

Gulworthy Notes December 2021

I love advent. I love the sense of anticipation as we move towards Christmas. The looking forward to one of the central points of the Christian year – the beginning of new life and of hope for things to come. It's a story that we all know well and perhaps some of us let it rather drift by, overshadowed by the shopping season of Christmas, but it is a story that is always new. It is full of trials and struggles but also of hope and above all - love.

Last Christmas was difficult for us all, many were physically and emotionally isolated and most of us were unable to see our loved ones. After the sadness of not being able to visit our children nor be around to help when our first grandchild made her entrance into the world on December 27th - we still counted ourselves lucky that we could share time on video calls and toast the miracle of a new life in three different households. Hopefully, this year will be different despite the latest covid news and if we can also spare a moment to make contact with friends or neighbours who are still alone, then that would be one of the best presents we could give this Christmas.

Amongst all the shopping "Black Fridays" and "Cyber Mondays", let us find the quiet moments in which we can reflect on the glory of God's gift to the world – the miracle of birth – the birth of Christ.

May God bless us all this Christmas.

Start the Christmas celebrations - Come and join us at 2.30pm on Sunday 19th December as we in Gulworthy recreate the story of the Nativity at Morwellham Quay. Come dressed in tinsel, Christmas jumpers or with half a dozen tea-towels, but do dress warmly as we will be outdoors! There will be carols accompanied by a small brass band. We look forward to welcoming you.

Diary Dates

All events in church unless stated otherwise.

Sunday 5th December – 2nd Sunday of Advent 11.15am communion.

Sunday 12th December – 3rd Sunday of Advent 11.15am communion.

Sunday 19th December (No morning service) 2.30pm – Morwellham Quay. The Gulworthy Nativity and Carol Service. Around the Inn, the Old School and barns at this perfect setting. Dress as your favourite character or animal from the Nativity story! Lobsters allowed – this is about love, actually.

Christmas Day 10.30am celebration.

Sunday 26th December 10.30am - Carols for St Stephens Day.