

Christmas Special: Church Services

Church of Christ the King

Mautravers Close, Bradley Stoke

Sunday 15th December
10am Family Christingle
Sunday 22nd December
6.30pm Carols by Candlelight
Tuesday 24th December
4pm Nativity Service
11.15pm Midnight Communion
Wednesday 25th December
10am Family Communion



Amberley Road Baptist Church

Amberley Road, Stoke Lodge

Sunday 22nd December
11am Children's Christmas Play
Tuesday 24th December
6.30pm Carols by Candlelight
Wednesday 25th December
10.30am Family Celebration

Bradley Stoke Evangelical Church

Baileys Court Road, Bradley Stoke

Sunday 22nd December
10.30am All Age Christmas Celebration
Tuesday 24th December
6pm Carols By Candlelight
Wednesday 25th December
10.30am Christmas Day Celebration

Community Carol Service

Town Square, Willow Brook Centre

Thursday 19th December

6pm Brass Band and free refreshments
6.30pm to 7.15pm: Carol Service



Holy Trinity Church

Broad Croft, Bradley Stoke

Sunday 22nd December
6.30pm Candlelit Carol Service
Tuesday 24th December
3pm and 5pm Christingle Service
11.15pm Midnight Communion
Wednesday 25th December
10.30am Christmas Morning Service



Holy Family Catholic Church

Southsea Road, Patchway

Tuesday 24th December
6pm Christmas Family Mass
11.15pm Vigil to welcome Christmas
Wednesday 25th December
12am Midnight Mass
9.30am Christmas Mass
11am Christmas Mass



Bridge Community Church

Meets at Bradley Stoke Community School

Saturday 21st December
4pm Christmas Production: Bob Knows Best

Christmas message from Reverend Bill MacDougall of Holy Trinity Church

Whatever we feel about Christmas, and all that goes with it in our culture, ultimately, Christmas is about relationships. The Gospel writer Luke records that some shepherds outside Bethlehem had an experience of angels who praised God and said, On earth, peace to people upon whom His favour rests.

The word used for peace in the Greek language of the New Testament is shalom in Hebrew, which has several meanings: well-being, prosperity, security and harmony – not just inner

peace, or the absence of war. We could say that shalom = harmonious relationships – with others, with the world, within ourselves, and with God.

When I hear the national and local news, I think that we all struggle with relating. Perhaps it is the longing to get our needs met and the difficulty we have in forgiving those who have hurt us. So how does Christmas come into this?

How has God's favour towards people been shown? The Gospel writer John says that God so loved the world that He gave

his only son, so that those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. Eternal life is a harmonious relationship with God - peace with God and peace with ourselves.

Another Gospel writer, Matthew, writes that an angel told Joseph, the husband of the mother of Jesus, that her baby's name would be Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins. Jesus means saviour, and we all need one of those.

Happy Christmas and enjoy good relationships with your friends and families.



Reverend Bill MacDougall with his grandson Jacob