

## Invitation

You are invited to join the celebrations for the most well-known child ever born. Yes, this may be surprising to some people, but Christmas Day celebrations are the time when Christians around the world remember and celebrate the birth of God's one and only Son Jesus. This happened over 2000 years ago and still we celebrate this wonderful and special occasion.

Christmas is a time when many people give and receive gifts, spend time with friends and family, but how many remember that it is the birth of Jesus that we are celebrating. Each one of us are invited to join in the celebrations of this birthday.

There is a modern carol that is often sung at Christmas time, written by Valerie Collison, called 'Come and join the celebration, there is a new King born today!' When the birth of Jesus occurred, the news spread around the area, an angel told the shepherds on the hill side, who went to visit Jesus, the wise men from the East followed the star that God had created to come and visit Jesus. In fact the angels were so excited, that after one angel had told the shepherds the news, a whole host joined the 1<sup>st</sup> one to sing God's praises as recorded in Lukes Gospel chapter 2 verses 13 & 14 'Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests"

Throughout December, there is a lot of focus on getting ready for Christmas, particularly for the practical arrangements for family and friends. There is also a lot of preparation that happens in Christian Churches as during the season of Advent, the four weeks before Christmas Day, Christians focus on preparing their minds to celebrate this very special day.

Are you prepared to celebrate the real meaning of Christmas? To find out more about Jesus and why he is so special to us all, please join in celebrating Christmas at Church. We at Stanground Baptist Church will be delighted to welcome you to any of our services, including our special Christmas services.

Please see our website [Stangroundbaptistchurch.org.uk](http://Stangroundbaptistchurch.org.uk) for more information.

May God Bless each one of us as we celebrate his birthday and for those who will find this time difficult, may Gods' blessing of peace and comfort be with you. AMEN.



### You are invited to our Christmas Celebrations

- Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December – 10:15am Worship Service
- Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December – 6pm – Carols by Candlelight
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December – 11:30pm – Communion Service
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December – 10:30am – Christmas Day Celebration Service

