. These are FREE events and welcoming to all ages. Please note: Information regarding future Community Coffee Morning dates will be provided shortly by the Council.

I can confirm that the Sing Christmas event will be taking place at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday 19th December at the Sandygate Inn. Darren and the girls will be leading the carols. There will be a quiz. If anyone wants to eat beforehand as some have done in the past, you would be advised to book early. David

A note of caution - Following the withdrawal of the Winter Fuel Allowance, Age Concern, The Trading Standards Agency, and Martin Lewis (finance expert) have all warned about a cruel text message scam, targeting our senior community, stating to be from the Government with advice on how to claim. Please IGNORE these and talk to someone you trust, including our Leadership Team, who will help to point you in the right direction if necessary, should you have any concerns regarding the loss of the Allowance, or have received said scam text message.

KingsCare Warm Space - Running now until April 2025. Everyone is welcome to join in, there is no charge, and the session includes a free cuppa and biscuits, chat, games, information about local community services and support, and advice on benefit support and energy, if required.

Important details - No need to book, 2pm until 4pm in the Mary Hall Suite, Community Hall, and free to all.

How to join the Sunday Service via Zoom'

1. Go onto the internet and type kbcchurch.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.

