

WELCOME: We are here to celebrate God's Love and share with others the GOOD NEWS of:



Newsletter – Sunday 14th December 2025

A special welcome if you are worshipping with us for the first time.

Today's speaker is Rev David Jewell

But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 40:13



Thursday 18 December @ 7pm



Includes Wrington Chapel, The Corner of tea & cake Chapel Hill & Ropers Lane,
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Next week's Speaker: NATIVITY!

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Hope

As we head towards Christmas and the celebration of the birth of the Christ-child, I have been focussing this week on one of the words we often see decorating our cards and social media, 'hope'. Paul in his memorable chapter on love, 1 Corinthians 13, states that hope is one of the foundations of the Christian life. Again, in Romans 5 v 5, he declares: 'This hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.' During my Advent mediations using the book 'Darkling' as a guide, I read a couple of days ago: 'Are you fed up with the way the world is? Good. Roll up your sleeves: there is work to be done. True humanity does not put up walls-it draws close to the pain. Hope does not ignore the darkness; it swallows it up, using it as fuel that we might burn all the brighter. We are broken so that we might give back a fiercer and more inclusive love-a love that says, 'I know'.

A reminder: this is not hope in the modern sense of the word. 'Assurance' is perhaps a better expression nowadays. Our hope is based on Scripture, the prophecies of Old Testament prophets (of which we hear just a few in our carol service), the work of Jesus, our own personal witness to His faithfulness, and the witness of millions of Christians down through the ages. Our hope is founded on a Rock and His Name is Jesus.

In John chapter seven, he records that Jesus went up to the Feast of Tabernacles-one of the great Jewish rituals-and there He declared: "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.' This is Christ's promise for us. He gives us all we need to follow in His footsteps, and He pours out hope, faith and love upon us as we pilgrimage.

God bless you,

David

Dates for your Diary

2025...

Sun 14th Dec: Quiet Hour, Chapel, 4pm

Mon 15th Dec: Men's Meal, Churchill Inn, 7:30pm

Wed 17th Dec: Women's Meal, Churchill Inn,

7:30pm

Thurs 18th **Dec:** Joyful Spirit Concert, Chapel, 7pm

Fri 19th Dec: Funeral, Enid Clark, Lynch Chapel, 1pm

Sun 21st Dec; Nativity, Chapel, 9:30am Sun 21st Dec; Quiet Hour, Chapel, 4pm Wed 24th Dec; Carol Service, Chapel, 6pm

Thurs 25th Dec: Christmas Day Service, 9:30am

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Sun Jan 4th: Evening service, Chapel,

6pm

Sun Jan 11th: Remembering the departed, Lynch Chapel, 6pm

Wed 14th Jan, Book Club

Sun Jan 18th: Evensong, All Saints,

6:30pm

Sun Jan 25th: Alpha, 5 Knapps Close,

Winscombe