

Birth and Eternal Life

And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God.

And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.

He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David,

and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end" (Luke 1:30–33 (ESV)).

This baby, whose birth we celebrate at Christmas, was unique. We know that all births are special. When Jesus was born, he was the fulfilment of *all* of the Old Testament prophecies concerning the coming of the Messiah.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this (Isaiah 9:6–7 (ESV)).

Those of us who are "in Christ" rejoice as we celebrate Jesus' birth, in the certain knowledge that we may live with him through eternity. This is the true miracle of the birth of our Lord.

*When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.
(John Newton)*

Colin R. Vine



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Christmas Events

Thursday 13th, at 6.00 pm — **Pathfinders Prize Giving**



Thursday 20th, at 6.00 pm — **Carol Singing at the Beeches**

Come and join us and the residents of the Beeches, as we sing some favourite carols with them.

Thursday 20th, at 7.15 pm — **Carol Singing around Hebron**

Wrap up warm as we take to the streets in Newtown and sing Christmas carols around our neighbourhood.



Sunday 23rd, at 4.30 pm — **Carol Service**

Normally, this is our best-attended service. Help us fill the hall with the sounds of the season.

Tuesday 25th, at 11.00 am — **Christmas Morning Service**

Begin Christmas Day in our worship service.



Monday 31st, at 8.00 pm — **New Years Eve Party**

Join in as we celebrate the arrival of 2019.



Weekly Schedule

Sunday

10.00 am — Breaking of Bread
11.15 am — Good News Service
6.30 pm — Evening Service

Monday

2.30 pm — Ladies Meeting
(3 December only)

8.00 pm — Bible Study

Tuesday

10.00 am — Carpet Bowls
6.00 pm — Carpet Bowls

Wednesday

10.00 am — Food Bank

Thursday

10.00 am — Coffee and Chat
(First Thursday of the month only)
6.00 pm — Pathfinders
7.30 pm — Midweek Meeting

Friday

10.00 am — Food Bank
6.00 pm — Pathos

First Saturday of the month only

8.30 am — Prayer Meeting

Speakers

Good News Service Sunday Morning — 11.15 am

2 December — Family Service
9 December — Colin Vine — Mark 14:12-26
16 December — Koen Hellendoorn — Mark 14:27-42
23 December — Koen Hellendoorn
30 December —
6 January — Family Service

Evening Service Sunday — 6.30 pm

2 December — Andy Gibson
9 December — Ian Jacobs
16 December — Matty Steel
23 December — Carol Service @ 4.30 pm
30 December — Testimony Night
6 January — Colin Vine

Ladies Meeting Monday — 2.30 pm

3 December — Christmas Party — this is the final event for the year

Coffee & Chat Thursday — 10.00 am

6 December — Christmas Lunch

Just for Fun

(Answers, if you need them, next month)

1. Who was the father of John the Baptist?
2. To whom did the Angel Gabriel say, "Greetings, O favoured one, the Lord is with you"?
3. Which of the Old Testament Minor Prophets prophesied that Jesus would be born in Bethlehem?

Answers from November:

1. It was John the Baptist who wore a garment of camel's hair, etc (Matthew 3:4)
2. It was Zacchaeus who climbed into a sycamore tree to wait to see Jesus (Luke 19:2-4)
3. God created the birds on the FIFTH day of creation (Genesis 1:20-23)

