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**A Joyous Christmas  
and a Happy New Year**



# *Minister's Letter*

Dear Friends,

As I write we have not yet quite entered the Advent season, yet the TV is already full of Christmas ads and the shops full of Christmas goods and decorations. Every year I read in the newspaper or hear on the radio someone decrying the commercialisation of Christmas yet we all contribute to it by buying our presents, food and decorations. It seems an inevitable tide that we are powerless to stop – a bit like King Canute ordering the tide to retreat!

I haven't started my Christmas shopping yet – I tend to do most of it online and then to rush out to the shops during the week before Christmas to get the rest – actually I think it was Christmas Eve last year!

For Julie and I Christmas will be a little different than in recent years – it's funny how we get into routines and moving to a new location tends to shake them up a bit. I wonder where we put the box of decorations when we moved in?

The gospels of Luke and Matthew tell us the story of Christmas – how Jesus was born of Mary in a stable (or does it? – look again!). But the gospels of Mark and John tell us nothing of Jesus' birth or early life and even Matthew is sketchy about the details. Perhaps for them the important thing was not the precise details surrounding Jesus' birth but who Jesus was.

The writer of Mark tells us that Jesus was God's son upon whom the Spirit descended like a dove and a voice from heaven declared his pleasure. Jesus came to proclaim the gospel – that the time had arrived – the kingdom of God had come upon us (Mark 1:15).

The writer of John tells us that Jesus was the word. The same word which spoke creation into being at the very beginning now comes to bring life and light to all people (John 1). Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ we become a new

creation – and are able to participate in the life of love, truth, justice and peace which signify the kingdom of God.

This is what we celebrate at Christmas time – not just the birth of a baby but the coming of the one through whom the kingdom is revealed.

May you all have a joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Andrew*



### **Baptism**

On Sunday November 22<sup>nd</sup> Maisy Laurie Phelps Daughter of Isabel and Robert Phelps and Granddaughter of Bridget & Tim Christian.



## **CALENDAR**

### **NOVEMBER**

- Sat. 28th 10.00 - 12.00. Prayer in Church at Burnham Methodist Church
- Sat. 28th 10.00 - 12.00. Shoppers Coffee Morning Burnham All Welcome
- Sat. 28th 10.30 - 12.00. BRENT KNOLL Coffee Morning & Sale
- Sun. 29th 6.30pm. LINK Advent Service at Burnham

### **DECEMBER**

- Tue. 1st 7.00 for 7.30pm Burnham Christmas Dinner at the White Cottage
- Wed. 2nd 8.00pm. Wednesday Group - An evening with Joyce Pipet.
- Thur. 3rd 2.30pm. Thursday Fellowship - Sandra Brown – “A little bit of nonsense”
- Sat 5th 10.00 - 12.00. Coffee Morning in aid of the RD Fund.
- Sun. 6th am Traidcraft table in the Hall
- Tue. 8th 11.45 for 12.00 LINK Villages Fellowship - Christmas Buffet.
- Sat. 12th 10.00 - 12.00. Shoppers Coffee Morning Burnham All Welcome
- Sat. 12th 10.00 - 12.00. Carols & Coffee at Brean Methodist Church
- Sun. 13th 10.30am. Nativity Service Brent Knoll led by Rev. Margaret Trapp
- Mon. 14th 2.30pm. Carol Singing at Beaufort House Rectory Road.
- Thur. 17th 2.30pm. Thursday Fellowship - Members Carols / Readings.
- Thur. 17th 2.30pm. Carol Singing at Tudor Lodge Brightstowe Road.
- Thur. 17th 7.30pm. St John's Church Highbridge Charity Concert  
see page 11 in this LINK.

Fri 18th	7.00pm.	Carols by Candlelight East Brent Methodist Church
Fri 18th	7.00pm.	Community Carol Service at West Huntspill Methodist Church led by Rev. Andrew Biggs.
Fri 18th	7.00pm.	St. Bridget's Carol Service Brean.
Sat. 19th	10.00 - 12.00.	Shoppers Coffee Morning Burnham All Welcome.
Sun. 20th	6.30pm.	Carol Service at Burnham Methodist Church – Rev. Andrew Biggs.
Mon. 21st	7.00pm.	Carols on the Green Brent Knoll.
Tue. 22nd	7.30pm.	Carols in the Barn – Rooksbridge.
Tue. 22nd	6.30pm.	Carol Singing at Tesco.
Thur. 24th	4.00pm.	Nativity Crib Service at Burnham Methodist Church.
Thur. 24th	4.00pm.	Village Carol Service at Brean Methodist Church.
Thur. 24th	11.30pm.	Midnight Communion at St Bridget's Brean.
Thur. 24th	11.30pm.	Midnight Communion at Burnham Methodist Church – Rev. Andrew Biggs.
Fri. 25th	9.15am.	Christmas Day Service at St Bridget's Brean.
Fri. 25th	10.00am.	Short Christmas Morning Service at East Brent Methodist Church.
Fri. 25th	10.30am.	Christmas Day Service at Burnham Methodist Church Rev. Andrew Biggs.
Fri. 25th	10.30am.	Christmas Day Service at West Huntspill Methodist Church - Rev. Robin Hutt.
Sun. 27th		No Service at East Brent Methodist Church.
Sun. 27th	10.30am.	Sunday Service Brean Methodist Church.
Sun. 27th	10.30am.	Service of Carols at Brent Knoll Methodist Church.
Sun. 27th	10.30am.	Sunday Service Burnham Methodist Church - Rev Stanley Pipet.
Sun. 27th	6.30pm.	No Evening Service Burnham Methodist Church.
Sun. 27th	11.00am.	Sunday Service West Huntspill Methodist Church – Mr. David Lee.

## **JANUARY**

Sat. 2nd	10.00 - 12.00.	Coffee Morning in aid of the RD Fund.
Sun. 3rd	am	Traidcraft table in the Hall.
Wed. 6th	8.00pm.	Wednesday Group - Party.
Thur. 7th	2.30pm.	Thursday Fellowship - June Nethercott.
Sat. 9th	10.00 - 12.00.	Shoppers Coffee Morning Burnham All Welcome.
Tue. 12th	2.30pm.	LINK Villages Fellowship - Hilary Manning - Reduce, Recycle, Reuse your Waste.
Sat. 16th	10.00 - 12.00.	Coffee Morning Burnham All Welcome.
Thur. 21st	2.30pm.	Thursday Fellowship - Flexicise.
Sat. 23rd		Day of Prayer for Christian Unity at West Huntspill Methodist Church.

Sat. 23rd 10.00 - 12.00 Shoppers Coffee Morning Burnham All Welcome.  
 Sun. 24th LAST Day for items for the February LINK.  
 Tue. 26th 2.30pm LINK Villages Fellowship - Rev. Andrew Biggs.  
 Sat. 30th 10.00 - 12.00 Shoppers Coffee Morning Burnham All Welcome.

**FEBRUARY**

Wed. 3rd 8.00pm Wednesday Group - Singing Children of Africa at Home - Dorothy May.  
 Thur. 4th 2.30pm Thursday Fellowship - Mr. Harry Kempson.



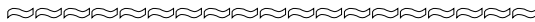
**An important date for your diary.**

Saturday May 15<sup>th</sup> Cheddar Male Choir will be singing at Victoria Methodist Church Weston s Mare at 7.30pm. The Soloist will be Beverley Gregory of Milton Methodist Church accompanied by her brother Richard Baker (Lennox).

All profits will be for Burnham Methodist Church Redevelopment Fund.

More details later. Please book the date.

Dorothy May.



**EXPLORE:**

This is a new group for young people aged 13+.

The aim is to meet, eat, and have fun while also exploring the Christian faith.

If you know any young people connected with the Link Churches, who you think might be interested - please let Julie or I have their details and we will issue an invitation- or just encourage them to come along to the manse at 8pm on Sunday 6th December or 17th January.

Rev Andrew & Julie Biggs



## Harvey's Wanderings

### URFA AND HARRAN

It was **hot**. We had reached Urfa at lunchtime. The temperatures had been pleasant up to then. Now it was into the mid and upper 90's. We had come off of the high mountain area of Anatolia and were into a wedge where the flat landscape of the Fertile Crescent reached up into the lower folds of the hills. But it was still three or four hundred feet above the surrounding plains.

In local tradition this has always been acknowledged as Ur, the birthplace of Abraham\*. Below the citadel that dominates all before it, is the cave in which Abraham is said to have been born and now a place of pilgrimage for Muslims. Legend has it that the baby was kept hidden from Nimrod the hunter who was the Castellan, founder of the town and builder of the castle. But Nimrod discovered the child and cast him down from the hilltop into a furnace at the bottom of the hill. Or would have, except that the Almighty realised what was happening and in an instant turned the furnace into a large pool full of carp fish. The carp came together to form a liferaft and carried the baby to safety. The Almighty had his own purpose for Abraham; Nimrod was not going to spoil it!

On the day we were there, the Muslim festival of Ramadan was entering its fourth week, and the park was full of people come to venerate Abraham and enjoy the day together. We threaded our way through the crowds and marvelled at the huge quantity of fish swimming in the pool, many of immense size. Every now and again, someone would buy a bag of titbits from a seller and throw its contents into the pool; there would be a rush as part of the shoal came together all leaping up, mouths open out of the water, at the food being offered. We stood transfixed by this constantly changing kaleidoscope.

Unfortunately, the pond predates Abraham by a considerable margin and is instead more properly linked to one of the very ancient fertility cults of the Middle East.

What a shame! It's a good story and a reminder that Abraham is not simply a legendary hero for Jews and Christians.

On the next morning we followed the trail of Abram and drove out of the town and down on to the plains for the 25 miles journey to Harran out in

the Fertile Crescent. Nowadays it is doing what it can to nurture a tourist culture, for there are ruins from Byzantine as well as from Islamic cultures that are worth exploring. It was the seat of the first Islamic University, but today the greatest interest lies in the peculiarly shaped houses that populate the town. We went round one complex, consisting of several of these buildings all made out of dried adobe mud and all with their distinctive high structure like drawn out beehives to maintain a cool temperature even in the heat of summer. Power and water has been installed in recent years and it looked as though a degree of comfort could be enjoyed. The owner led us to believe that he and his family still lived there, though the guide books say that most residents now live in a more modern village a mile away.

Harran was a very ancient city, perhaps even older than Urfa and it was from here that in the Bible, Abram is said to have set out on his adventure to Canaan.

We returned to Urfa in the blazing heat of the day, and from there, as we looked down and across the flat lands to the distant shimmering south west horizon, we began to see in our mind's eye the journey that Abram, his family and all his flocks were to make away from the security that he knew, to an uncertain future, nurtured only by the blessing that God had promised him.

Harvey and Judy Allen

(\* However, some historians and theologians have previously claimed the birthplace of Abraham to have been in the south of Iraq)



# LINK VILLAGES' FELLOWSHIP

We were pleased to welcome Wiltshire Farm Foods to the Meeting on Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. M/s Sue Hunt showed a lap top presentation of the service of preparing and distributing cooked meals to the elderly and shut-ins. While this was going on, meals were being warmed ready for us all to partake of. There was a selection of first courses followed by desserts which everyone enjoyed. We were all given a £5-00 voucher to spend on the first order.

It was good to see Paul Temple again to tell us of the ongoing work in Luhimba, Tanzania. Since we had last seen him, Michael Carey who had started the project 25 years ago had recently passed away at the age of 97 years. The hospital is now up and running with solar panels for energy for lighting and equipment for operations. There are ring wells providing pure water for the homes. A collection was taken at the end of the meeting which Paul will send out for immediate use.

On Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> Mrs Alison Crowther-Smith will tell us about Shibori Felted Knitting and show many examples of things she has made.

We shall enjoy our annual Christmas Buffet on December 8<sup>th</sup> after which the children of East Brent First School will perform their Nativity Play.

On Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> we are to learn more about recycling from Hilary Manning.

Rev. Andrew Biggs will be our speaker on January 26<sup>th</sup>.

On Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> Mr David Hodges will speak to us about his life in the Police Force.

We are always pleased to see any new members. We meet in the Schoolroom of East Brent Methodist Church on the Second and Fourth Tuesday afternoons of each month.

Eileen Goundry.



# DAY OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2010

Methodist Church West Huntspill

Saturday 23rd January 10.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.

## 'YOU ARE WITNESSES'

The vivid account of Jesus' Resurrection is the focus of our thought and prayers about Christian Unity.

### OUTLINE PROGRAMME

10.00 a.m.		Welcome and Introduction
10.15 a.m.	1	Witness through Celebrating Life
10.45 a.m.		<i>Coffee</i>
11.15 a.m.	2	Witness through Sharing Stories
11.45 a.m.	3	Witness through Awareness
12.15 p.m.	4	Witness through Heritage and Tradition
12.45 p.m.		<i>Lunch</i>
1.45 p.m.	5	Witness through Suffering
2.15 p.m.	6	Witness through Faithfulness to the Scriptures
2.45 p.m.	7	Witness through Hope and Trust
3.15 p.m.		<i>Tea</i>
3.45 p.m.		Witness through Hospitality
4.15 p.m.		Quiet Time
4.30 p.m.		Holy Communion



### BURNHAM METHODIST CHURCH LIBRARY.

A church member has donated a copy of a book entitled *The Shack* by William P. Young to Burnham Methodist Church Library. This is the story of an American family to whom a great tragedy comes which brings great sorrow to their lives. They ask "Where was God in all this?" as we all do at times - and they get a truly amazing answer.

The book is fiction but it deals with eternal truth in something like a parable form. It is rather like a lot of great Christian fiction writing, it is truth wrapped in a story. Think of *The Pilgrim's Progress* or *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. So if you say to me "Is this a true story?" I have to say no, but if you ask me "Is there truth in this story?" absolutely! I really, really commend this book to you,

Stanley Pipet.

Stan and Jennifer were speaking at a mission conference in Marion, North Carolina, after their first term of service on the field.

## **CLOSE ON HIS HEELS**

Jennifer told of a Bible study she had held with one woman. The two were discussing Matthew 4:19, and the woman told Jennifer about a word in her native language, which means *follow*. She said, "It is the word for following closely, not at a distance.

**Follow me and I  
will make you  
fishers of men.**

Matthew 4:19

To illustrate, Jennifer held up slippers used by the native women, showing one far behind the other. Then she moved one slipper right up against the back of the other one, and said that the word means "to follow right on one's heels." It suggests that we are to follow Jesus as closely as possible.

Later, when Jennifer was reading over the journal she had been keeping, she was surprised to see that she had often questioned, "Is Jesus enough?" She had been working her way through culture shock, loneliness, illness, and childlessness. At times she had felt far from Christ. But when through prayer and faith she had drawn as close to Him as she could, walking "right on His heels," He had calmed her soul, restored her strength, and given her peace. Are you feeling far from the Lord-empty, weak, and afraid? It's time to follow close on His heels.

-Dave Egner

*God, give me the faith of a little child!  
A faith that will look to Thee-  
That never will falter and never fail,  
But follow Thee trustingly,  
-Showerman*

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**The closer we walk with God, the clearer we see His guidance.**  
From Harry Kempson

## Calendars of Burnham on Sea & District



JANUARY



FEBRUARY



MARCH



APRIL



MAY



JUNE



JULY



AUGUST



SEPTEMBER



OCTOBER



NOVEMBER



DECEMBER

Cedric has produced Calendars in aid of the Burnham Redevelopment Fund selling at £5.00 each.

Size A4 Portrait.  
a page a month with a photo of the Burnham Methodist Church on the cover and Interior view inside.

Further details from Cedric on 01278 784204

Or see the Church website for details in colour  
[www.methodistchurchburnhamonseas.org.uk](http://www.methodistchurchburnhamonseas.org.uk)



### CHARITY CONCERT FOR C.L.I.C. Sargent

C.L.I.C. Sargent the charity supporting Children with Cancer is well established and does valuable work for the children and their families.

On **THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER AT 7-30 p.m.** in St John's Church Highbridge, the Burnham and Highbridge Choral Society will hold its Annual Carol Concert, supported by the Choir of St. Andrew's School, Burnham and a brass ensemble.

Entry by programmes sold at the door are £3.00, to cover expenses. Children are free.

The retiring collection will be for C.L.I.C. Sargent.



## EAST BRENT

Quite a crowd of people enjoyed a coffee at our recent Christmas Sale. The cake stall was soon cleared and there was brisk trading with the bric-a-brac and jigsaws. The Christmas cards will be offered for sale right up to Christmas so if you were not there you haven't missed out, just contact Evelyn for "the box".

We are looking forward to our **CAROLS by CANDLELIGHT** service on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm followed by coffee and mince pies, the Church lit only by candles is always beautifully decorated, warm and welcoming. If you would like to share in a traditional carol service singing well known carols, then you will be very welcome to join us. You will also be very welcome at our half-hour **CHRISTMAS MORNING** service at 10.00am. Lots of families and friends that we only see at Christmas join us for this joyous time together and you are assured of getting home in time to cook the lunch!!

Have you experienced **CAROLS in the BARN?** This is an evening not to be missed on 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 7.30pm at Rosemary & Andrew Gilling's, Ash Lawn Farm, Rooksbridge, this has grown from a small gathering of locals to the "place to be seen" Food, Drink (mulled wine) and straw bales to sit on are all available, with the Cheddar Male Choir and a Brass Band accompanying them, a night to remember, and a lovely start to Christmas.

There will be no service at East Brent on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December.

We were pleased to welcome Joan back after her operation and Bert who has not been well. It makes such a difference in a small church when a few people are away.

We wish everyone a Blessed & Peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

East Brent looks forward to the New Year with renewed energy and confidence under the leadership of our new minister the Revd Carol Gill.

Jill Legg.

# **BURNHAM.**

[www.methodistchurchburnhamonsea.org.uk](http://www.methodistchurchburnhamonsea.org.uk)

## **STEWARDS COLUMN**

Christmas is almost with us. On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November the first Sunday of Advent we shall be sharing with friends within the LINK. This is to be a service of Carols and readings taken by our Minister Andrew. The Season of Advent is a time of preparation, getting ready for the birth of the Christ child. As we travel around we are certainly reminded that Christmas is coming. Christmas trees are already being decorated and on the outside of houses decorations are being arranged. Nearer Christmas it is interesting to wander round and see the many properties which are judged for the best display of illuminated decorations. In all our busy days of extra preparations for Christmas Day may we remember that on that day we are celebrating the birth of our Saviour Jesus. O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Last Saturday November 21<sup>st</sup> we in Burnham held our Christmas Fair in aid of the Redevelopment Fund. Despite the weather many people came along. A lot of work had gone in to making the fair a success. Our thanks to everyone.

Soon you will be receiving the Church Christmas Card detailing all our Christmas Services. These will also be found in the calendar in the LINK. Do come to as many of the services as possible.

Following on from Christmas on January 10<sup>th</sup> we have our Covenant Service when we renew our Covenant with God.

We remember in our thoughts and prayers all those who will be missing a loved one this Christmas, the lonely and the housebound and those who are sick and unable to come to worship.

We send Christmas Greetings to Andrew and Julie and all readers and friends of the LINK wishing everyone a Blessed Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

Dorothy, on behalf of the Stewards.



## **BURNHAM REDEVELOPMENT FUND**

We need to raise **£21,563** to cover the cost of the present scheme for redevelopment work on the property.

The total in hand is **£5,512. (31<sup>st</sup> October)**

In addition this month we have received £400 from the Jam Festival & Lunch, a Gift of £1,000 and £788 from the Christmas Fair.

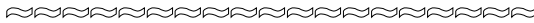
We thank everyone for the work and support they put into making it so successful. It was the first major “Fair” event in the Church since the new premises were added and modernised. We were experimenting using all the premises and we believe it worked well.

### **FUTURE EVENTS**

We hope to arrange dinners. Please look on Church Notices.

January/February TBA Sale Good quality clothes and Bric a Brac.

May 15<sup>th</sup> Cheddar Male Choir at Victoria Methodist Church,  
Weston s Mare



## **CAROL SINGING**

We will be Carol Singing in aid of Action for Children on

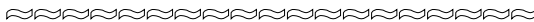
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm at Beaufort House, Rectory Road.

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm at Tudor Lodge, Brightstowe Road.

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 6.30pm at TESCO.

Do come along and join in singing at all or any of the venues.

Dorothy May.



# **BREAN**

**[www.brean-methodist-church.home.dhs.org](http://www.brean-methodist-church.home.dhs.org)**

The superintendent took our service this week. Afterwards we were all sitting round drinking a cup of tea or coffee, he too. The steward rose to her feet. We are having a games evening on Friday, she said, and there will be sausage and mash; how many will come? Eight people put their hands up. And in a fortnight when we have our joint service with St Bridget's and it is suggested that we have a lunch afterwards; how many for for that? All twelve of us chorused our assent. Now she said we are coming into Advent and we are going to have a house group bible study starting a week on Tuesday, so how many shall we say? Only two beside herself!!!

I guess the super has marked your card, people! He knows where your priorities lie!

We joined with St Bridget's for the Remembrance Day Service at the War Memorial in the graveyard there. A number from a Burnham/Highbridge House Church worshipped with us so there were 40 to 50 people together remembering those who had died in service of their country.

Apart from that we have kept our usual numbers in chapel and it has been good to see Rosemary Cook back with us after having recovered from illness.

Congratulations to Burnham for keeping a count on the nationalities of those who access their website. Nearly 1500 in a month is pretty good, but what is outstanding is that 25% of them came from China! Now why would that be I wonder?

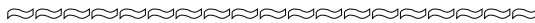
But now Christmas is just round the corner. We have already had a couple of planning meetings for our informal Carol Service at 4pm on 24<sup>th</sup> December. It's a service of sketches and readings and we have been pleased to see so many from Link Churches in past years. So we look forward to welcoming as many of you as can come this year too. Coffee and cake to follow of course!

For other Christmas services we join with St Bridget's at their church. Midnight Communion for those who can stay up late enough for a service that starts at 11.30pm on Christmas Eve, and Christmas morning service at 9.15am.

Enjoy all your preparations for welcoming the Christ child. May this be a very special year. From us all at Brean,

**Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.**

Harvey Allen.



**WEST HUNTSPELL**

By the time you read this we will probably have started countdown to Christmas and the New Year with an Advent retreat afternoon – an opportunity to pause from the Hustle and Bustle of Christmas shopping frenzy and look instead at what Christmas is really about.

We may already have the Christmas tree outside the Church lit to tell, not only our neighbours in the village that we are celebrating Advent but witnessing too to all those people travelling past our door on the A38.

Our Community Carol Service is being held on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm and our Christmas Day Service is planned for 10.00am. on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

January brings more celebrations with our Day of Prayer for Christian Unity on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January.

We look forward to welcoming you to one or more of the 8 sessions and/or the closing Communion service which once again promises to be the big event of our Church's year. An outline programme in printed on page 9 of this LINK.

Margaret Waterhouse.

# BRENT KNOLL

There must be many of you who, like me have watched the news of late through a mist of tears as you have contemplated the inexorable grief of families who have lost loved ones in war or are victims of injury, floods, famine or fires. So it is with thankful hearts we can turn away from gloom to thoughts of advent and all the preparations for the celebrations of the coming of baby Jesus into such a world as this.

At Brent Knoll the Church will be decorated from the first Sunday in Advent and more decorations added for the next three Sundays. As usual we are indebted to Gill Poulter for her expertise in this field.

It seems to me there is always something new to discover in the Christmas story and so we look forward to a Nativity Service on the 13<sup>th</sup> December presided over by Rev. Margaret Trapp and a Carol Service on 27<sup>th</sup> December when the congregation will have a part under the direction of Rev. Margaret.

I expect when you read this our Christmas Coffee Morning on November 28<sup>th</sup> will have taken place but we would like you to know how much we value the support of the Link family for these events.

On January 3<sup>rd</sup> we will start the New Year with the Covenant Service when we meet as generations before us to renew our promise which bound them and binds us to God. This Service will be conducted by our Minister Rev. Andrew Biggs.

And now a Prayer.

*Lord we pray that at this time of Advent you will drive away all sad thoughts from our hearts and make us glad with the brightness of eternal hope through Jesus Christ our Saviour who was born in Bethlehem and died on Calvary for us. Amen.*

**A Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year to you all.**

***Kathleen Burridge.***

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Sunday 24th January 2010**

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