



Zion Baptist Church
In the heart of Tenterden

Newsletter

DECEMBER 2019



CHRISTMAS

‘The greatest day in human history’

When the Apollo 11 spacecraft reached the Moon on July 20, 1969, with astronauts Neil A. Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin walking on its surface, it generated an euphoric reaction around the planet. President Richard M. Nixon said; *“This is the greatest week in the history of the world since Creation,”* He was wrong! **“The greatest day in history was not when man stepped onto the lunar surface, it was when God stepped onto the planet earth”.**

When the first man left his footprint on the surface of the Moon, millions followed this event. On the other hand, nobody knew about the baby born to a virgin in a stable in Bethlehem. In that manger, there was the most important lesson God could teach to human beings, ‘humility’. The creator of the universe emptied himself, took on the form of a man to understand us (His creation) when we suffer or go through difficulties. If we consider ourselves important, we are to serve, because God took off his crown and gave up His throne to become a servant.

One day, this baby born in Bethlehem more than two thousand years ago, will visit this planet for a second time, but this time He will come as the ‘King of Kings’ and ‘Lord of Lords’.... “every eye will see Him....(Rev 1:7)” and...”every tongue will confess that He is Lord to the glory of God the Father”...(Philippians 2:11) **That will be the next great day in human history** Have you received God’s gift of gifts (Salvation)? Are you ready for the next great day?

Happy Christmas and a Prosperous and Blessed 2020

Freddy

Church Diary

Sunday December 1st

10.30am **Morning Service** led by Revd David Adkins.
Including Holy Communion.

Thursday December 5th

7.30pm **Church Monthly Prayer Meeting**

Sunday December 8th

10.30am **Nativity Service 'All age worship'** led by Revd Freddy Farias-Palacios.

Sunday December 15th

10.30am **Morning Service** led by Revd Freddy Farias-Palacios.
Including Holy Communion.

4pm **Carol Service by candlelight.**

Thursday December 19th

3pm **Carol Service at Cedar Court**

Sunday December 22nd

10.30am **Morning Service** led by Ian Banks, Elder.

Christmas Eve, December 24th

11.30pm **Christmas Eve Midnight Communion** led by Revd Freddy Farias-Palacios.

Christmas Day, December 25th

10am **Christmas Day Family Service** led by Revd Freddy Farias-Palacios.

Sunday December 29th

10.30am **Morning Service** led by Revd Freddy Farias-Palacios.

We meet for prayer:

Sundays: 9.45-10.00, before Sunday service

*Tuesdays: 10-12noon, **church open for prayer***

First Thursday of the month: 7.30pm, Church Monthly Prayer Meeting

Nativity Service

Sunday, 8th December, 10.30am

We are praying that some of the children and parents from Rainbow Tots will come and take part in our nativity service this year. Hopefully other families will come too, having received the 'Peace at Christmas' flyer with our service times on it, at the Christmas Tree Festival.



This will be informal and family friendly, so that those unused to a church service, will feel comfortable. Please think if there is anyone that you can invite to come with you too. We know you will be loving and welcoming!!

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Carol Service

At Zion:
Sunday, 15th Dec.
4pm

At Cedar Court:
Thursday, 19th Dec.
3pm

Coffee Morning

Fridays, 10am-12noon
Come and enjoy a cup of
coffee and a chat



Youth activities

Juicy Grapes youth club: 6.30-8.30pm, 1st and 2nd Friday of the month, term time only

Rainbow Tots: parent and toddler group, Wednesdays, 9.30-11.30 term time only

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THANK YOU !!!

A huge thank you to everyone at Zion Baptist Church!

Our Christmas Tree Festival weekend took a lot of planning, prayer and preparation. It also required everyone here to give of themselves – in money, time, talents and prayers.



Thank you for putting this weekend as your Frontline. The welcome and loving atmosphere, music and refreshments in our church this weekend, for the public who came to see the trees, went a long way to 'model godly character, make good work, minister grace and love, mould culture' (do you remember?!).

We need to continue in prayer, that spiritual seeds will have been sown in some people's lives, that will grow and bring them into church to hear the gospel and find faith themselves.

Over 2,200 people came into our church. Donations of £779.26 mean that our two local charities: Team Ben Hammond and Tenterden Christmas Cheer have each benefitted by £389.63

Thank you all, once again.

Suzanne

Dates for your diary:

Thursday, 23rd January at 7.30pm: Church Members Meeting
17th-19th July 2020: Church Weekend Retreat at Northiam



**Birthdays
in
December**

26th
Mr Stephen
Wood

COME AND JOIN US

**CHRISTMAS EVE
MIDNIGHT
COMMUNION**

**24th December
at 11.30pm**

