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John reflects on Christmas and a nomad from the Bible that helps us reflect on our journeys.



NEW YEAR NOTICES

Find out what events are planned for the new year and how to sign up for them

REGULAR MEETINGS

SUN 10AM - MORNING SERVICE

*1st Sunday - Open Service
Communion on the 1st and 3rd
Sundays.*

SUN 8PM - PRAYER MEETING (ZOOM)

*Zoom ID:
<https://zoom.us/j/645605703>*

SUN 4PM - MESSY CHURCH

*Last Sunday of the month - Messy
fun for all ages with food!*

TUE 8PM - BIBLE STUDY (ZOOM)

*A chance to informally study
together online.
Zoom ID:
<https://zoom.us/j/374335724>*

MON 10AM-12 - COFFEE POT

*A chance to have a chat and a
cuppa at the church.*

WED 2PM - CAMEO (TERM TIME)

*Come and Meet Everyone - a time of
fellowship and fun. No two weeks
are the same!*

THU 8PM - XPLORE (TERM TIME)

*Our Youth Group for those in Year 5
and upwards.*

SAT 3PM - DCF (2ND SATURDAY)

*Disabled Christians Fellowship. An
opportunity for all to meet together.*

Trustee's Thoughts

Nomads

John

Well, here we are in January and that's another Christmas that's moved into the past. Do you find Christmas sometimes quite tiring? I do – it's all the preparation of course. I have to buy Jackie a Christmas card, oh and one for my brother, and then I have to buy her something to unwrap on Christmas morning. Then there's all that food – well it won't eat itself, will it? Phew! Anyway, I managed it all for another year.

This Christmas, pretty much as usual, we had all the family round. Well, everyone except Daniel's long-term girlfriend (Sam) who had gone off to the land of Far Far Away with her family for some warm weather and snorkeling.

Matthew's wife, Michelle, is from China – she has British citizenship now, and came here via Canada where she'd studied. She was telling us about some of the troubles her family (parents, grandparents) had endured over the years, and how they'd had to move quite some way to survive in times past.

All of that travelling, both Sam and Michelle (and her family), reminded me of travelling in the Bible, and a key biblical story – the story of Abraham.

In Genesis 12 The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you." "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

Scripture tells us that Abram (as he was then known) was originally a native of Ur. Archaeologists tell us that Ur was a major port city and urban center located close to what is now called the Persian Gulf. So Abraham – at that time still called Abram – had originally lived near the seaside. He probably found a nomad's life a real challenge at times. And indeed, he didn't manage to get life right for God all the time.

Despite this, God called Abraham "my friend" (Isaiah 41:8) and told him "...all peoples on earth will be blessed through you". And they were, through his descendant, Jesus, whose words we can always rely on:

(Matthew 28:18-20, NIV) Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Whether we are travelling or not – if we accept him – Jesus is with us always and everywhere.

What's on this month?

Sunday Mornings

Date	Speaker
1st	Tim (Open)
8th	John
15th	Colin
22nd	Dave
29th	Steve

Bible Study

Date	Speaker
3rd	Steve
10th	Colin
17th	John
24th	Heather
31st	Steve

Prayer Meeting

Date	Speaker
1st	Colin
8th	Ronke
15th	Heather
22nd	Steve
29th	Dave

Notices

The Building Fund

Thank you to everyone who has contributed towards the Building Fund. It now stands at £127,117.

New Year Party

On the 21st January from 4-8pm we will have our New Year Party at the church. Please sign up in the foyer if you're coming and also indicate if you're able to bring something to share for the food.

February Giving Service

On the February Parade Service, we will be having our giving service for Changing Pathways (you may know of it as Basildon Women's Aid). When we have a list of items that they're in need of we'll put the list in the foyer.

Update

Verse for the Year

Our verse for the year comes from Matthew and follows Jesus talking about the struggles of expectation on Him and John, the struggle of unrepentance and the struggle people had in recognising Jesus for who He really was. In that context Jesus is offering those who want to follow Him that chance to come to Him and receive that rest. That new beginning, that refreshing.

Those who have really good memories might clock that we had this verse back in 2013, but there's something in recognising the challenges we've faced in 2022 with 'getting back to normal' after the disrupted years with covid, without having necessarily had that 'rest' we needed to fill us up with the Holy Spirit to cope with the challenges we face.

So spend some time praying and resting in God, relying on Him to give you the rest and energy you need to face the struggles that are coming your way.