

Dear Friends

Luke 2:7 "and she gave birth to her first born, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn."

Some years ago, Laura and I were travelling home after a football match, we had seen England play (a home game). Coming away from the game we had been stuck in traffic and we knew we had a car journey of some hours ahead (in the dark). On the motorway, we saw the signs for a service station and pulled in for a meal. As we got into the food court we noticed some sort of commotion. In front of us there were a good number of England fans and they were not happy. Why were they not happy? Well, because the service station had run out of hot food. How could they run out of food? Did they not know the service station nearest the football ground (it was while Wembley was being rebuilt) would have a load of hungry football fans demanding food? It was pretty unbelievable to be honest. I find service stations fascinating. People stop off to rest and be refreshed. No one stays there very long.

When Jesus was born, it was the time of the census. Accommodation was in short supply. I know nothing of the Inn that Luke refers to. But we do know it was a place with temporary accommodation and we know that there was no room for a heavily pregnant woman or after he was born her new born son. In a sense, it would have been easier if he had been born in the Inn, a temporary resting place. I would have made the point that Jesus came temporarily to show humanity a different way. Then he returned to the Father. But there wasn't even room there. I'm sure there was room, but it was taken by others. But the point I want to make is that there wasn't even room for them in the temporary place. They had to go elsewhere to a place that was even more temporary. It reminds us that our life here on earth is temporary but our relationship with God is permanent. This month gifts will be exchanged. Gifts that may not last long, may be the wrong size, wrong colour or simply disliked.

Let's remember our relationship with God lasts eternally

God Bless,

Luke

NB - Contributions for the next news sheet to be with the circuit office no later than Sunday 24th December



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Services in December

3rd Paul Black
10th: Shelagh Blakely -Parade Service
17th: Paul Miller
24th: Holy Communion- Luke Smith
31st Local arrangement led by Linda Lee
The above services begin at 10.30am.

Christmas Day Service at 10.00am

Christmas service led by Reverend Luke Smith

Remember in Our Prayers

Irene and Arthur Thornton
Due to ill health, Irene and Arthur are unable to join us at Sunday services



Advance Notice

10.30am on January 7th Covenant Service with Holy Communion led by Luke

Thursday 11th January

3.30pm Stewards Meeting
7pm Local Preachers Meeting **at OLD ROAN**

2pm on January 27th - Memorial Service, followed by light refreshments.

Pastoral Committee -

Tuesday 13th February 2018 at 2.30pm

Church Council

Tuesday 27th February 2018 at 7.30pm



NB The next **Circuit Meeting** is on 7th February 2018 at 7pm
at Fazakerley Methodist Church

What's On At Longmoor?

Sunday's

9.30am : Peniel Church Worship
10.30am: Methodist Church Worship
1.00pm : Lighthouse Chapel Worship

Monday's

9.30am : Slimming World
12.00-2.00pm: Breeze In Café
3.30pm : Slimming World
5.30pm : Beavers
6.30pm : Cubs
7.30pm : Keep Fit

Tuesday's

10.00am-2.00pm : Breeze In Café
5.00-7.00pm : Rainbows
6.45pm : Peniel Church
7.30pm : Guides

Wednesday's

10.00am-2.00pm : Breeze In Café
6.00pm : Brownies
7.00pm : Keep Fit

Thursday's

11.30am-2.00pm : Breeze In Café
5.00pm : A.S. Academy of Dance
7.00pm : Lighthouse Chapel

Friday's

8.30am : Weight-Watchers
10.00am-2.00pm : Breeze In Café
7.00pm : Scouts