



Family Craft and Carols Service Sunday 14th Dec at 4pm

- Aimed at families with primary school age children but everyone is welcome.
- Craft activities plus a mini child-friendly carol service followed by children's party food.

King's Church Carol Service Sunday 21st Dec at 7.30pm

- A traditional service with choir and guest speaker Glen Scrivener followed by mince pies and mulled wine.
- A great event for inviting friends and family. Pick up a flyer in the foyer.



Diary Dates

Sun 21 st Dec	No 10am Sunday Worship 7.30pm Carol Service see above for details
Thu 25 th Dec	10-11am Christmas Day Family Service a child-friendly service
Sun 28 th Dec	10am Testimony Sunday praise and worship with a chance for anyone to tell us something God has done in 2014, big or small
Sun 4 th Jan	10am 3 Week Mini Series starts New Year, New Start what difference can knowing God make to 2015 ? 7.30pm to 9pm Church Monthly Prayer Evening with drinks available from 7.15pm

Sunday 14th December

CONNECT WITH THE MESSAGE

Christmas, The Prequel

Luke 1:26-38

1) Do you have any fun/crazy/hilariously boring Christmas day routines?

Read Luke 1:26-38

2) What particularly spoke to you from the message on Sunday?

3) Do you think you've found favour from God?

4) How has God shown grace to you through his favour towards Mary?

The correct answer to question 3 is yes! Even if you don't feel like you've found favour from God, if you are a Christian, you have! Spend some time worshipping God (on your own and/or in your small group) for what He's done through Jesus .

Read Isaiah 7:1-14

- 5) What was the problem that God's people in Jerusalem and the surrounding area of Judah were facing? (v1,v6)
- 6) How were the people under King Ahaz feeling about this threat? (v2,v4)
- 7) What was the gist of God's promise to his people in this tough situation? (v7-9)
- 8) What did the sign of "Immanuel" ("God with us") mean to the people at the time? (v14)
- 9) What is the difference between what Immanuel meant to God's people then and what it means to us now thanks to Jesus? (see Matthew 1:22-23)
- 10) How important, **to you**, is the difference between a supportive ruler and a loving, present Father?
- 11) Spend some time thinking about what it means for God to be with us even when we face trouble and thank him.

DIGGING DEEPER

Read 2 Samuel 7: 8-16

- a) What does God promise to do for King David?
- b) Which clues are there that God was not just talking about David's son Solomon being the next King?
- c) What sort of Kingdom was being promised, ultimately through Jesus the promised King (Messiah)?
- d) How is this an exciting prospect for you?
- e) In the Bible (and from experience), what kind of things are associated with God's kingdom?
- f) How important, **to you**, is the difference between an Earthly kingdom and God's kingdom?
- g) Thank and praise God: for His kingdom, that brings joy, peace and healing; and for the church, where we find family and show his kingdom to the world around us.

CONNECT IN PRAYER

Carol Service

- Pray for a full church and a great celebration of Jesus, the King of Christmas.
- Pray for a good response to invitations and for everyone still thinking about coming.
- Pray for everyone preparing for this event; including Chrissie and the choir, Rich leading, Glen speaking and everyone involved in refreshments, praying, reading, setup and welcoming.
- Pray for God to be at work in people through every aspect of the service, especially Glen's message, and that people would want to receive Jesus or begin exploring who he is this Christmas.

Peace at Christmas Time

- Pray for all the troubled parts of world that God would bring his peace.
- Pray for those separated from family because of armed service.
- Pray that many would look to Jesus the Prince of Peace this Christmas for peace in their heart and a life changing knowledge of him.