



Praying that you all have a wonderful, happy, peaceful, Christmas from all at Willenhall Free Church. If anyone needs any kind of help during this time please contact Pastor John or Pastor Kirk.



THOUGHTS FOR CHRISTMAS

It's that time of year again where our minds are on what needs to be done, cards to be written and sent, presents bought, thinking have I forgotten anyone, then a card comes through the door from someone you haven't sent one to, so in a panic you try and find a card, a suitable one, oh no there's no address, you can't find one, panic, stress, worry, even worse when you get a present from someone you haven't.

Then there's the food, the drink, who to invite, the cost, how can Christmas be affordable without disappointing people, and instead of love, joy, peace, hope, there's a sadness, a dreading of the event, stress and blood pressure high, and the only hope is that it will soon be over and no else sends cards or presents.

After the last two years the importance about this year is being together, no one should go into debt over Christmas, or be stressed, worried, instead this Christmas know the joy, love, peace, and hope that only knowing Jesus can bring.



?? Bible Quiz???

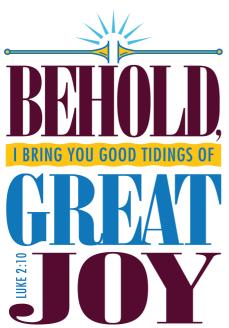
In Matthew's genealogy, which woman is *not* mentioned as Jesus' ancestor?

- A. Tamar
- B. Rahab
- C. Mary
- D. Ruth
- E. Sarah
- F. Bathsheba





Answer: E (See Matthew 1:1-17.)



Season Of Hope

The prophet told us long ago
A child will come to bring us hope
A star lit up the night to show the way
For all the wise men seeking truth
The child came as living proof
The light of all the world still shines today

In a lowly cattle stall
Love was born to save us all

It's a season of hope a season of joy And it all goes back to a baby boy When God reached down and changed the world forever

We can reach out we can believe In the power of love we can all meet a need

And love can change the world forever

Behind the lights and the Christmas cheer People try to hide their fear Many hungry hearts are lost and cold But we can be the light of Christ Bring some joy to someone's life And share the greatest story ever told

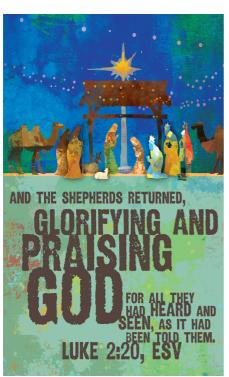
Love can change the world Love can change the world

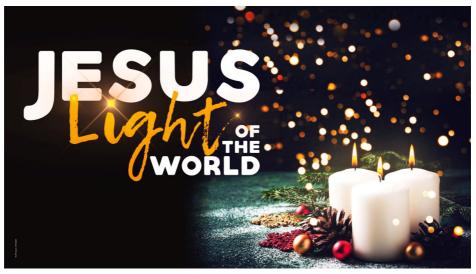
We are His hands we are His feet Across a thousand miles or across your street

We are His hands we are His feet Across a thousand miles or across your street

We've got a gift let's give it away Make a difference today

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Matthew 1:18-23 (NKJV)

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit.

19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly.

20 But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.

21 And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."
22 So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying:
23 "Behold the virgin shall be with

23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."

May God of HOPE fill WITH all FOX. & PEACE

?? Bible Quiz???

In the story of the Magi, what word is used to give a sense of Jesus' age when the wise men visited? What does it tell us?

- A. "baby"; Jesus was still a newborn in a manger
- B. "child"; when the wise men visited, Jesus had grown past infancy
- C. "youth"; Jesus was probably between 10 and 14
- D. No word is used to suggest Jesus' age at the time of the wise men's visit.



Answer: B (See Matthew 2:1-12.)



MY STORY

Julie Green

My first encounter with Christianity was at secondary school when a Christian teacher brought a film in to watch at lunchtime the weather wasn't brilliant so I went along for something to do, the film was thief in the night and to be honest I was scared my thought was I don't want to be left in that it's horrible.

I asked my teacher what to a prayer of repentance and that I actually saw the powwhen I upset my mum hitting me back, she said don't live here anymore. teacher knew as I was leavwas wrong, at break I



do and he walked me through that was it. It wasn't long after er of prayer working for me when I hit her and instead of do not come home tonight you When I got to school and my ing assembly that something spilled it all out and again we

prayed, but when I got to the house mum was waiting and said what are you doing here so I told her I was getting my stuff and would be gone, I went upstairs muttering and complaining to God not believing he had done anything and where was I going to go

Julie's story continued.

To be honest I visited a few churches including Willenhall but because of transport difficulties ended up at our local Anglican Church full of lovely people but not very charismatic I joined the choir and young people's group meeting at the home of a beautiful couple but I don't remember much of what we did except for one time when we put on a pantomime (brilliant)

Nothing happened really growth wise I just trolled and on through the last bit of school into work Where after four years in 1982 I saw an advert (don't ask me where mind) for a Christian music festival called Greenbelt I invited some friend (thinking maybe they could find God because you never know) to come along so we packed our tents and off we went, we settled into some really great music. I was in the crowd and got talking to a woman (Susan) next to me she happened to be the wife of one of the musicians and she simply said you need to let go and let God and disappeared back into the crowd. I hadn't got a clue what she meant until the Sunday when my friend decided to go for a pub lunch I declined and opted for the communion service in the next field that was the turning point we

came to the actual breaking of groups of ten to twelve and the know how I received either real encounter with Jesus it was then that life would change.

bread where we were told to get into bread would be passed around, I do to bread or wine because I had my first as if it was just him and I and I knew

All I could think was I needed to think at a festival with a few but God knew and I found her no took me Along to the commitfind Susan again which when you thousandpeople would be impossible problem almost straight away. She ment tent and said I needed to find a

live church the only one I knew was Willenhall and all the while I was filling out the matching up card, I was praying not Willenhall they know me and I haven't been there for ages what will they think! I didn't need to worry not long after that weekend I received a visit from two lovely ladies one of whom became my best friend and still is. Mum I think tried to put them off because I wasn't normal church member material because I was a tom boy and wore jeans a lot, they said it did t matter and would try contact another time Anyway I ended up walking to Willenhall and church everyone was very welcoming I felt comfortable and accepted despite being a tomboy! Eventually the walking was getting to much every week so another of the girls was wanting to get a place in Willenhall so we talked and agreed we could find a place to share.

We got a place near church and it was also at church that I met my lovely Norman we became friend and then got engaged that's another story and married within a year and the rest is history.





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 Counselor, MIGHTY GOD, Everlasting Father, PRINCE OF PEACE.

- Isaiah 9:6





Weekly services.

Sunday - Service at 11.00am at Church, the service to be posted on line on Monday

Tuesday - House group 7.30pm on WhatsApp

Wednesday - 2 o'clock prayer and Bible study at Church.

For your Diary

Last Sunday of every month to be a family service with members taking part. Starting Friday November 19th at Church our monthly get together night, come along and enjoy the company with a quiz or film.

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If you would like to join one of our WhatsApp groups please contact John.