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Dear friends and family of Birch Coppice Methodist Church,

Re: Christmas Season – community events

December has traditionally been a 'waiting' and 'looking forward' time. People looking forward to Christmas and then the New Year. This year many of us are also looking forward for a vaccine for Covid-19, for something like 'normal' life, for being able to join with family and friends... and we wait.

'Looking forward' and 'waiting' are of course the themes of Advent season, as we are not only preparing for the celebration of the festive season but also reminding one another of the true meaning of **Christmas, Christ's-Mass** or **Xmas**. We re-act or retell the story of Christmas through singing Carols and Nativity displays. It is the story that marks the beginning of our salvation/ freedom. We recall and give thanks for that moment in history when God stooped down to meet us in the guise of a vulnerable child. Today, we trust that God will stand into our situation to meet us and set us free again.



In Greek (the original language of the New Testament), the word *Christos* (Christ) begins with the letter "X," or chi. Here's what it looks like: Χριστός.

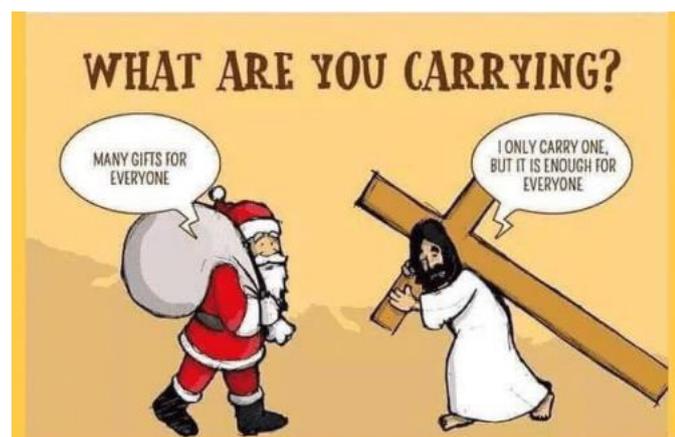
As a community, may I invite you to join in together on:

- **Singing Carols by your Door Step/ Car-doorstep (lit a candle/ torch light)**
18th December 2020 Between 6pm – 7pm
Step out on to your door step [like we clapped hands on Thursdays for the NHS]
Singing Christmas Carols as One Community.
[Organised by Birch Coppice Methodist Church and Churches Together].
Location: 45 Birch Coppice DY5 1AP (Near G Smith's house) or
contact Revd Josephine Soon or Sue Parkes or Janet K for more details.
- **Every month 3rd Sunday Foodbank Collection day**
We are continuing to support our local vulnerable families through collecting dry food, tinned food, long life milk, toiletries...or cash/ cheques. If you would like to support this mission, please bring your donations to 16 Coppice Rice or bring them to Birch Coppice Methodist Church on the 3rd Sunday of each month, 10.30am to 2pm.

This Christmas, may something more of God enter your heart. May you re-discover that sense of the Sacred. May you be drawn a little further along the way and a little deeper into the Mystery of Christmas.

By Faith we are heirs to the treasures of heaven.
This must be the gift of Christmas. Merry Christmas to you and your family!

Revd. Josephine Soon



Earthly treasures are only temporary, but godly treasures are eternal.