



“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”



Micah Chapter 5 verse 2

SUNDAY 8th DECEMBER 2024

10:30 Worship Service – we light the second candle of this Advent Season
Eagle and owls meet today

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 which will be open from about 10:20am.

If you miss a sermon the recording will be made available the following week on our website. More instructions for Zoom and the Sermon recording are at the end of this newsletter.



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 this week's diary in your daily prayers

Monday 9th	19:30	Leadership Meeting
Tuesday 10th	09:00	Set up for KILTS
	10:00	KILTS Nativity
	12:00	David at Baptist Ministers' Fellowship event
Wednesday 11th	19:30	Rundle Road Home Group
	19:30	Haytor Drive Home Group
Friday 13th	12:30	Friday Outing Christmas Lunch – Cockhaven Inn, Bishopsteignton
Saturday 14th	10:00	Messy Church Christingle
	14:30	Co-Op Memorial service at St. Michael's Church
	18:00	Carols around the Tree, Community Hall
Sunday 15th	10:30	Third Sunday in Advent Communion 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

- **Sing Christmas at Sandygate Inn** – 19th December
- **Sunday Clubs' Nativity** – 22nd December
- **Carols by Candlelight** – 22nd December
- **Christmas Day Service 1000hrs**

From the Minister

An uneasy feeling must have descended upon Mary and Joseph as they hear of the need to register in Bethlehem. Such rules just drive you insane. What is wrong with your hometown? And by that time Mary will be due. What uncaring bureaucrat is it that would endanger a vulnerable expectant mother? And as if Bethlehem is safe.

Bethlehem is not safe now. Since I went to Israel, a wall has been put up to keep Palestinians away from Israeli territory and it is a site of much conflict. And so around the world, so many people will have to live in or go to unsafe places even if they are vulnerable. But as we know from the Nativity story, the Lord does great things despite adversity, despite the damaging, controlling, exploiting actions of powerful people.

In this Advent season, grasp the hope the Lord gives through trust in Jesus. Whatever adversity you are facing, or what those around you face, have hope that the Lord will do great things and bring a rescue for you, your family, and your friends. And even for our nation. The Lord promises in Isaiah 51:5, 'My salvation is on the way.'

David

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



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 kbcscscribe@hotmail.com

"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

Our Christmas lorry was loaded on Tuesday 3rd December.

This year we have sent a total of 5,500 Christmas boxes to Moldova and Ukraine.

We are indebted to our team of dedicated volunteers who have been very, very busy for weeks ensuring there are no used toys etc., in the boxes, the content is checked to be suitable for the age and then carefully packing all the shoeboxes into plastic bags to protect them.

Our Christmas appeal was very well supported again this year, and we are very grateful to all the people who so generously filled the boxes. It is very expensive to make a good Christmas box, and many families and groups joined together to make a fantastic box.

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.



Did you know that the collective noun for a group of Snowmen is a Melt!! How wonderful is that? Thank you to all our Knitters who contributed to "KILTS' 2024 Melt". These cute little comfort dolls will be added to each gift bag which will be given out to the children following the KILTS' Nativity this coming Tuesday. Please pray for the Nativity and that the Spirit will fill the Hall - thank you.



"In our world too, a stable once had something inside it that was bigger than our whole world."
CS Lewis

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 to the online services page.
4. On Sunday morning there will be a link title "Join Zoom Meeting" click the link and Zoom should open and connect you to the meeting.



Sermon Recordings

The Sunday service is recorded but we only post the sermon on the website.

From the website homepage there is a link on the righthand side labelled "Recent Sermons" - this will take you to a page with all the recent sermons. The latest sermon is at the top, click either the audio only link or the video link.

