

Who's who at Langford Chapel

An occasional look at the people we see here

It is always good to see new people and we were pleased to welcome **John Norris** to our rota of visiting preachers at the end of November. He is involved in the work at Buckingham Baptist Church in Clifton, Bristol. His Pastor, Oliver Gross, has also spoken at the Chapel. Thank you John for sharing God's word with us.



Christmas Bible quiz

1. Which of the Gospels calls Bethlehem "The city of David"?
2. John doesn't tell us about the birth of Jesus, he begins his Gospel back before time. What title does he give to Jesus?
3. Which of the other Gospels does not start with Jesus' birth but with John the Baptist preaching about Him?
4. Matthew tells us that an angel spoke to Joseph in a dream. What was he told about Mary's pregnancy?
5. According to Matthew the angel also told Joseph why he should give the Child the name of Jesus. What was the reason?
6. Luke tells us that the angel Gabriel was sent by God to inform Mary she was going to have a son. Where was she living at the time?
7. Gabriel told Mary that one of her relatives was expecting a son. What was her name?

Stuck? It's fine to look it up in the Bible—that's what we want you to do!

Verse for the month

"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners . . ."

1 Timothy Chapter 1 verse 15

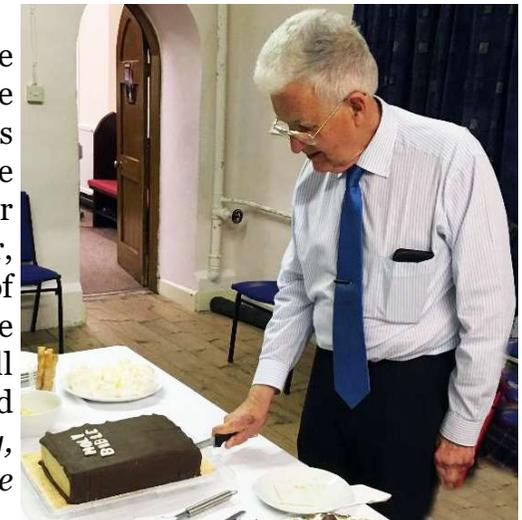


Happy Christmas to all our readers



Pastor's Anniversary

On the 17th of November we marked ten years since George was inducted. Refreshments were enjoyed following the evening service and one of our new members, Andrew Orr, expressed the appreciation of all the fellowship. George responded by thanking all those who had prayed and supported him. *(Don't worry, it's a **cake** looking like a Bible that he's cutting up!)*



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Christmas diary: There's a full programme right up to the New Year. Another favourite hymn: This great choice is by Charles Wesley. Who's who: A new visitor in our pulpit.

My favourite hymn

by Andrew Orr

“In the words of this hymn, Charles Wesley portrays the hopeless and pitiful state of mankind without Christ, and yet also describes the present and eternal blessings which He bestows on all who bow to His Lordship. It is a wonderful reminder, in any season of life, of His love and care for me.”

Jesus, lover of my soul,
let me to Thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll,
while the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Saviour, hide,
till the storm of life is past;
safe into the haven guide;
O, receive my soul at last!
Other refuge have I none,
hangs my helpless soul on Thee;
leave, ah! leave me not alone,
still support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed,
all my help from Thee I bring;
cover my defenceless head
with the shadow of Thy wing.
Thou, O Christ, art all I want,
more than all in Thee I find;
raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy Name,
I am all unrighteousness;
false, and full of sin I am,
Thou art full of truth and grace.



Plenteous grace with Thee is found,
grace to cover all my sin;
let the healing streams abound;
make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art,
freely let me take of Thee;
spring Thou up within my heart;
rise to all eternity.

Prayer requests

Pray that the real meaning of **Jesus** coming into the world will be clear. Remember those who will feel **lonely** at this time of the year. Pray especially for those who have been **bereaved** recently. Ask God to comfort His people who are **persecuted**. Pray that God will guide whoever wins the **election** to do His will. Ask God to help those who are **hesitating** about trusting Jesus.

Tweet of the month

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Put on the armour of God - we are then united with Christ and the power of God is yours and mine. Our salvation lies in Him. #christ #jesus 'He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me.'

From the Pastor's study

It is easy to get caught up in all the hype about Christmas (it seems to start earlier every year) and to miss the truth about the Baby among the baubles. It's understandable how the elements of a birth, of a mother's love, of the lowing of cattle and angels appearing, lead to emotions being stirred. (Though the advertising industry seems to prefer dragons and fairies these days!) So what is it really all about? Beyond all the glitz and the legends which have little in common with the Bible's account is there anything for us to celebrate? Our verse for the month on the back page suggests that there is: Jesus did *not* come to start a tradition or increase the profits of business, He came to save sinners. That of course will only seem important to us if we accept that we *need* saving because we *are* all sinners and also see that the crib points to the Cross.

For your Christmas diary

Sunday 22nd December

11 a.m. Christmas Praise 6.30 p.m. Carol Service

No Bible Study on Tuesday 24th (Christmas Eve)

Christmas Day: 10.30 a.m. Christmas Worship

Saturday 28th December: Aroma Coffee Morning: 10.30

Sunday 29th December: Services 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

Tuesday 31st December: Thanksgiving and prayer 7.45 p.m.

Sunday 5th January 2020

New Year services at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.