



Dear Friends,

C S Lewis captured something of the sheer wonder of Christmas when he wrote, *"Once in our world a stable had something in it that was bigger than our whole world."*

It's strange, therefore, that our western society has managed to marginalise from its Christmas celebrations the greatest possible reason we could ever have for celebrating!

But what the stable held was something unstoppable. Herod, Pontius Pilate and the religious leaders of the day all did their best to do stop the unstoppable in the years which followed, and all of them failed. Even execution and encasement inside solid rock weren't enough!

And today, two thousand years later, Jesus simply will not go away. Our society does its best to ignore Him, but still He goes on changing lives. C S Lewis, an atheist, found himself "Surprised by Joy" in his early thirties and turned his great intellect to the service of Christ.

The apostle Paul concludes his great letter to the Christians in Rome by reminding them that the aim of proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ is **"that all the nations might come to the obedience that comes from faith"** (Romans 16:26).

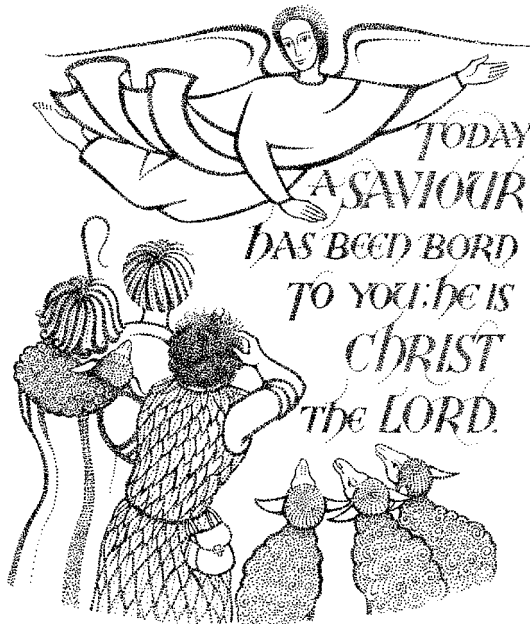
The purpose of Christmas was not to provide us with a few sentimental moments listening to traditional Christmas carols but that Jesus should

bring us back to God, and our lives into conformity with His will for us. Modern people sometimes assume that this will result in their being crushed. Jesus said, "**if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.**" (John 8:36)

A JOYFUL AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS TO YOU  
FROM ALL OF US AT THE VICARAGE!

Yours sincerely,

*Michael*



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# DIARY FOR DECEMBER

- Tues 6<sup>th</sup>** 10.00am MOPS (Mothers - or Carers- of Pre-Schoolers) in St Teilo's Church Hall. This will be the last meeting of the term. MOPS will re-start on Tuesday 10th January 2017.
- 7.00pm, Christians Against Poverty Prayer & Fellowship Meeting with Ian Tame.
- Fri 9th** 10.00am Home Group + Bring & Share Lunch at Old Hunt Kennels, Milo.  
7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice at St Teilo's.
- Tues 13th** 6.00pm, Llandeilo Primary School Christingle Service  
7.30pm, Tuesday Night Fellowship Meeting.
- Wed 14th** 12 noon Ladies' Fellowship Christmas Lunch at the Cottage Inn
- Fri 16th** 9.30am Prayer meeting in St Teilo's Prayer Room.  
7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice at St Teilo's.

Thank YOU

*to all who contributed in any way to  
the Samaritan's Purse Shoebox appeal  
St Teilo's Coffee Morning  
the hampers for local families*

## ST TEILO'S CHURCH

**MOSAIC:** 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sun. at 11am  
**Holy Communion :** Wednesdays at 10. 30am

Enquiries regarding the use of the church or hire of the church hall or meeting rooms should be made to Mike Taylor on 01558 822089  
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# Services and Readings for December

## **4th Dec (Advent 2)**

8am Holy Communion  
9.15am Boreol Weddi  
11am Holy Communion  
**Maesteilo**  
9.45am Morning Worship

## **Readings for Principal Services**

*Isaiah / Eseia 11: 1-10*  
*Psalm / Salm 72: 1-7*  
*Romans/Rhufeiniaid 15: 4-13*  
*Matthew/Mathew 3: 1-12*

## **11th Dec (Advent 3)**

11am Morning Worship  
6pm Holy Communion  
**Maesteilo**  
9.45am Holy Communion  
**Taliaris**  
9.45am Morning Prayer

*Isaiah / Eseia 35: 1-10*  
*Psalm / Salm 146: 5-10*  
*James/Iago 5: 7-10*  
*Matthew/Mathew 11: 2-11*

## **18th Dec (Advent 4)**

8am Holy Communion  
**9.30am** Cymun Bendigaid  
11am NO SERVICE  
6pm Carols by Candlelight  
**Maesteilo**  
9.45am Carols and Readings

*Isaiah / Eseia 7: 10-16*  
*Psalm / Salm 80: 1-7*  
*Romans/Rhufeiniaid 1: 1-7*  
*Matthew/Mathew 1: 18-25*

## **Dec 24th (Christmas Eve)**

11.30pm Midnight Communion  
**Taliaris**  
6pm Christmas Communion

*Isaiah/Eseia 9: 2-7*  
*Psalm / Salm 96*  
*Titus 2: 11-14*  
*Luke/Luc 2: 1-14*

## **Dec 25th (The Nativity of our Lord)**

10am Christmas Communion  
**Maesteilo**  
9.45am Christmas worship (not communion)  
**Taliaris**  
**9.30am** Christmas worship (not communion)

*Isaiah/Eseia 52: 7-10*  
*Psalm/Salm 98*  
*Hebrews/Hebreaid 1: 1-4*  
*John/Ioan 1: 1-14*

## **January 1 (Christmas 1)**

11am Holy Communion  
**Maesteilo** – No service

*Numbers/Numeri 6: 22-27*  
*Psalm / Salm 8*  
*Galatians/Galatiaid 4: 4-7*  
*Luke/Luc 2: 15-21*