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Methodist Church

Connections

O Come Let Us Adore Him



Christ the King

**Christmas, the time to celebrate the birth of Jesus.
But he ends up not being invited to his own party.
There was no room for him at the first Christmas.
And if we are not careful.
There will be no room for him at our Christmas's.**

*From the book "Fixated"
by Tim Chester
Submitted by Irene Jarrett.*

December 2021 9

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST

We are now in Advent waiting with anticipation and hopefulness for the coming of Christ into the world once again. This time last year, we were in the midst of COVID travel restrictions and limits on gatherings. So, while the nights are physically getting longer and darker, this year the world feels like a brighter place and with precautions being put in place, our Christmas Festivities are set to go ahead. Jesus, the Light and Hope of the World, is coming.

This year I am wondering how to celebrate Christmas in a climate conscious way. What does a sustainable Christmas look like?

What gift will I give Creation this Christmas?

I have started by asking myself these questions:

- What does it mean to love our neighbours at Christmas and who is my neighbour?
- What if my neighbour is the person living in the midst of drought or flooding or pollution because of the amount of carbon I am helping to put into the atmosphere?
- Or how about those around the world being exploited for unfair wages and living in poverty so that I can eat and have cheap goods?
- What if my neighbour is the earth and all the plants and animals?
- Is there a way that my extravagance, after keeping my gift-giving and consuming to a responsible level, can then be mitigated in a way that benefits the earth?

To help creation and our neighbours around the world suffering from climate change and exploitation, I will keep my carbon footprint as low as possible. I know that light pollution from Christmas lights is a problem, I will use LED festive lights and ensure they are only on for a limited time – enough to bring enjoyment and lift spirits without being excessive. For Christmas Dinner, I will eat seasonal vegetables grown and sourced locally, and not trucked and shipped around the world. While we will have chicken or turkey, I will replace the bacon-wrapped sausages with plant-based sausages. I will look for gifts that avoid plastic where possible and for wrapping paper made from recycled paper and then I will attempt to wrap those gifts in a tape-free manner. Or I might even use recycled magazines as gift-wrap. I have found lots of suggestions online by searching for sustainable or alternate or ethical Christmas gifts.

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For many years now, we have liked to pick a charity at Christmas who offer gifts that empower people, like gifts of animals (cows, sheep, rabbits, chickens, bees) or tools or seeds or gifts that improve sanitation, health and access to clean water. We then 'buy' for example a flock of chicks or an irrigation pump, and then friends and relatives receive a card at Christmas telling them about the gift. Charities here like All We Can, Christian Aid and Oxfam offer these types of charity gifts.



However, I realise that my life is far from carbon neutral, so Adrian and I are also looking this year at some companies and charities that plant trees in the UK and around the world. We will pick one and donate some trees to offset our Christmas carbon footprint. Our children may even receive some trees planted in their name.

The Incarnation – the mystery of God coming into this world as the baby Jesus in human form – demonstrates the same project of love as was at the origin of Creation. It constitutes a bridge between God and humanity, and between God and the created world. As we read the birth story this year in the gospel of Luke, we will ponder again how the shepherds with their sheep were the first to hear the good news. It is a telling of how God was born among the very ordinary people amidst their struggle and their suffering. The whole of creation is groaning. All that God has created is included in the Christmas story.

Where does Creation appear on your Christmas list of relatives, friends and neighbours? And how much will you spend on Creation? Wishing you all a blessed and Happy Christmas!

In Christ,
Pastor Joan



The preciousness of time: 'Taking it for granted'

OUR FUTURE

John 14 v 1-7

Our lives are temporal, here today and gone tomorrow, blown about like chaff.

We should never take tomorrow for granted—we only have today.

“Steep your life in God-reality, God-initiative and God-provision.

Your everyday human concerns will be met, give your entire attention to what God is doing right now”.

Live fully for today for you do not know what tomorrow will bring.

OUR SALVATION

Revelation 21 v 21 +22 v 1-7

This is a personal matter; you cannot be a Christian on the strength of your parent's faith, or because you went to Sunday school, or because you go to church, do good, or give your money to the poor. Heaven is only for those who declare that Jesus is Lord and live according to the 10 commandments.

Faith cannot be second-hand.

So, let us pray and re-affirm our faith –

I love you Jesus.

I can hardly comprehend that you would give your life for me.

I ask you to forgive all my sins especially the sins of omission.

I ask you to come into my life.

By your Holy Spirit I invite you into my head, my heart and my soul.

I thank you that I will now meet you at your banquet in Heaven when you call me home. **Amen.**



If you have never prayed that prayer before, please be assured that Jesus has heard you. As we think about where we, and the world, are this winter, with the world gripped by a frightening infectious virus, with people having to change how they live life, and even how they do death, it is easy to get swamped by fear and worry as what the future will hold. Everything as we knew it has changed.

We can no longer take anything for granted. However, we have something that is very precious and that is our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

No one can take that away from us;

Jesus promised; He would never leave us or forsake us.

THE PROMISES MADE ABOUT JESUS

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.’ (Isaiah 9:6)



Approaching Christmas, we are very aware of the political and economic uncertainties that face us.

The prophet Isaiah also lived in such uncertain times, as the Assyrians had just conquered the northern kingdom of Israel (734-732 BC). This fulfilled Isaiah's warnings to the people, who had turned their back on God and His ways. However, Isaiah is able to bring a word of hope, promising a Messiah who would come like a great light:

'The people walking in darkness have seen a great light' (Isaiah 9:2).

These words are fulfilled in the birth of Jesus 700 years later and describe the person of Jesus:

Wonderful Counsellor: He will give us the wisdom we need, especially when we have difficult decisions to make at work or home, or in dealing with our finances or future direction.

Mighty God: He will provide the help and strength to face a difficult diagnosis, family crisis or relationships breakdown, as we trust His plan and purpose for our lives.

Everlasting Father: He cares for us as a father care for His children, so that we can come to Him when we feel alone or we are really struggling, knowing that He hears and will answer our prayers.

Prince of Peace: He has secured peace by His cross and resurrection, and so we can find in Him true acceptance, forgiveness and peace for our lives, relationships and future.

Christmas is the time to celebrate a God who is faithful to all His promises.

The Rev Paul Hardingham

WORDS FROM THE BIBLE

TRUTH - and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

John 8:32

HEAVEN - but as it is written "What no eye has seen nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined what God has prepared for those who love Him"

1 Corinthians 2:9



ARMOUR OF GOD - Put on the whole armour of God that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the Devil.

Ephesians 6:11

NEIGHBOUR - Let each of us please his neighbour for his good to build him up.

Romans 15:2

KINDNESS- Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgives you.

Ephesians 4:32

FORGIVENESS - If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

John 1:19

ULTIMATE SACRIFICE - For Christ also died for sins once for all the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit.

1 Peter 3:18

LOVE - "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life."

John 3:16

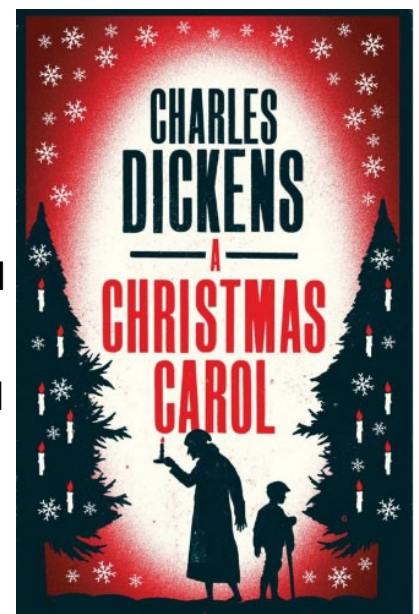
Wishing Chantry, Museum St and Landseer Church Family, and the Circuit, a Merry Christmas and abundance in the New Year 2022.

WHO SAVED CHRISTMAS

After the Civil War, when Oliver Cromwell and his Puritans abolished Christmas celebrations (amongst other things), Christmas was just another working day and nobody wished each other 'Happy Christmas' because it wasn't! Even the restoration of the Monarchy didn't help matters and by the early 19th century, the burgeoning industrial revolution was taking over. A lot of villagers had moved to the towns and cities. Industrial output was the prime consideration and it seemed that the rural Twelve Days of Christmas celebrations would soon be confined to history.

Then, in 1843, 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens was published and, although he was hoping that Christmas might return to the more joyful times that his forebears had known, what he really wanted was to turn a profit from his book. So, to publicise the book, he gave readings of his tale, sometimes for charity but usually for a fee for himself. But so many people were touched by the story and by his 'gift of the gab', that some of the factory owners decided that perhaps they should shut their premises on Christmas Day and give their workers the day off to be with family and friends!

As a child, Dickens' life had been bleak. He'd worked in Warren's boot-blackening factory and his own parents were never as family-minded as the Cratchits. Ironically, through this best-seller and his subsequent writings, he became as rich as his hero, Ebenezer Scrooge. All the money he made turned him into a passionate champion of the poor, campaigning for changes to the child labour laws and improvements to the conditions in the workhouses. 'A Christmas Carol' really caught on, as did the Christmas celebrations that he had written about. No longer did people work on the day itself but the return to a twelve-day party was not to be achieved until our own recent times. But people could, and did, spend Christmas Eve and Christmas Day with their families, and they could also find time to spread a little good will among the poorer people of the towns. So, who saved Christmas? **Why, Ebenezer Scrooge of course!**



PREPARE AND REMEMBER

Messages from Joy and Brian Pipe.



As you prepare to celebrate
A joyous Christmas Day
May all God's special blessings
Be with you in every way;
And may you find the coming year
Brings happiness to you
That lasts and lasts,
Just like His love,
Each day the whole year through.

*In Christ Who Was Born at
Christmas All Men May
Live Again*

Let us all remember
When our faith is running low,
Christ is more than just a figure
Wrapped in an ethereal glow—
For He came and dwelt among us
And He knows our every need
And He loves and understands us
And forgives each sinful deed—
He was crucified and buried
And rose again in glory
And His promise of salvation
Makes the wondrous Christmas Story
An abiding reassurance
That the little Christ Child's birth
Was the beautiful beginning
Of God's Plan for PEACE on EARTH.

ACTION FOR CHILDREN

We have now come to this time of the year when I ask if I could please have your home collection boxes by mid-December, so that they can be opened, the total can be banked and the details sent to Action for Children.

As we, like many, pay mostly by card nowadays and get very little loose change. I am wondering if it would help any of you by making an annual donation by cheque? Please feel free to continue to support in whichever way you wish.

Thank you for your support over the past few years.

THE TRAIN OF LIFE

At birth, we board the train and meet our parents, and we believe they will always travel by our side.

As time goes by, other people will board the train; and they will be

significant; our siblings, friends, children, and even the love of your life.

However, at some station our parents will step down from the train, leaving us on this journey alone.

Others will step down over time and leave a permanent vacuum.

Some, however, will go so unnoticed that we don't realise they vacated their seats.

This train ride will be full of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, goodbyes, and farewells.

Success consists of having a good relationship with all passengers requiring that we give the best of ourselves.

The mystery to everyone is: We do not know at which station we ourselves will step down.

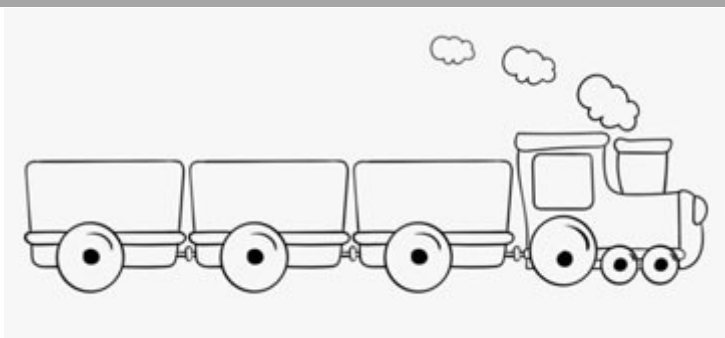
So, we must live in the best way, love, forgive, and offer the best of who we are.

It is important to do this because when the time comes for us to step down and leave our seat empty, we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who will continue to travel on the train of life.

Have a joyful journey.

Submitted especially for my American Cousins.

Mike Parker



IT WAS.....REMEMBER.....

127 years ago, on 3rd Dec 1894 that Robert Louis Stevenson died. This Scottish novelist, short story writer, poet, essayist and travel writer was best known for his novels Treasure Island, Kidnapped and the Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde.

102 years ago, on 1st Dec 1919 that Lady Nancy Astor became the first female Member of Parliament (MP) to take her seat in the House of Commons.

92 years ago, on 12th Dec 1929 that John Osborne, British playwright, screenwriter and producer, was born. He was the first of the Angry Young Men, and best known for his play Look Back in Anger (died 1994).

82 years ago, on 1st Dec 1939 that Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer made his first ever appearance, in a children's colouring book given away by Montgomery Ward stores in the USA.

52 years ago, on 18th Dec 1969 that the British Government abolished the death penalty for murder.

42 years ago, on 20th Dec 1979 that the British Government announced that council tenants would be given the right to buy their homes under a new Housing Act (effective from October 1980)

32 years ago, on 22nd December 1989 that the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin was reopened, effectively reuniting East and West Germany.

20 years ago, on 1st Dec 1999 that an international team of scientists announced that they had mapped an entire human chromosome. (All human chromosomes were mapped by April 2003.)

22 years ago, on 31 Dec 1999 that the London Eye, at that time the world's tallest Ferris wheel – was officially opened on the banks of the River Thames.

17 years ago, on 26th Dec 2004 that a massive undersea earthquake near Sumatra caused a devastating tsunami that swamped coastal areas in Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, Thailand and Africa. It killed 230,000 people in 14 countries.

Remember the stories that we used to read?
Heroic adventures – we loved them indeed!
We'd read in the garden, if wet, in the porch,
Or under the covers at night with a torch!

Our fingers would avidly trace lines of text
Of what Katy Did, and what she Did Next.
And, starting this journey along Mem'ry Lane
We can't forget Biggles, up there in his plane!

We laughed and we laughed at Jennings at school.
Tormenting his teachers by acting the fool.
Just William's young friends, and their latest trick –
"I'll scream and I'll scream till I make myself sick!"

Black Beauty the horse brought a tear to our eye –
Some stories brought laughter, and some made us cry.
Like Paddington Bear, and the things he would do
Arriving by train from Darkest Peru.

There was Noddy, and Rupert, and Peter Pan, too;
The woodland adventures of Winnie-the-Pooh;
Little Women and Crusoe and Chalet School Girls;
Just So – all such stories were wonderful pearls!

This poem could go on for page after page
If your favourite is missing, please don't fill with rage –
Just nip to the loft, and dig through that box,
And sit down and read – ignoring the clocks!

By Nigel Beeton

The Congregation

A minister was considering a move to a busy town-centre church, and wanted to know what the congregation were like, and especially the church council. So, he rang the minister who had just retired from that church.

The retiring minister hesitated a moment and then replied:

"Some of them are wise; some are otherwise".

ENERGY AND OUR CHURCH BUILDING

David Welbourn outlines the start of our new journey.

If you followed our climate justice campaign, you will be aware that changing our attitude to energy is an important step in reversing climate change. At the same time as our focus on the environment has forced us to see energy in a new light, energy has also been in the spotlight for very different reasons. The forecourt panic and long queues when too few lorry drivers caused petrol deliveries to dry up, showed just how deeply ingrained in society is our energy addiction.



As if that wasn't enough to concentrate the mind, there is another energy crisis caused by the lack of resilience in global wholesale energy markets driving prices through the roof. Look behind the scenes, and the blame is laid at rapid growth in demand as the shut-down world opened up again to economic activity. To date, twenty-one energy companies have failed – all driven by an economic view of the world that places cheapness as its main driver.

Tough times ahead to push forward on our fight for climate justice against the volatility of markets, skill shortages, and all the other self-inflicted wounds on society.

Much of that is of course out of our control. So, when we come closer to home, are we doing everything that we can and should be doing? What more can we do as a church and as individuals?

At Museum Street, our carbon footprint has four components:

- the energy we use to heat the building;
- the energy we use to light the building;
- the footprint associated with all other services on which we rely – waste, water, etc.;
- the footprint created by all the users of the premises as they travel to meetings that we host.

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Sadly, we use gas to heat the building, and we have only just spent a lot of money installing new boilers. Were we to make the decision now, we would be looking seriously at a combination of electric boiler and heat pump, but even just three years ago those alternatives were either not available or not an obvious choice. The good news is that our new system is substantially more efficient than our old boilers. We don't know exactly how much more efficient, as we've been closed and had lower usage of the buildings, but we may be saving as much as one third of the energy we used to use in heating. That is around 8 tonnes of carbon equivalent we are saving.



Our energy contract was up for renewal in mid-2020, and I selected Octopus as the greenest energy supplier at the time. They still hold that slot, producing all of their electricity from renewables whilst also continuing to invest in more renewable capacity. In June this year, I moved onto a 2-year fixed tariff which also offset much of the carbon associated with our gas usage and fortunately gives us a little cushion against current price rises.

Lighting accounts for around one quarter of the energy we use. We have started looking into more efficient lighting. In January, we will be replacing some of the lights in the sanctuary with LEDs, as a trial. If that is successful, we will replace all in the sanctuary to save more than ½ tonne of carbon equivalent per year. We will recover the price of the lamps by the savings in the first year.

It is harder to find good solution for other rooms which mainly use fluorescent tubes that are reasonably efficient. We could save some, but with small savings and payback taking several years, replacement is not the right answer, especially if we take into account the waste footprint of those we needlessly throw away. Instead, we are looking at alternative ways to save energy in those rooms – perhaps reducing brightness, or using motion sensors to switch lights off in empty rooms. We will report back later. *Continued over*

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A quick estimate suggests that the carbon footprint of travel for those who use the building is roughly equivalent to the footprint from our own energy consumption. I will share more thoughts about offsetting next month.

As a final note on being climate conscious in everything we do. I've just bought a new monitor as part of the church's technology for streaming. Like all electrical equipment now, monitors are efficiency rated. Most are classed as D to F in their energy rating (A is the best). After a lot of searching, I found and bought an A+ monitor. It was a little over 20% more expensive than the cheapest available. If climate justice is worth fighting for, it's worth paying for too, as part of our discipleship.

We are faced with similar choices on a daily basis.

David Welbourn.

In happy moments – praise God; in difficult moments – seek God; in quiet moments – worship God; in painful moments – trust God; and in every moment – thank God

A smile is something that costs nothing, but creates much. It enriches those who receive without impoverishing those who give.

It happens in a flash, but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever.

It creates happiness in the home and fosters goodwill in business.

It is rest to the weary, daylight to the discouraged and sunshine to the sad.

It cannot be bought, begged, borrowed or stolen.

It is something that is no earthly good to anybody until it is given away.

Those who have none left to give are the ones who need one most.

In fact, it's a priceless treasure that costs nothing, so it's something.



FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR HEALTH

Stay away from hospital...

- Patient has left her white blood cells at another hospital.
- Patient's medical history has been remarkably insignificant with only a 40-pound weight gain in the past three days.
- Patient has chest pain if she lies on her left side for over a year.
- On the second day the knee was better and on the third day it disappeared.
- The patient has no previous history of suicide.
- The patient has been depressed since she began seeing me in 1993.
- Discharge status: - Alive, but without my permission.
- Healthy appearing decrepit 69-year-old male, mentally alert, but forgetful.
- Patient had waffles for breakfast and anorexia for lunch.
- She is numb from her toes down.
- Patient was alert and unresponsive.
- She stated that she had been constipated for most of her life until she got a divorce.
- The lab test indicated abnormal liver function.
- Skin: somewhat pale, but present.
- The pelvic exam will be done later on the floor.
- Patient has two teenage children, but no other abnormalities.
- When she fainted, her eyes rolled around the room.
- The patient was in his usual state of good health until his airplane ran out of fuel and crashed.
- She slipped on the ice and apparently her legs went in separate directions in early December.
- Patient was seen in consultation by Dr. Smith, who felt we should sit on the abdomen and I agree.
- By the time he was admitted, his rapid heart had stopped, and he was feeling better.



Sentences exactly as typed by medical secretaries in the NHS at Greater Glasgow.

A SPECIAL STAR

David and Karolyn Howlett are back from holiday.

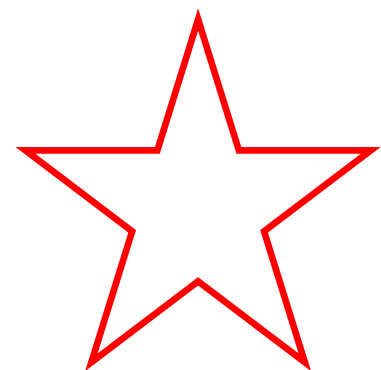
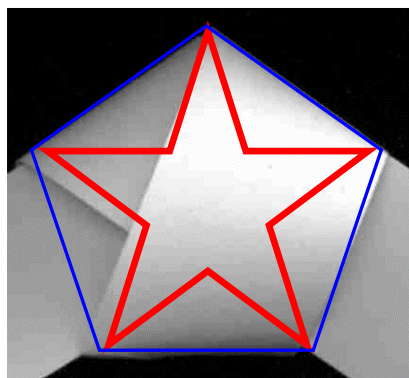
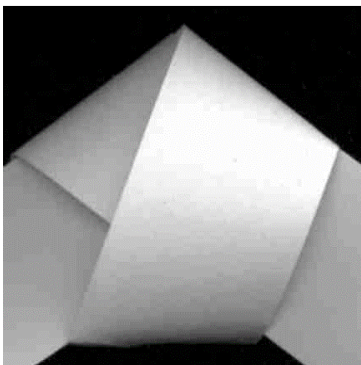
“We're back in the real world after fourteen days of daily swimming in the blue Mediterranean (22° - 24 °)! However we didn't forget about our promise for something for the magazine - hope we are not too late. Karolyn has done a Christmas Acrostic for you and I've followed that up with a nice easy way to make regular five pointed stars for Christmas decorations”.

A special star, a special star it led the way to Jesus.

A special star, a special star shone over where he lay.

Make your own Christmas Star Decoration.

A simple and easy way to draw a respectable looking five-pointed star only requires a strip of paper. If you want to make a star with an approximate diameter of two inches, cut a strip of paper one inch wide and about eight inches long. If you want to make a one-inch diameter star, a strip one half inch wide and about four inches long will work nicely. Now tie the paper strip into a loose overhand knot. Slowly tighten it and snug the knot tighter until it forms a pentagon with a five-sided figure, with each side equal to the width of the strip. You can cut the ends shorter or simply fold them out of the way to form a simple but nice pentagon. Put the pentagon knot on a piece of paper and trace the five equal sides or simply mark a dot on the paper at each of the five corners of the pentagon. Now it is a simple task to use a ruler to draw a five-pointed star by connecting the five dots or the five corners of the pentagon. **You can carefully cut this star out and use it for a pattern.**



CHRISTMAS ACROSTIC

Carols as we know and sing today at Christmas, didn't really catch on until the mid nineteenth century. The first ever festive lyrics to be set to music dates back to the fourth century.

Hark the Herald Angels Sing - an English Carol that appeared in 1739, words by Charles Wesley (1707 - 1788) and based on Luke Ch.2 vs. 8 - 14 and music by Felix Mendelssohn. Singing the Faith 202.

Riding Out Across the Desert, travelling over sandy plains, guided by the star so bright - a modern happy carol with words by Peter Ratcliffe. (Ian Woods and the music group loved playing this one!) Singing the Faith 230.

Ivy, a classic Christmas decoration grown in many gardens. Ivy symbolises foreverness, eternity, faith, commitment and loyalty.

Star led the Magi to where Jesus was born. John Ch.8 v.12. Jesus spoke "I am the light of the world whoever follows me, will have the light of life and never walk in darkness. The Star of Bethlehem believed to be a nova star an extraordinary bright star.

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came, his wings as drifted snow.....and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say, "Most highly favoured lady." A Basque Christmas Folk Carol about the Annunciation to the Virgin Mary. Luke Ch.1 vs 26 - 38, 46 - 55. Singing the Faith 187.

Mary mother of Jesus. Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child. (Once in Royal David's City). Cecil Frances Alexander (1818 - 95) Singing the Faith 214.

Away in a Manger no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head, was first published in the late 19th century. Luke Ch.2 vs. 4 - 7 Singing the Faith 191.

Silent Night Holy Night was written 1816 by Austrian priest Joseph Mohr in a small alpine village at the organ of St. Nicholas Church. This carol has been translated into three hundred languages. Singing the Faith 217.





More details can be seen on the website at <https://chantry.methodistic.org.uk/>

**CHANTRY METHODIST
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COFFEE MORNING
EVERY FRIDAY 10.00 – 11.30 A.M.



**Come and drop by
and enjoy a cup of
coffee and a chat.**

Christmas Parade & Gift Service

On Sunday 5th December, we will be joined by the Scouts for a Parade and Gift Service. This year's gifts will be going to *Lighthouse Women's Aid* (<http://lighthousewa.org.uk/>).

As last year, they are asking for £5 gift vouchers for the following stores: Matalan, Primark, Aldi, Asda, Lidl, Morrisons, Sainsburys and Tesco.

The young people will be leading us in a pageant called *The Mystery of the New Noisy Neighbour*.



Belstead Singers Concert

The Belstead Singers who practice in our church are holding their concert on Sunday 5th December at 3 p.m.

Christmas Carol Service

On Sunday 19th December, there will be no morning service. We will be meeting at 3 p.m. for a service of lessons and carols. Come and join us and get in the Christmas spirit.

Christmas Services

Sunday 26th December, Boxing Day, at Chantry at **10 a.m.**

****Note the time.**

Christmas Eve at ALAN RD or BRAMFORD RD at 11.30 p.m.

Christmas Day at MUSEUM ST at 10 a.m.

Luke's Accreditation Service

Luke Rokobuli was accredited as a Local Preacher at a service held on Wednesday 17th November.

Congratulations Luke!

If you missed the service, it was recorded and is on the website.



A Special Gift for Christmas

For unto us
a child
is born,
To us
a son is given
Isaiah 9:6

**This is a gift that cannot be
wrapped,
That will never break
Or pass its sell-by date.
This is Jesus,
The greatest gift**



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Welcome!
Our weekly ~~Sunday~~ worship will resume on Sunday 2nd May at 11 a.m. We also have a weekly ~~online~~ ~~video~~ ~~service~~ that can be viewed on the Ipswich Methodist Circuit site.

Current activity can be located on the website at <https://landseer.methodistic.org.uk/>

Tea & Toast

Join us on Fridays from 8.45 to 10.30 a.m.

Christmas Tree Festival

Our Christmas trees are back! They will be on display through December for those who attend our activities.

Worship & Fellowship

Sunday Services will be held at Landseer Road on Sundays 12th December, 9th January, 23rd January.

There is no 1st & 3rd Sunday fellowship in December, but the **Friendship Group** is meeting on Thursday 9th December at the church from 2 to 4 p.m.

Christmas Carol & Gift Service

Our Christmas Carol Service is on Sunday 11th December at 11 a.m. Come and join us and get in the Christmas spirit.

We are collecting gifts for FIND:



Tins/Tubs/Boxes of Biscuits, Sweets or Chocolates.

Gift Vouchers from the following outlets, but must have receipts attached.

Value on vouchers to be £10.00 upwards. Outlets: Sainsbury's, Co-Op, Aldi, Tesco. Marks & Spencer, Smyth Toys, The Entertainer (toys), Primark, Argo.

No Toys. The only exception this year is Lego sets, available for all ages (3 years up to late teens – boys & girls)

We will also be dedicating the new bench in memory of Bill Last.

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Christmas Faire

Join us for a fun-packed day at our Christmas Fair on Saturday 11th December from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Invite a neighbour!





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More details can be seen on the website at <https://museumstreet.org.uk>

Virtual Coffee Mornings on Wednesdays from 10 – 11 a.m.

Join us every Wednesday on Zoom for a time of fellowship.
Bring your own drink! Contact any church leader for the access code.

Christmas Offering

A special Christmas collection will be taken this Christmas for
Action for Children.



The charity *Action for Children* (formerly known as National Children's Home) was established in 1869 by a Methodist minister, and today protects and supports children and young people, providing practical and emotional care and support, ensuring their voices are heard, and campaigning to bring lasting improvements to their lives. (<https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/>)

Christmas Carol Service

Our Christmas Carol Service is on Sunday 19th December at 10.45 a.m.
Come and join us and get in the Christmas spirit.

Christmas Services

Saturday 25th December, Christmas Day, at Museum Street at **10 a.m.**
Note the time

Christmas Eve at ALAN RD or BRAMFORD RD at 11.30 p.m.
Sunday 26th December at CHANTRY at 10 a.m.

NOTE: No Sunday worship at Museum Street on 26th December



***Our three churches are all participating in this project.
You are encouraged to put an angel up in your home too.***

This Christmas, in conjunction with the Ipswich Borough Council, the Mayor and other partners, are launching an ***Inspiring Angels*** initiative to spread a bit of angelic joy throughout Ipswich. We want to encourage people to come to one of our churches' many Christmas services or events where we pray, they will hear and see the gospel in word and action.

The town will be flooded with angels and there will be an angel trail for people to follow. The town will be singing carols. Shops, schools, churches will be displaying angels of all shapes and sizes.

A special ***Inspiring Angels*** website

[Home | Inspiring Angels | Ipswich](#)

<https://www.inspiringangels.org.uk/>

gives details of our many Christmas events and services.

Thank you and happy angel-bombing Ipswich!

SUNDAY SERVICES IN DECEMBER

Date	Chantry	Museum Street	Landseer Road
5 th December	Parade & Gift Service at 9.30 am - Rev. Joan Pell	Communion Service at 10.45 am – with David Welbourn and Rev Joan Pell	<i>No morning service</i>
12 th December	Worship at 9.30 am - <i>Luke Rokobuli</i>	Worship at 10.45 am - <i>Fa- vourite Carols led by Betty Lindsay</i>	Carol Service at 11 am - <i>Rev Joan Pell</i>
19 th December	Carol Service at 3 pm - Rev Joan Pell <i>(No morning service)</i>	Carol Service at 10.45 am - <i>Rev Joan Pell will also be Livestreamed.</i>	<i>No morning service</i>
26 th December	Christmas Service at 10 am – <i>Diana Sawyer</i> <i>(Note the time)</i>	<i>No morning service</i>	<i>No morning service</i>

Special Christmas Services

5 th December	4 p.m.	Circuit Advent Service	Museum Street
12 th December	11 a.m.	Carol Service	Landseer Rd
19 th December	10.45 a.m.	Carol Service	Museum Street
19 th December	3 p.m.	Carol Service	Chantry
24 th December	11.30 p.m.	Christmas Eve Service	Alan Rd & Bramford Rd
25 th December	10 a.m.	Christmas Day Service	Museum Street
26 th December	10 a.m.	Christmas Sunday Service	Chantry

5th December – Rev. Jo Jacobs

12th December – Rev. Jane Cassidy

19th December – Rev. Derek Grimshaw

24/25/26th December – Rev. Joan Pell

Online Video Services

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Please note that Rev. Joan Pell's rest day is a Friday.