

#### **Traditional Carol Service** 7.30pm Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Bible Readings, Carols and Christmas Message with performances from our King's Choir, followed by mulled wine and mince pies. Please think & pray about who you

could invite to come with you.



#### Nativity Service (Come & Join In) Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Dec, 10am - 11am Any child is welcome to dress-up,

turn-up and join in! It's a narrated play with no speaking parts. The whole service is for all ages with a short kids' talk. Please pray and think about who you could invite.



King's Christmas Appeal ends Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December We're raising money to help local families in need buy Christmas Presents for their children. To donate, go to: my.give.net/kingschristmas2016 or give via the Office.

#### **More Diary Dates**

Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10am Christmas Day Family Service (1 hour)
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan	NO SUNDAY MEETING
Wed 11th Jan	7.45pm Monthly Prayer Evening
Wed 18th Jan	7.45pm Church Members' Meeting

# **CONNECT SHEET**

## **CONNECT WITH THE MESSAGE**

#### Let's have a "Mary" Christmas

1) Do you have any weird Christmas traditions?

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December

#### Luke 1:26-38



**2)** What are you looking forward to most this Christmas?

#### Read Luke 1:26-38

3) What did you find helpful or challenging from Jack's message?

#### Read Luke 1:8-20

**4)** Why did Zechariah get struck mute? Why was he treated differently to Mary?



5)What doubts have you struggled to overcome as a Christian? How did you do this?

#### Read Philippians 2:5-11

6) What does this passage tell us about Jesus becoming vulnerable?

**7)** What difference does Jesus becoming vulnerable make to your view of God?

8) As a group, spend some time with Jesus in worship together and thank Him for being vulnerable for us.

9) Mary would have been looked down upon by society. Have you had to do something for God which makes you look weird to people around you?

**10)** Pray for people you know who aren't yet Christians, that they come to understand the real meaning of Christmas.

### **DIGGING DEEPER**

#### Read Genesis 12:1-9 & Hebrews 11:8

- 1) What are the promises God is making to Abraham?
- 2) What do these promises reveal about God's character?

**3)** What similarities can you see between the promises to Abraham and Jesus being revealed to Mary?

- 4) What can you learn from Abraham's response?
- 5) Pray asking God if there is anything He is calling you to do?
- 6) Spend some time praying for people coming to our Christmas events.

### **CONNECT IN PRAYER**

#### **Nativity & Carol Service**

- Pray for good numbers, a great atmosphere and a very positive experience of church for every guest at both events.
- Pray for people you could still invite or are waiting to hear back from.
- Pray for a good start to this new 'turn-up & join in' Nativity format.
- Pray the good news of Jesus would come over clearly at both events, for Al and Rich speaking, and for God to open hearts and change lives.

#### Peace this Christmas

- Pray for peace in places of war and conflict around the world.
- Pray for those separated from family because of armed service.
- Pray that many would trust in Jesus, the Prince of Peace this Christmas.
- Pray for the war-torn country of Yemen, where more than 21 months of conflict have had a devastating impact, and left 18 million people in need of some kind of humanitarian assistance.