



*“When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.”*



*Hosea Chapter 11 verse 1*

### **SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

- 10:30      Worship Service – we light the fourth candle of this Advent Season  
                 KCBC Nativity
- 18:30      Carols by Candlelight

### **WEDNESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

- 10:00      We join together to celebrate the birth of our Lord Saviour, Jesus Christ

*“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.” John 1:14*

### **SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

- 10:30      Worship Service  
                 (Eagles & Owls do not 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.

**Please note that the Carols by Candlelight Service will be available to join as well.**



**Prayer chain** Nat Bond 01626 366668 email: [natfromfife@gmail.com](mailto: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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**Facebook group:** KCBC at home



**Please remember KCBC in your daily prayers**

**SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> January**

**10:20**

**Communion Worship Service**

*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](mailto:kbcscribe@hotmail.com)*

### *From the Minister*

*There is little more to say here other than for Claire and I to express our huge gratitude to all of you at KCBC for your support for us as we have served Christ alongside you for another year. And thank you to all who have given us cards, too.*

*May the Lord give you peace and blessing this Christmas time, whatever you are doing and with whoever you are seeing. And may the Lord lead us in our walk with Christ over the next year.*

*David*



## Notes for your diary - 2025

- **Craft & Chatter** – 10<sup>th</sup> January
- **Intro to the Old Testament** - 11<sup>th</sup> January & 1<sup>st</sup> February ([see below](#))
- **Fellowship Lunch** – 12<sup>th</sup> January
- **Leadership Meeting** – 13<sup>th</sup> January
- **Church Members' Meeting** – 21<sup>st</sup> January
- **Hub/Pathways Taster Day** – 8<sup>th</sup> February ([see below](#))

### UPCOMING EVENTS SWBA

[Pathways: "Introduction to the Old Testament"](#) - Saturdays 11<sup>th</sup> January & 1<sup>st</sup> February 10am until 3.30pm, SWBA Exeter.

Rev Dr Helen Paynter, Director of Theological Education and Tutor in Biblical Studies at Bristol Baptist College will be teaching a module over the above two Saturdays to help us "engage with the OT and think about how to use and apply its themes and messages in your life and ministry."

Further details are available by following this link: <https://www.swbaptists.org.uk/pathways/>

[Pathways: Hub/Pathways Taster Day](#) - Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February 10am until 4pm, SWBA Offices

"Whether you are considering fully accredited Baptist Ministry, starting one of the Pathway options or just interested to know what options are available, this day is for you."

Further details are available by following the above link.

*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 ..... [kbcscribe@hotmail.com](mailto:kbcscribe@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*



*Dear Lord, as we anticipate the celebration of the birth of Jesus, we open our hearts and minds once more with thanks for this momentous event, given for everyone. Wherever we are in the world, whatever our situation, wherever we are along our journey in your presence, we cannot but marvel at the timeless joy of the birth of Christ.*

*Everything is possible for you, Lord, including the humble birth of our most wondrous saviour - not in a palace or even a home, but in a stable found in the little town of Bethlehem. A beginning we remember in worship every year at this time, such a humble birthplace for our Prince of Peace.*

*Together we look on in wonder and longing with those visitors you chose to visit him, lowly Shepherds encouraged by a heavenly Host and then the Wise Men who understood for whom they were searching - the Messiah, the Chosen One.*

*May we, as we gather this Christmas remember the beauty of the Christ child, the obedience of Mary and Joseph, the wonder of the Shepherds, and the reverence of the Wise Men and join our voices with the heavenly throng to offer our praise and thanksgiving for the King of Kings, Amen.*



## Christian Response to Eastern Europe

Having journeyed for a week through rain and snow our Christmas truck has arrived and been unloaded. Many thanks to all involved. There is a huge amount to do now to distribute everything in time for Christmas.

Our wonderful team of volunteers who help at our store in Exmouth deserve a break, therefore, we will not be open for donations of humanitarian aid until the first Wednesday of February.

We would like to thank everyone who makes our charity so successful in helping those in Moldova and Ukraine. We would like to wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and a new year filled with joy and love.

If you would like to see the video of the aid being unloaded please click here <https://www.facebook.com/689261597/videos/1156777869146608/>

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.

**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, Fridays 2pm until 4pm in the Mary Hall Suite, Community Hall, and free to all.



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

And finally, as we move from 2024 into 2025 some poignant words, used by Sarah in previous issues, but worth reflecting on again – The Gate of the Year - the popular name given to a poem entitled "God Knows" by Minnie Louise Haskins.

### God Knows

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."

And he replied: "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."

So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night. And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.

So heart bestill:  
 What need our little life  
 Our human life to know,  
 If God hath comprehension?  
 In all the dizzy strife  
 Of things both high and low,  
 God hideth His intention.

God knows.  
 His will is best.  
 The stretch of years  
 Which wind ahead, so dim  
 To our imperfect vision,  
 Are clear to God.  
 Our fears are premature;  
 In Him, all time hath full provision.

Then rest:  
 Until God moves to lift the veil  
 From our impatient eyes,  
 When, as the sweeter features  
 Of Life's stern face we hail,  
 Fair beyond all surmise  
 God's thought around His creatures  
 Our mind shall fill.



## 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.

