



COVE BAPTIST CHURCH

MONTHLY NEWS



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Edition

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Monthly Devotional - ADVENT

Sunday 30th November is the first Sunday of Advent, the season of the year, when our thoughts turn once again to the coming of God to the earth as the babe of Bethlehem, Jesus.

The one who left the glories of heaven to demonstrate God's love for the world and that means you and me. The word 'advent' is derived from two Latin words 'ad' - to or towards and 'veni' - to come, so advent is to come towards a special event and there is no event that surpasses the coming of Jesus to earth. No matter how young or how old we are we must never lose the sense of awe and wonder of Christmas.

There is so much commercialisation these days, there is the danger of taking CHRIST out of CHRIST-MAS, and it is so easy to get caught up in it. However, as Christians we should have that sense of anticipation as we watch and wait the approach of Christmas Day. 'Prepare the Way' is the message from the Bible. How can we prepare the way for Jesus coming afresh into our lives. Here are some suggestions from Rev. Dave Bishop to prepare a different space for God during Advent.

Week 1 - Clear the mind; turn off the noise for 10 minutes a day and sit in stillness.

Week 2 - Soften the heart: think of someone you need to forgive or reach out to.

Week 3 - Open hands: do one act of generosity that costs you something.

Week 4 - Lift the eyes: spend time in gratitude, naming what God has already given you.

Advent isn't about pretending to be holy; it's about making space for the Holy One.
So may each one of us know afresh the Blessing that Christmas brings.

May God bless you richly this Christmas time and always, Alastair

Sunday Morning Services @ 10.30am

7th Dec - Speaking: Beverley Sinclair, Leading: Patricia

14th Dec (All-Age Service) - Pete leading & speaking

21st Dec - Speaking: Tim, Leading: Ali

Carols by Candlelight (5.30pm)

25th Dec (Short Christmas Day Service) - Alastair leading & speaking

28th Dec - Speaking: TBC, Leading: Patricia

Upcoming Events

Prayer Meeting (Zoom) - Thurs 4th & 18th Dec (last meeting, restarting 15th Jan 26)

Bible Study (Church & Zoom) - Thurs 11 Dec (last meeting, restarting 8th Jan 26)

Lavender Lodge Service - Sun 14th Dec

'Day of Prayer' - Sat 10th Jan

Ladies' Prayer Chain

For any prayer requests, whether general or confidential, please contact Christine at 01252 659249 or 07957 568545.

Lucy, aged 6, had drawn a picture of Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus and the donkey on their way from Bethlehem. On the back of the donkey was a huge hairy creature with a grinning face. 'What's that?' asked the teacher. 'The flea,' replied Lucy. The child had added a completely new meaning to the phrase, 'Take your wife and flee to Egypt.'

Sent in by Erica who found it in a little book by Gervase Phin



All-Age Activity Sheet

JESUS IS BORN!

Nativity Story

How many
 stars
 can you find?

BIBLE VERSE TO LEARN:

“She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus...” Matthew 1:21

WORD SEARCH

J O S E P H A Z X
E P M A N G E R K
S E A O A R G T I
U A R G N S E A N
S C Y P G A L R G
Z E O D E I N Y S
S T A R L G I F T

JESUS MARY JOSEPH
PEACE STAR MANGER
ANGEL KINGS GIFT

TIC TAC TOE

WORD SCRAMBLE

RYAM _____
SUJES _____
GLEAN _____
CEPAE _____
ERMGAN _____

(LOOK AT THE WORD SEARCH FOR CLUES!)

GOD-LOVED-WORLD-ONE-SON-BELIEVES-NOT-LIFE