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MESSAGE FROM OUR MINISTER

The month of December is always associated with Christmas. A time to be with families and friends sitting around a table and eating together and celebrating. A time when shops advertise their goods which are often associated with Christmas - thus Christmas sale. What do they all mean?

Remember the words of prophecy in Isaiah 9:6 **“A child is born to us”** and again the angels put this message to the shepherds in Luke 2:11 **“This very day in David’s town your Saviour was born.”** Both sentences are in the present tense which means that everyday should be Christmas day.

We may be preparing for a get together as a family on Christmas day, but things can go wrong if Jesus is not being born into the hearts of those present. Prepare a room for him otherwise there is going to be no room at the inn.

I also remind us to be mindful of those unlucky enough not being able to get together this Christmas because of the war, flooding and other natural disasters. Say a prayer for them this Christmas.

As you sing carols, eat mince pies, remember that Christmas is about the baby Jesus and let him be the centre of our celebrations.

Me and wife Miri wish you all a happy Christmas and a blessed New Year.

Yours in Christ

Jimi

It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you... yes, it is Christmas every time you smile at your brother and offer him your hand. It is not how much you do, but how much love you put in the doing.

Mother Teresa

PASTORAL CARE

If you are aware of anyone who is ill, in hospital, or had a family bereavement, please contact our Minister, Revd Jimi Kaci, on 07909 280486, or our Pastoral Secretary, Kerry Sharpe, on 07979 607099.

DETAILS FOR DECEMBER and JANUARY 5TH

1ST December 1st Sunday in Advent

10.30 a.m. CTiM United Service for Homelessness at Markfield Congregational Church

Collection for The Bridge Homeless Project, Loughborough

6.00 p.m. Circuit zoom service led by Revd Joy Langford

8th December No morning service

4.00 p.m. Carol Praise led by Ann Lay

Duty Stewards: Kerry Sharpe & Ian Lay

Welcome Steward: Jenny Marsay

6.00 p.m. Circuit zoom service led by Revd Jimi Kaci

15th December

10.30 a.m. Morning worship led by Mr Mike Furborough

Duty Stewards: Ian Lay & Iris Bown **Welcome Steward:** Zoe Tur-Ribas

6.00 p.m. Circuit zoom service led by Revd Sydney-Samuel Lake

22nd December No morning service

4.00 p.m. Carol service led by Mrs Linda York

Duty Stewards: Roderick Lay & Hazel Brewer **Welcome Steward:** Ann Holloway

6.00 p.m. Circuit zoom service – Carols from Glenfield

24th December Christmas Eve

4.00 p.m. Taizé worship - “Contemplative Christmas”

11.30 p.m. Christmas Eve Communion service led by Revd Jimi Kaci **S**

29th December

10.30 a.m. Morning worship led by Revd Jimi Kaci **S**

Duty Stewards: Linda & William Walmsley

Welcome Steward: Rosie Woodland

5TH January 10.30 a.m. COVENANT SERVICE Led by Revd Jimi Kaci **S**

Duty stewards: Hazel Brewer & Ian Lay

Welcome steward: Ann Lay

DATE	ORGANIST	FLOWERS	CLEANING
1st December	United Service		
8th December	<i>Rebecca Goldring</i>	<i>The Russell Family</i>	<i>Ann & Ian Lay, Iris Bown</i>
15th December	<i>David Woodward</i>		
22nd December	<i>Rebecca Goldring</i>	<i>Janet Forrester</i>	<i>Janet Forrester, Ann Lay Gill Gibbins</i>
29th December	<i>David Woodward</i>		
5th January	<i>Rebecca Goldring</i>	<i>Iris Bown</i>	<i>Rosie Barrs, Ann Holloway, Kate Scott</i>

COME & SING CAROLS

SUNDAY DECEMBER 8th 4.00 p.m. CAROL PRAISE! Ann will lead this act of worship to conclude our Christmas Tree Festival. *The retiring collection is in aid of “All We Can”.*

CTiM CAROL SINGING

FRIDAY DECEMBER 13th 7.00 – 8.00 CAROLS ON THE GREEN (Please meet round the tree)

Followed by refreshments in the school room.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 21st 11.00 – 12.00 CAROLS AT THE CO-OP *Help us bring the spirit of Christmas to the Saturday shoppers - under the leadership of Kate.*

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

“Christmas Customs”

FRIDAY 6th DECEMBER 11.00 – 4.00

SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER 11.00 – 4.00

SUNDAY 8th DECEMBER 11.00 – 3.00

Refreshments will be available every day

TURKEY & CRANBERRY COBS – SATURDAY 7th 12.00 – 1.00

CAROL PRAISE

SUNDAY 8th DECEMBER 4.00 p.m.

Please tell your family, friends & neighbours and take the opportunity to invite them to join us during the weekend

DON'T BE ALONE ON CHRISTMAS DAY

“For people over 70 who would otherwise be on their own”

At St Mary's Church Rooms Anstey

*Book your place by contacting Kerry Sharpe on **07979 607099***

HOME FELLOWSHIP

The Home Fellowship meeting for this month will be held on **Tuesday, 17th December** at the home of our minister, Revd Jimi Kaci. Please contact Ann & Ian lay for more information. Tel: 01530 242166

MUSIC CAFÉ This month we will meet on **12th December** & then have a break until **9th January**. So if you feel the need of a change scene or a bit of company, please join us on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month for a music-based afternoon of fellowship. Contact Linda for more information. Tel: 01530 242607

“COME FOR A CUPPA” Wednesdays 10.00 – 12.00 Come and keep warm, meet each other and have a chat. There is no charge. *Please note that we will not be open on December 25th & January 1st.*

QUIZ & PLOUGHMAN'S SUPPER - FRIDAY 31st JANUARY 7.00 p.m.

This annual event is always popular & well-supported so put the date in your new diary. Tickets will be on sale next month.

Please send items for the **JANUARY** notices to Linda & William Walmsley by **29th DECEMBER**

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