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Winter 2018

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*Come follow
with us this
Christmas...*



Or if you have questions about the Christian faith, join us for our New Year Alpha course

Sunday nights from 20th January • 6.30 – 8.30pm

Email maxwellmearnsalpha@gmail.com

to register or for more info

Alpha



Welcome...

Christmas. Love it or loathe it, it comes around every year - just about now!



Meals, parties, present-giving, trees and treats all fill Christmas. Let me add one more to your list: "church". Many of us have lost touch with Jesus and what he has to do with anything, never mind Christmas. Has your Christmas become Xmas? We would love to welcome you to our gatherings this Christmas, especially if you would be new to church or have not been in ages. Come. Maybe together we can discover afresh where Jesus fits not just Christmas, but life!

Rev Scott

Follow that star

A star is a huge ball of gas held together by gravity.

The central core of a star is extremely hot and produces energy. Some of this energy is released as visible light, helping us to see at night.

Throughout history, stars have been used as navigational tools. God used a star to direct the wise men to baby Jesus.

Matthew records in his account of the first Christmas:

Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the new born king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him."

The star led the wise men to the house where Jesus was and when they saw Him, they were filled with joy and presented Him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. These gifts were fit for a King, for it had been revealed to them that Jesus was the long-awaited Messiah - the One chosen by God and anointed by Him to save His people.

Stars remind us of God's power, wisdom and His faithfulness, as He continues to be with us. Psalm 147 says:

He heals the broken hearted and bandages their wounds.

He counts the stars and calls them all by name.

How great is our Lord! His power is absolute!

His understanding is beyond comprehension!

During the darkest season of the year, the Christmas message shines brightly today and leads to that same Saviour and Lord – Jesus Christ. Jesus is described as the "bright morning star" in the book of Revelation. He asks for no gifts from us but He gives us light as direction for life and energy to live His way.

As Christmas approaches this year, we pray that you will be like those wise men—seeking Jesus, as Lord and Saviour, with your whole heart for He is with us today and is the greatest gift we will ever receive.

Lorna Hamilton



Christmas Services and Events 2018

2nd December	10.30am	A Star from Jacob
9th December	10.30am	A Star in his eyes
16th December	10.30am	Mary. What a Star!
23rd December	10.30am	Nativity Play (A Star is Born)
24th December	6.30pm	Christmas Eve Gathering – by candlelight
25th December	10.30am	Christmas Day Gathering (45 minutes)
30th December	10.30am	New Year service

At our Christmas Eve services this year, we find ourselves energised to give to those whose lives are darkened by neglect and despair.

As part of our worship, there will be a collection for the work of H2H International, a charity which seeks to share Christ's love with the poor and orphans in Romania: to help to heal the broken hearted and bandage their wounds.

Members of our Congregation are involved in H2H's work with orphaned children in the state operated orphanages.

H2H also cares for abandoned infants and toddlers, provides education for school-aged children, and mentors and disciples older teens who have been institutionalised throughout their childhood.



2nd December
4-6pm
Fun and food for all the family



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Sunday Services and Weekly Timetable

Sunday

Morning Worship
(with Creche, Hizkidz & Youth) **10.30am**

Evening Gatherings
(alternate Sundays) **7.00pm**

Housegroups
(alternating with Evening Gatherings
Sundays/Mondays)

Youth@maxwell
meet at the Basement
7-9pm Sunday evenings. S1-S6 welcome

Monday

***Toddler group** **10.00am**

Tuesday

***Toddler group** **9.30am**

***Playgroup (age 2+)** **9.30 – 11.25am**

***Castle Coffee Club**
(older adults) **1.30 – 3pm**

Wednesday

***Toddler group** **9.30am**

***Playgroup (age 2+)** **9.30 – 11.25am**

***High School Lunch Club** **12.20 – 1pm**

***Rainbows, Brownies & Guides**
For details, contact Pauline Forster
on **07764 741978**

The Pulse (prayer meeting) **7.15 – 8.30pm**

Thursday

***Toddler group** **9.30am**

***Playgroup (age 2+)** **9.30 – 11.25am**

Friday

***Playgroup (age 2+)** **9.30 – 11.25am**

Tom's Club (monthly)
(Adults needing additional
adult support) **7.00 – 8.30pm**

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