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Luke chapter 2

Joseph 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. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 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. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

Matthew chapter 2, verses 1 – 11

Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

"In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied.

They went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him.

Our Christmas Story

Thank you so much to everyone who has been part of this year's CCC Carol Service!

Thanks especially to:

- all the Youth for the amazing video production
- all the children who are telling the story of the Nativity
- Mike for writing such great songs!
- the musicians for leading our singing and worship
- all the readers who have helped to tell the story this evening
- everyone who has helped prepare the hall for this evening
- the team who have provided refreshments for us all

...and thank you for coming to celebrate Christmas at Catford Community Church. At CCC we've found that living in friendship with each other and in relationship with God is the best thing! If you'd like to know more about what we do, who we are or who God is, have a chat with anyone here, or come back to see us again - we're here every Sunday morning (except 26th Dec and 2nd Jan 2011) at 10.30 and you're very welcome at any time.

We hope and pray that you will have a blessed Christmas time whatever you are doing.

The Catford Planet

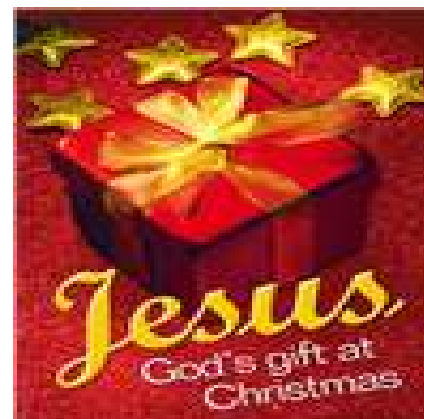
Catford Community Church Sunday Bulletin

19/12/2010

Welcome to Catford Community Church

We hope you have a fantastic time with us this morning!

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT!



You are all very welcome to CCC's annual Christmas Carol Service. We hope you will enjoy it, and also stay for some mulled wine and mince pies afterwards!

What to expect this morning...

Welcome to Catford Community Church!

This evening Paul and Josie are leading the service, and Mike will be leading us in some carols.

Ian is speaking this morning, on the subject of God's Plan at Christmas.

Do stay around for mince pies and mulled wine after the service.



- Welcome
- Carols
- Youth Video
- Readings
- Poems
- Children's play
- Talk with Ian
- Refreshments

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NEXT WEEK: same time, same place, different Planet!

Sunday: 10.30am, Holbeach School.

CCC is a Fair Trade Church



Welcome to Catford Community Church

A special welcome to you if you are a guest.

We are a modern family church that draws together a wide range of ages, backgrounds, and cultures - all of whom have a desire to find out more about living the Christian life to the full. Catford Community Church aims to be a place where people can grow and develop to reach their full potential with God's help.

Refreshments are available free after this morning's service; we'd love you to stay and chat.

Leadership Team, CCC.

Regularly at CCC...

Sunday mornings

We hold our main Sunday morning meeting at Holbeach School finishing by 12.15pm. There are groups for children, youth and a crèche for babies.

Small groups

Many people at CCC are also part of one of our small groups, meeting at various times in the week. Every group is different - if you'd like to join one, ask one of the leaders.

Youth

Our youth activities take place on Friday nights at The Point. Fiona Darbyshire is the contact for this group.

All Stars

Our monthly club for all children in school years 1 - 6. Packed with fun, games, stories, prizes, music, crafts, drama... if you've not been, get along soon. Ask Ian Butcher for info, or call the CCC office.

Coming up at CCC...

CCC is not about meetings, but we love to get together to meet God and help each other in our lives, work and families. Here's some of what's coming up in the next few weeks:

- Christmas Day Service-25th December 10.30am at Holbeach School
- No service on 26th!
- Service at The Point-2nd January 10.30am at The Point
- Normal Service-9th January 10.30am at Holbeach School-Battle of the Ages!

Write for The Planet!

Why not write a short book, CD review or thought for the day for the Planet?

Email: planet@catfordonline.org.uk

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God's Christmas Story

What's Christmas all about anyway? This evening we're hearing God's story through the Bible, and here are some of the parts of the Bible we're looking at...

Genesis chapter 3

The man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"

He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

And the LORD God said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

Genesis chapter 22

The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time and said, "I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."

Isaiah chapter 9

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;

on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah chapter 11

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD—and he will delight in the fear of the LORD.

He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.

Luke chapter 1

God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favoured! The Lord is with you."

Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favour with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."

"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me according to your word." Then the angel left her.