

VPBC All Age Service 13th December 2020

Welcome to our VPBC All Age worship, which will be an interactive service – both online and at the church.

There will be contributions from different people, and there will be songs and carols with percussion instruments that the congregation in the building can use. At home you can even sing – although consider your neighbours!!

This is the 2nd week of Advent & we are focusing on **HOPE**



In Isaiah 9:2 we read these words:

*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
they lived in a land of shadows, but now light is shining on them.*

Our first song will help us to proclaim Jesus' birth: **Joy to the World**

<https://youtu.be/6nKgxc9XpbY>

We will have our first reading Luke 2: 8-19. This passage from Luke's Gospel is read by the rapper Stormzy on Christmas Day. The piece is about angels proclaiming the birth of Jesus, and he recites it before the internationally acclaimed boys' choir Libera perform a Basque carol, Sing Lullaby. Stormzy's alternative Christmas message was aired by the BBC.

<https://youtu.be/Sz98IPitnLk>

We are telling the Christmas Story today as a source of Hope at a time of crisis and uncertainty. There are different ways to tell the story. This stop motion animation was made some years back by Bernie (one of our members) and we thought you would appreciate seeing this again.

Coffee and the Christmas Story

<https://youtu.be/Sf6zDGSOgn8>

A Reading from Micah (the Prophet) *"But you, Bethlehem, only a small village in Judah, yet a ruler of Israel will come from you, one whose origins are from a distant past ... And He will stand to lead His flock with the Lord's strength ... Then His people will live undisturbed, for He will be highly honoured all around the world. And He will be the source of our peace."* ([Micah 5:2, 4-5](#))

Engage Worship Percussion Time: **Glory to God**
(Play along with instruments, or even pots and pans!)

https://youtu.be/cdIQS_Gh7Wg

Time to reflect:

What does **hope** mean to you?

What are your hopes for Christmas and the New Year?

If it helps write these down and reflect on what you are hoping for and why it is important.

Play this carol why you ponder these thoughts: **Oh, Come Emanuel** by Haste the Day

This is a punk (or metalcore band) from America – but they have recorded a beautiful version, which we can use to help us worship and reflect.

<https://youtu.be/fyaG1jobDpo>



Prayers for the World by Nguwasen - <https://youtu.be/1ZPTBYfeGuE>

Drama: A video made by some of our young people.
Breaking News: A child is born & pandemic updates.

<https://youtu.be/cbWRk5nrDnY>

Thanks to all who took part and made this happen.

Reading from Isaiah 9 :6 & 7

Short Talk: Hope in a time of struggle by John - <https://youtu.be/kQRQV627A-k>

O Holy Night: Hillsong Worship

A favourite carol – but with relevant and powerful lyrics.

A thrill of hope – a weary world rejoices.....

<https://youtu.be/K3DSOONfvmM>

