

Wise Men

STILL SEEK HIM

Sunday Services

1st Sunday in the Month

10.30 am **All Age Family Service**

Baby & child care available during the Service

Refreshments are served after all services

All Other Sundays in the Month

10.30 am **Morning Worship and Communion**

+ Explorers for Children

Other Activities

Tuesdays 7.30 pm - Home Group Bible Study & Prayer

1st Tuesday each month 10.30 am - Coffee Drop-In

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The Pastor or Elder are always available to pray
with or for those who request it. (James 5.14)

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The Distractions of Christmas

Christmas is nearly here – when you think of Christmas what do you think of? Father Christmas, reindeers, snowmen, giving presents, sending Christmas cards, various decorations, including Christmas trees, baubles, tinsel, fairy lights, candles, holly and mistletoe. Others will be looking forward to Christmas parties, Christmas dinners or spending time with their families. All of these are enjoyable and fun but as Christians they can be a distraction from the true meaning of Christmas. For Christians, we should be celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ.

Have you ever tried simplifying life and keeping Christ at the centre of your celebrations . . . it is a lot easier said than done? Around every corner there is something that seeks our attention, some of these just increase the stress and deplete the joy of the season. Keep your perspective by remembering your reason for joy in the first place.

In Philippians 4:4, Paul says, “Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice!” In the midst of the Christmas rush, we must remind ourselves that our reason for celebration this season is not the decorations; it’s not the presents, the food and drink or any of these superficial things. Our reason for joy is Jesus Christ. We have the joy of remembering that Jesus came, that first Christmas, with the mission to save his people from their sins. That is why he is called Jesus – which means “The Lord Saves” or “The Lord Is Salvation.”

We can have a Christ-centred Christmas but it takes a lot of prayer, focus and determination. Yes, we will have to deal with the distractions but we should not let them keep us from remembering the real reason for the season by worshipping the birth of the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. Maybe a good way to get your focus back on Jesus this Christmas is to join us in worship at one of our Christmas services.

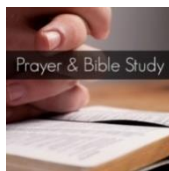
Grace and Peace to you and Happy Christmas,
Chi Wah (Pastor)

December Services



- 3rd 10.30am All-age Family Service – Chi Wah Chow
10th 10.30am Worship & Communion – Stephen Ayre
17th 10.30am Worship & Communion - Colin Lamb
4pm Crib Service – Chi Wah Chow
24th 10.30am Worship & Communion – Chi Wah Chow
6pm Traditional Carol Service - Colin Lamb
Christmas Day 10-10.30am – Chi Wah Chow
31st 10.30am Worship & Communion – Colin Lamb

Home Group Bible Study & Prayer @ 7.30 pm on Tuesdays



- 5th @ Colin & Brenda's
12th @ Andy & Sharon's
19th @ Ray & Eileen's
26th No Bible Study

Ladies Bible Studies @ 10.30am Thursdays

Thursday 7th at Di's. Studying Hosea

Ladies Prayer Group @ 11.00 am on Tuesdays

Tuesday 12th & 19th at Di's



Coffee Drop-in

Tuesday 5th from 10.30am to 12 midday. All welcome, toys provided for children if they bring a parent or carer! Christmas goodies.

Monthly on Monday - Youth Club

Monday 11th Christmas Party 6pm to 7.30pm
Christmas Bible Talk, Games and Snacks.
£1 per child.



Breakfast with a Focus – for Men!

Saturday 13th January 9 – 10 am. Come and join other men for a New Year Fry-up and topical discussion.



Worship with us this Christmas

Youth Club Christmas Party 11th December

6-7.30pm for ages 7 and above. Christmas fun and games. Learning about why Jesus came. Christmas snacks. £1 per child

Crib Service 17th December

4pm Short informal service for the very young and those young at heart. Decorating Christmas biscuits.

Carol Service Christmas Eve

6pm traditional service of Readings and Carols, followed by mince pies etc.

Christmas Day 10 - 10.30am Christmas Reflections

Christianity Explored... is a course for anyone who would like to find out more about God, the meaning of life, or why Jesus is relevant today. Contact us for further details about doing this six-week course as an individual or with others in a small group. Information is also available from their website:

www.christianityexplored.org

