



## Readings

### Isaiah 9: 2-7

The people walking in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
on those living in the land of deep  
darkness  
a light has dawned.

<sup>3</sup>You have enlarged the nation  
and increased their joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as people rejoice at the harvest,  
as warriors rejoice  
when dividing the plunder.

<sup>4</sup>For as in the day of Midian's defeat,  
you have shattered  
the yoke that burdens them,  
the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor.

<sup>5</sup>Every warrior's boot used in battle  
and every garment rolled in blood

will be destined for burning,  
will be fuel for the fire.

<sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>Of the greatness of his government  
and peace there will be no end.  
He will reign on David's throne  
and over his kingdom,  
establishing and upholding it  
with justice and righteousness  
from that time on and for ever.  
The zeal of the LORD Almighty  
will accomplish this.

### Luke 4: 14-22

<sup>14</sup>Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him  
spread through the whole countryside. <sup>15</sup>He was teaching in their synagogues,  
and everyone praised him.

<sup>16</sup>He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day  
he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup>and the  
scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place  
where it is written:

<sup>18</sup>'The Spirit of the Lord is on me,  
because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners  
and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free,

<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

<sup>20</sup>Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The  
eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. <sup>21</sup>He began by saying  
to them, 'Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.'

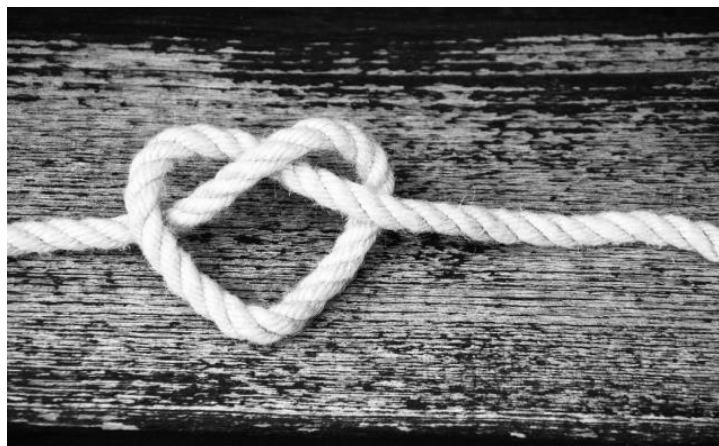
<sup>22</sup>All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from  
his lips. 'Isn't this Joseph's son?' they asked.

**For our prayers and praise this week**

Sun	<b>O come let us adore Him... Christ the Lord</b> Pray for all the services taking place over Christmas - that we may all see Jesus afresh and give Him our hearts.
Mon	Pray for the night shelter in our church soon after Christmas. May each guest feel warm in their welcome and in their souls.
Tues	Pray for all who are vulnerable, especially the elderly, during the cold.
Wed	Pray for all who are ill or awaiting results of procedures, that they may know the hand of the Saviour on their lives.
Thurs	Pray for all preparing to take any part in our services over Christmas - the leaders, the readers, the intercessors, the decorators, the cleaners, the welcomers, the musicians.
Fri	Pray for peace and order in our world, praise God for our Royal family, Prime Minister, members of Parliament, our County Councils.
Sat	Praise God for and pray for each member of the staff team at this busy season. May they really know the infilling of God's Holy Spirit.
Sun	<i>For unto us in the City of David, is born a Saviour.</i> <b>May all who lead, take us to Bethlehem to meet the Saviour of the world.</b>

## Storylines

1. Covenant
2. Presence
3. Worship
4. Kingdom
5. Salvation
6. Jesus



- Born in Bethlehem *Micah 5:2 to 5a*
- Of David's line *Jeremiah 33:15 (also Isaiah 11:1; Jeremiah 23:5 -6; Numbers 24:17; Samuel 7:12-16)*
- A great King and God *Isaiah 9:2-7; Daniel 7:13-14*
- Born of a virgin *Isaiah 7:14*
- God's suffering servant *Isaiah 53*
- Anointed to proclaim Good News *Isaiah 61*

# WHAT'S ON AND NEWS

**Night Shelter Volunteers** More volunteers are still needed please. If you have volunteered before please contact Cliff asap to let him know what times you are able to offer. Tel: 605610. If you will be new to this ministry there is a Q & A immediately after the 10.30am service in the Lounge – please bring your coffee with you!

**Night Shelter Warm Clothing** If you have any spare warm clothes the night shelter will be able to put them to good use. It begins here after Christmas. (Bedding not required thank you.)

**Christingle Making** Friday 22 Dec @ 10am in the Hall (followed by a rehearsal at 11am for anyone involved in the service drama). Please sign up at back of church.

**Situation Vacant** The Friends of St Matthias are seeking a Treasurer to take over from Chris Payne who will be standing down in June. If you are interested, or would like to know more, please speak to me or to Chris Payne. Rob Newman, Chairman Friends of St Matthias' 07971 186521.

**Dementia Friendly Carol Service** at Paignton Parish Church at 3pm on Mon 18 Dec.

**Welcome Back** to Paul and Tessa after their trip to the Nazareth Hospital. They plan to share some of that experience early in the New Year on 14 January at 5.30pm tbc.

**Tearfund Collection** Our cash collections at the Christingle and Midnight Holy Communion services on Christmas Eve are being given to this year's Tearfund Christmas appeal – which is being match funded by the government. The Christmas Appeal is for people in need in the Central African Republic. (You can still donate after Christmas Eve but you will need to put your gifts in the blue envelopes in the pews and mark them Tearfund filling in the gift aid declaration if possible.)

**Essential Safeguarding Training Update** – this is for everyone involved with children and young people or 'vulnerable adults' either on Mon 15 Jan at 7.30pm or Thurs 18 Jan at 9.30am at St Matthias. Please put dates in your diary – more info to follow.

## ***Events Elsewhere***

**Deanery Quiet Day on Sat 13 January** at Buckfast Methodist Chapel 10am – 3.30pm led by Christopher Fitcher. You will find more details on the board in the Hall.

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