

Fellowship News

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Morning Service 10:30 am Communion service held on the first Sunday of the month.

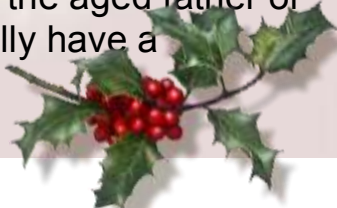


Advent

.... is here again and soon we shall be able to enjoy the wonderful tunes and words of the Christmas carols. Those memorable melodies evoke the very essence of this wonderful season. The years fall away and in our minds we become young again. When we are most happy we still warble away, tunefully or otherwise, and Christmas for most folk carries such lovely memories of childhood and family reunions that carols seem to be the most natural songs with which to celebrate it.

Just to look up at the stars, the immensity of the eternal universe and then to realize that the Creator of it all actually entered man's brief existence in the person of the Lord Jesus, becoming Emmanuel, God with us". This revelation conjures up a wonder beyond our imagination. Such is the grace of God and such is the beauty of Christmas.

How can we put it into words ? How can we convey it ? Such joy could only be shared through song, and in Luke's account of the nativity we find the principal characters simply having to break into verse. When the aged father of John the Baptist heard that he would finally have a son, he was lost for words, and when his



voice returned, his words were both poetic and prophetic. In his spontaneous song, the Benedictus, he rejoiced that his heaven-sent son would become, “The prophet of the highest...and go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways.”

When Zechariah’s wife, Elizabeth, met Mary, the expectant mother of Jesus, she too expressed her happiness in song. And Mary also, having believed these great promises about her coming child, burst forth into the song we now call the Magnificat. Finally, shortly after the birth of Jesus, as he was being brought into the Temple to be named, another song was heard; this time from the lips of the ever-watchful elderly priest Simeon, who had been assured by God that he would not die before he had seen the Messiah. In what we now know as the “Nunc Dimittis” the old saint sang out, “Now lettest Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation.”

Dear Lord, may it be this Christmas time that we each realize and repeat that revelation again and sing out our joy to our little corner of the world. Amen *DK*

Jesus Christ—The Gift of Life

John 5:11 “And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. “

Romans 6:23 “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

John 10:27-28 “My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me.”



Christmas

2011

with Malborough Churches Together
(All Saints Parish & Malborough Baptist)

Dates not to miss in December

- 4th** Service of Light, 6.30pm, All Saints
- 10th** Christmas Coffee Morning, 10am, All Saints
- 12th** Christmas Play (Malborough Primary)
2pm & 6pm at the Village Hall
- 14th** Preschool Nativity Play
Wed, 2pm at All Saints Parish
- 16th** School Carol Service
2pm at All Saints Parish Church
- 18th** Christingle Service at 10am, All Saints
Candlelight Service at 6pm, Baptist Church
- 20th** Joint Carol Service with Galampton & Baptist
Tues, 6.30pm, All Saints
- 24th** Midnight Communion, 11pm at All Saints
- 25th** Family Service, 10am at All Saints
Family Service, 10.30am, Baptist Church

Pastors Comment ...

In the midst of a bleak and cold economic climate, we are warmly reminded that we have the precious gift of our Lord Jesus Christ! He is the only 'possession' we need, the only one that makes a difference in our lives; He provides, He cares, He watches over us, He protects, He blesses, He comforts, He heals, He gives wisdom, He was born into this world, suffered at the hands of man and died for us to give us new life! What a gift! Let's never forget the real reason why we celebrate Christmas and indeed, let us celebrate Him!

I'd like to invite any folk for some Christmas Carolling around the village on the evenings of the 21st to 23rd December. It's yet to be announced where we'll start and where we'll go, but people in the village really appreciate it.

We really want to thank Bryan & Janice, Richard and Hywel for the new sink upstairs and the blinds soon to come—they work so hard! Let us remember Peggy (who is much better), Kate, Pauline, Irene, Carole, Sarah (Brian & Janice's daughter), Ann and Ros in prayer. We also thank God for Sandra's recovery. Please pray especially for a new baby called 'Rosie' (a close relative of Keren) who had problems at birth.

May the Lord Jesus Bless your Christmas and New Year—Pastor Tim.

Services

January

1 st	Rev Tim Skillman
8 th	Collective Worship
15 th	Rev Tim Skillman
22 nd	Mr Mark Page
29 th	Rev Tim Skillman

February

5 th	Rev Tim Skillman
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Door Stewards

January

1 st	Mrs P Discombe
8 th	Miss A Edgecombe
15 th	Miss A Edgecombe
22 nd	Mr B Collins
29 th	Mr B Collins

February

5 th	Mrs K King
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Flowers

January

1 st	Christmas
8 th	Special Request
15 th	Mrs Laphorn
22 nd	Ms Brown
29 th	Mrs Discombe

February

5 th	Mrs Sterry
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Hoovering (week ending...)

January

Dec 31 st	Ms Brown
7 th	Mrs Putt
14 th	Mr Jones
21 st	Mrs Tucker
28 th	Mrs King

February

4 th	Mrs Sterry
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