



Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2018  
**Chislehurst Methodist Church**

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**Christmas Day Prayer**

We light this candle  
for the baby of Bethlehem,  
for the child born to be king,  
for the boy in the cradle  
who became the man on the cross,  
the Redeemer and Saviour of the world.  
The darkness is overcome; the light is around us.  
Amen.



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**Minister: Rev'd Duncan MacBean** (Day off - Friday)

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Please note that Duncan will be on annual leave between Christmas and New Year.



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Please note the church office will be closed from 2pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December, until 3<sup>rd</sup> January.

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**Upcoming Services:**

<b>Sunday</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> December, Songs of Praise service
<b>Thursday</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> January, 12.45pm
<b>Fijian Methodist Fellowship</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> January, 1pm

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December 11am  
Preacher: Rev'd Duncan MacBean

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home with you

**WELCOME**

**ADVENT LITURGY AND LIGHTING CANDLES**

**FIRST HYMN**                      202 Hark! The herald-angels sing

**PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND THANKSGIVING**

**BAPTISM OF CEDAR SOLMS-ISLES**



**SECOND HYMN**                      221 While shepherds watched their flocks

**READING**                          Luke 2, 1-20 (The Message)

### **The Birth of Jesus**

About that time Caesar Augustus ordered a census to be taken throughout the Empire. This was the first census when Quirinius was governor of Syria. Everyone had to travel to his own ancestral hometown to be accounted for. So Joseph went from the Galilean town of Nazareth up to Bethlehem in Judah, David's town, for the census. As a descendant of David, he had to go there. He went with Mary, his fiancée, who was pregnant.

While they were there, the time came for her to give birth. She gave birth to a son, her firstborn. She wrapped him in a blanket and laid him in a manger, because there was no room in the hostel.

### **An Event for Everyone**

There were shepherders camping in the neighborhood. They had set night watches over their sheep. Suddenly, God's angel stood among them and God's glory blazed around them. They were terrified. The angel said, "Don't be afraid. I'm here to announce a great and joyful event that is meant for everybody, worldwide: A Savior has just been born in David's town, a Savior who is Messiah and Master. This is what you're to look for: a baby wrapped in a blanket and lying in a manger."

