

Notes from the Congregational Meeting
held on 20 November 2016

Elected to Church Council for the next 3
years...

Brian Maxwell (Society Steward)
Linda Nicholson (Council Secretary)
Ann Holmes, Eoghan Rainey & Chris
Wylie.

Convenors of Committees

Property & Finance - Susanne Bryans
Local Preachers - Paul Sunerton
Witness & Outreach - Joanne Young
Youth & Children - Stephen Yendall

We welcomed into the church through
the Sacrament of Baptism or Dedication

Leo Matt Thomson
Son of Alan & Sonya
on 16 October

Rose Abigail Spence
Daughter of Timmy & Jenni
on 23 October

We give thanks to God for those who
now celebrate the fulness of life:

Tom Matthews -17 September
Roberta Galbraith - 20 September
Billy Patterson - 6 November

A Christmas Reflection

The Christmas scene that many of us will have in
our minds comes from Christmas cards with
shepherds, angels, wise men, Joseph and Mary
with baby Jesus in a manger. Often we miss the
miracle of this. God could have come to earth as
a 6 foot fully grown man to implement God's plan
for his creation. But no, God came as a helpless
child, wholly dependent upon a teenage mother.
The King of kings was born into poverty with a
feeding trough as a cot.

The story of Christmas reminds us that God
engages with our world in the humble, vulnerable
and understated ways. He comes to those who
will open their hearts to receive him. God's Son,
Jesus, is the perfect gift for everyone - will you
receive it and open it and live life to full?



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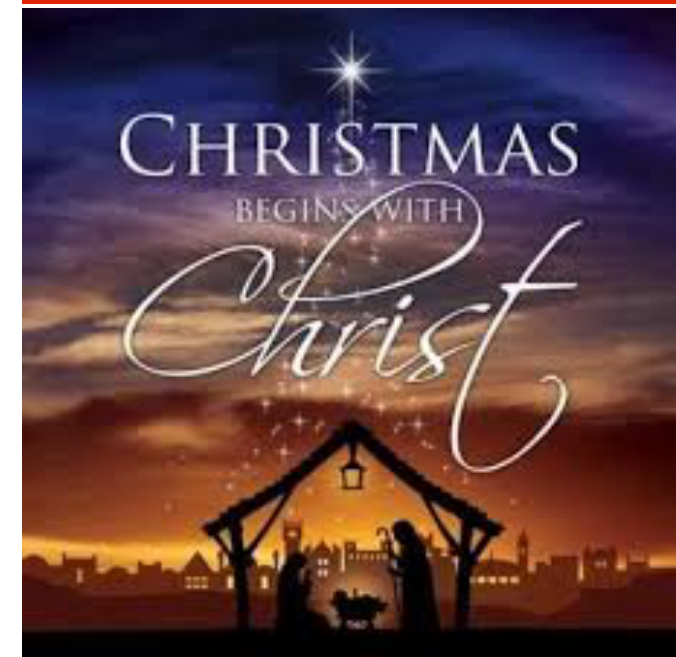
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WORSHIP SERVICES IN DECEMBER

Sunday 4 December at 11am
Communion & BCM Toy Collection

Sunday 4 December at 7pm
'Blue' Christmas

This is a pastoral service of worship, open for everyone, but specifically geared towards those who might find Christmas a difficult time after the loss of a loved one, regardless of how long ago that has been.

Sunday 11 December at 11am
Advent Morning Worship

Sunday 11 December at 6.30pm
Christingle Service

Sunday 18 December at 11am
All-Age Christmas Service
(With the 'Play it by Ear' guys,
Chris Neilands & Ross Jonas)

Sunday 18 December at 7pm
United Traditional Carols by
Candlelight

With soloist Anita Wilkinson
(who sings with Cappella Caeciliana, the choir
that the 'Three Priests sing with!)
followed by mince pies/tea/coffee.

Sunday 25 December at 9.30am
Christmas Morning Celebrations

NOTABLE WORSHIP SERVICES IN THE NEW YEAR

Sunday 8 January at 11am
Covenant Service with Communion

Sunday 5 February at 7pm
Healing & Prayer Service with
Communion

Sunday 19 February at 11am & 7pm
World Church Sunday

Sunday 12 March at 11am
MWI Service with Guest Speaker,
Mrs Rosemary Fletcher

Sunday 2 April at 11am
Presidential Visit

PRAYER PHONE NUMBER

073 9850 1495

Feel free to text through a prayer or join the
network and receive prayer texts.



Our next Messy
Church will be on
27th November
at 3.30-5.30pm.

Old Fashioned Golden Oldie
Christmas Afternoon
with film and tea
Saturday 10 December at
2pm-5pm
(Event free)

Following on from Conference in June, we are
hosting an evening on 'Good Conversations'
around the topic of 'Human Sexuality' on Sunday
22 January 2017 at 7pm. Everyone is welcome.

We regret to announce that our Family &
Children's Worker, Steph Neilands will be leaving
her post at the end of January to pursue a
career in nursing. However, she will remain with
us as part of our church family. In the
meantime, the Church Council are currently
assessing the way forward to develop the work
that Steph has been doing.