

The Everlasting Gift

As Christmas approaches, many people will be turning their thoughts to presents, both that they give and receive. Many people strive to find the perfect gift, one that will last a long time. For some people it is easy to decide the type of gift they would like to receive, for others, it's very hard if not impossible.

If you think back over the last 10 years, can you remember any presents that you have received and if so, are you still using them, or looking at them? Can you remember any gifts that you have given in a similar time frame? Maybe like me, you find this hard to do, many gifts that we receive at Christmas and other times throughout the year, can last only a short time, or sometimes even get forgotten about, or broken.

At Christmas time, as Christians, we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, God's one and only promised Son. Although Jesus was born over 2000 years ago, we still celebrate his birthday. We remember how he entered the world, born in a borrowed room, away from most of the family. We remember that the first visitors, were humble shepherds and then later wise men.

Why do we as Christians, feel this is such an important birth. God promised from the beginning of time, that one day he would send the Messiah, his one and only Son, as the Prophet Isaiah mentioned 'For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given.... And he will be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (part of Isaiah Chapter 9 verse 6).

God also promised later on, that after his Son (Jesus) had left this earth to return to heaven, he would send his Holy Spirit on all who believed and let God into their lives. This is God's gift to us; it is free and lasts forever. That means that his love is with us, all our time on earth and then as we travel on to be with God in heaven for eternal life.

This is why we as Christians celebrate the birth of the most wonderful child, God's one and only Son. God's Holy Spirit is still freely available to all who believe in God and let him in to their lives. An everlasting, free gift, are you ready to accept this gift?

If you would like to know more, please join us for our Christmas celebrations at Stanground Baptist Church. Details of all our services and activities are on our website www.stangroundbaptistchurch.org.uk

Sunday 17th December 2023 – 10:15am Morning Worship

Sunday 17th December 2023 – 6pm – Carols by candlelight

Sunday 24th December 2023 – 10:15am Morning Worship

Sunday 24th December 2023 – 11:30pm Communion Service (tea/coffee from 11pm)

Monday 25th December 2023 – 10:30am – Christmas Celebration

Sunday 31st December 2023 – 10:15am – Songs of Praise

Stanground Baptist Church family wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

