

Christmas Quiz

All the answers are in Chapters 1 and 2 of Luke's Gospel!

1. What was the name of the angel who told Mary she was going to be the mother of Jesus?
2. Who was the relative Mary went to see after the angel left?
3. Who was that relative's husband?
4. What name did that couple give to their own baby son?
5. Why did Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem?
6. What were the first people to hear that Jesus had been born doing when an angel came to tell them?
7. This angel was joined by many others to praise God. What did they say?
8. When Mary and Joseph took the baby Jesus to the temple for the first time they met a man there. Who was he?
9. After this an old lady came in and thanked the Lord and spoke about Jesus to others. What was her name?
10. Where did the family go every year as Jesus grew up?
11. How old was Jesus when Mary and Joseph accidentally left him behind in Jerusalem?
12. How many days did they spend looking for Him?
13. Where did they find Him?
14. What was Jesus doing?



Prayer requests



Pray that the Christmas season will be a time when many people return to **faith** in the Saviour.

Give thanks that our **Secretary** is very much improved in health.

Pray for people who might be **persecuted** more than usually over Christmas because of hatred from those who reject Jesus.

Remember those who are suffering after the **earthquakes**.

Pray for those who are **lonely** and for those who try to help.

Ask the Lord to strengthen and comfort those who are still **unwell** among our congregation and friends.

Pray that the Lord will give fresh wisdom and strength to those who are **servicing Him**.

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A Happy Christmas to all our readers.



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The "Little town" has grown!



Jesus my Saviour to Bethlehem came
born in a manger to sorrow and shame
Oh, it was wonderful — blest be His name!

Seeking for me, for me!

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The Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost. (Luke 19:10.)

Looking back 500 years

On Tuesday the 7th of November there was a very different feel to our weekly meeting when the usual arrangement of Bible Study and prayer gave way to a special occasion - a talk on the Reformation, intriguingly entitled, "A hammer, worms and the Bible". The speaker began by reminding us of how the Bible has influenced the sayings and phrases that we use, then explaining how in 1517 most people did not have a Bible to read. The Reformation changed that when it was realised that we could only be made right with God by faith in Christ alone. The hammer referred to the moment when Martin Luther fastened his 95 theses to the Church door in Wittenberg because he wanted to dispute with those who said we must be saved by following church traditions and that we could buy our way to Heaven. We learned that Luther didn't understand everything immediately but as he read the Bible more he came to see the way of salvation. This upset a lot of people and he was arraigned before the religious authorities at a place called Wurms in a gathering called a Diet - which is how the rather comical expression "A diet of Worms" arose! We were finally encouraged to realise that the true gospel of God's grace is just as important today and we need to stand firm.

Another anniversary

It was eight years on the 14th of November since our Pastor, George, was inducted and we marked it this year on Sunday the 19th after the evening service. One of the congregation brought a cake along with the appropriate number of candles (*see photo*) and others provided various things for our refreshment. George says he is very thankful for the prayers and support he has been given, especially over the last two years. He is in good health again and hopes to continue to serve the Lord and the Church but says any credit for recent encouragements is really due to others who have worked hard.



A joyful afternoon

We have been blessed by the appearance of some new worshippers in our services in the last few weeks and among these are a couple with experience of working for the Lord overseas. After a conversation with our Pastor the gentleman came to the conclusion that he would like us to baptise him. (*For many years it has been part of our Church's understanding of the Bible that we should baptise by full immersion those who have come to a personal faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. We do not believe that baptism makes someone a Christian but that those who have become real Christians should publicly show that they have decided to follow Jesus.*) We don't have a baptistry at Langford Chapel but our friends at Horsecastle Chapel in Yatton kindly lent us their building between their own services on the 5th November and George, assisted by a friend of the couple, had much joy in conducting the service and the baptising itself. We pray that others will be encouraged to follow Christ and obey the Lord in this way.

For your diary

Another year draws towards its close - how good to know that God's love never changes.

This year we are doing things a bit differently to fit in with how the dates fall:

There will not be an *Aroma* coffee morning in December as the fourth Saturday falls on the day before Christmas Eve and that will, we think, be a busy day for our regular visitors and helpers. We will be back on Saturday the **27th January 2018** so you can warm up again with the usual Fair Trade coffee and our

homemade cakes. Bring your friends - new folk are welcome. Another change is that we are having our **Carol Service on Christmas Eve (6.30 p.m.)** rather than the week before as we have the help of **David Herring** who will provide the music and Christmas message.

On **Christmas Day** we will have a short worship service starting at **10.30 a.m.**

New Year's Day is on a Monday, so our Pastor will share seasonal thoughts on **New Year's Eve**, at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.