

## New? Welcome!

You are very welcome – whether you are looking into Christianity for the first time, have been a Christian for years, or are looking for a church in Birmingham.



Please complete this tear-off slip and put it in the red box in the foyer, or give it to a member of staff or the welcome team.

Name/s

Address

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I would like to know more about:

- Being a Christian
- Newcomers' events
- Small Groups
- Pre-school activities
- Children's / Youth Work
- Student events
- Giving to the church
- Other

## Still to come this Christmas...

**Christmas Eve**  
**Midnight Communion, 11.30pm**

**Christmas Day**  
**All Age Celebration**  
**with Holy Communion, 10.00am**

# Starlight Carols

**Christmas Eve 2017**  
**4.00pm**

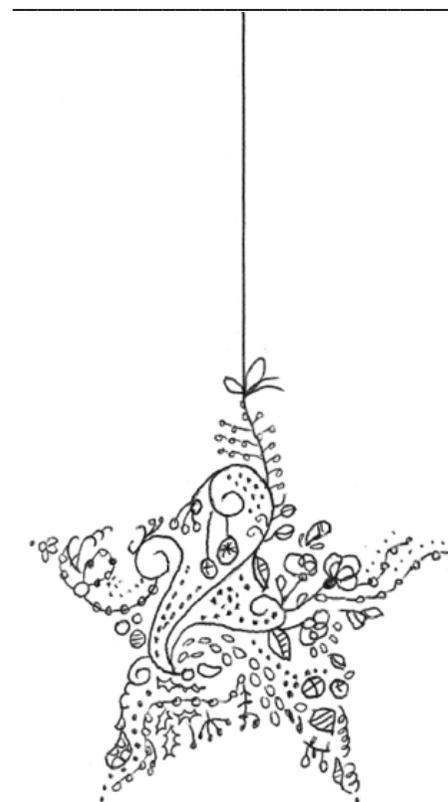
**WELCOME** *Chris Hobbs*

*Mary and Joseph go up to the stable  
as we sing ...*

**CAROL** **Once in royal David's city**

**READING** Luke chapter 2, verses 1-7  
*God makes sure that Jesus is born in  
Bethlehem, the town of David, as he  
promised.*

<sup>1</sup>In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. <sup>2</sup>(This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) <sup>3</sup>And everyone went to his own town to register. <sup>4</sup>So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. <sup>5</sup>He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, <sup>7</sup>and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.



**Our regular Sunday services are:**

**10.00am** – For all ages, with Children's activities (0-11)

Starting at the end of January we'll have a **4.00pm** – for all ages with children's activities (0-14)

**6.00pm** – A more relaxed and informal service



**CHRISTIANITY | EXPLORED**

Over seven weeks delve deeper into the Christian faith in a relaxed and friendly environment.

Starting on **Thur 11 Jan**, 8.00-9.30pm  
Contact the office for more details,  
[office@sssw.org.uk](mailto:office@sssw.org.uk), 472 8253.

*The shepherds go up to the stable,  
as we sing ...*

**CAROL While shepherds watched their flocks by night**

**READING** Luke chapter 2, verses 8-14  
*Some shepherds are the first to hear that Jesus has been born, and that he is the King and Saviour whom God has promised.*

<sup>8</sup>And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. <sup>9</sup>An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup>Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup>Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favour rests."

*The Magi go up to the stable,  
as we sing ...*

**CAROL See him lying on a bed of straw**

**READING** Matthew chapter 2, verse 1-11  
*Magi come a long way from the east to worship Jesus as their King.*

<sup>1</sup>After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem <sup>2</sup>and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him." <sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. <sup>4</sup>When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup>"In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: <sup>6</sup>"'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel.'" <sup>7</sup>Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him." <sup>9</sup>After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. <sup>11</sup>On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.

**CAROL Joy to the world**

**In the beginning was Jesus the Word. He was with God. He is God....The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us....**  
**John 1:1;14**

**TALK** Don't drop the baby *Helen Buckley*

*Children come up to the stable while the music group play, before we all stand to sing...*

**CAROL Away in a manger**

*Children return to their seats*

**CAROL Hark! The herald angels sing**

**CLOSING PRAYER**

*Please stay on for a Starlight biscuit*