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NATIVITY

To this dark world God's Son was sent,
where teeming city lights grew dim;
while others fed or slept content,
no welcome room was kept for Him.

But gentle beast in steaming stall
lent warmth and shelter to the King;
this Promised Seed from Eden's fall
for Whom God's Hosts came carolling.

When festive fayre and tinsel trim
bedeck the house in all its parts . . .

will *we* find room to welcome Him
to edify and lift our hearts?

KINDNESS

Few of us have ever regretted being too kind but we have all felt conscience stricken because of a curt word said in haste. It isn't always what we say either that hurts but often the way it is said that shows our love or our lack of it.

We cannot talk about love for God and love for our fellow man if we are unkind in our dealings with one another.

Sadly, we often show the least kindness to those we should love the most. Do we greet one another in the morning with a kind word or do we bark a gruff remark to our loved ones.

Kindness, like the measles, is highly contagious and if we will only cast kind words on the waters of life we shall find that they return. Kindness isn't something just to talk about, it is a way to act and is a direct command from God. It is possible to become so absorbed in our own petty problems and grievances that we forget to be kind. We may tell ourselves that we are kind and good but no one else would know it by the way we act. If this is us, let us recognize it in ourselves and begin again to be kind, to be tender hearted, to forgive and show love everywhere we go. Much to our surprise and pleasure we will discover that others are kinder and more considerate too when we show kindness.

We all have problems, sorrow, and heartaches and we never know how much good a kind word does. It may encourage one who is on the verge of despair. We know that it will soften and mellow our lives and we shall more nearly reflect the personality of our Lord Jesus. Christ told us that we must be kind . . . for God is kind to the unthankful and to the evil. Let us also be kind to the unthankful. We must put our Christianity to work in our everyday lives or we are hypocrites.

".....But above all these things put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony" (Col 3:12-14). Then when we stand before the judge of all the earth we shall not feel a tinge of regret for having been too kind.

Bible Cake

This is a recipe for a cake that we made in Youth Club. You need to look up the references in a Bible to find the ingredients. It was delicious!

2 of Luke 11v12
2 of Psalm 17v8
6 measures of Leviticus 23v7
4 measures of Psalm 119v103
4 measures of Psalm 55v21
4 measures of 1 Samuel 30v12
1 small measure of 1 Kings 10v10
Pinch of Mark 9v50

Mix all ingredients together
Place in baking cases
Bake at 180. C/350. F/gas mark 4



By James Dean

Golden Rules for Easier Living

If you open it, close it.

If you turn it on, turn it off.

If you break it, admit it.

If you can't fix it, find someone who can.

If you borrow it, return it.

If you value it, take care of it.

If you make a mess, clean it up.

If you move it, put it back.

If it belongs to someone else and you want to use it, get permission.

If it's none of your business, don't ask questions.

If it will brighten someone's day, say it!

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Please come and join us on
Sunday 20th December at 6.00pm for
The Christmas Message

A Carol Service followed by mince pies, tea and coffee

What's On ?

Sunday Services:

Breaking of Bread 11.00 - 12.30

Bible Talk 6.00 - 7.00pm except when there is a Family
Service (Subject titles are on our website www.readthebible.org.uk)

Family Services as below from 1.45 - 2.45pm

13th Dec The Christian and voting

27th Dec A new life is waiting for you

24th Jan The Bible in a nutshell

These services will be preceded by a Bring and Share
lunch at 1.00pm - Why not come and join us ?

20th Dec **The Christmas Message** at 6.00pm

25th Dec **Christmas Morning Service** at 10.00 am

Coffee Mornings every Tuesday from 10.30 am to 12.00 noon
(except 29th December)

Bible Class Thursdays from 7.45 - 9.00pm

Term Time activities: start again after Christmas break
week commencing **11th January**

Sunday School (classes for all of school age) 9.30 - 10.30am

Happy Faces (Toddlers & Mums/Carers) Thurs 9.30-11.00am

Youth Clubs - Fri evenings - for more information telephone
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