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Our weekly *Programme*



SUNDAY SERVICES

11am & 6pm
Sunday School at 11:30am

PARENTS & TODDLERS

Tuesday at 1pm and
Friday at 10am

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Thursday from 6pm
Explorers (Yrs 1-5) at 6pm
YC (Yrs 6-11) at 7:15pm

RETIRED FOLKS' LUNCHEON CLUB

Thursday at 12:30pm
(fortnightly from 10th Jan)

*Note: The above mid-week meetings
do not meet during School holidays.*

MID-WEEK STUDY & PRAYER

Wednesday at 7:30pm

**Borras Park Church holds that the Bible is
God's word to man, that it is totally reliable
and tells us all we need to know to find
salvation in his Son, Jesus Christ.**

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After all, you may be saying, 'I have plenty of other things to keep me occupied, both in the run up to the big day and when 25th December finally arrives.' Or perhaps you feel, 'Even the idea of bringing the 'religious' element into the Christmas festivities is just an unnecessary annoyance that I can well do without.' Still others may think, 'I've survived plenty of other Christmases without Jesus very nicely thank you. Why should I change this year?'

To answer that question, the rest of this leaflet suggests a number of extremely important facts about Jesus Christ which show why we should all bother with Him, and not only at Christmas time:

He is a real person

It may be tempting to try to write off the birth of Jesus as just a nice story for children, but His birth is not a story of make-believe, it's a story of history written down by eyewitnesses. **"And the Word (a title given to Jesus) became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory"** (John 1:14). Not only do the writers of the Bible make this perfectly clear, but other first century historians (many of whom had no sympathy with the Christian message) also spoke very clearly about Jesus Christ being a real historical figure.

He was born of a virgin

Modern medical advances might be able to boast the possibility of a virgin birth, but not 2,000 years ago. God caused a miracle to happen inside the womb of a Jewish virgin called Mary. She actually protested to the Angel Gabriel on being told what was going to happen to her, 'I've never been with a man.' She hadn't. Yet Mary was given the assurance that **"with God nothing will be impossible"** (Luke 1:37). A virgin giving birth to a baby

made this child unique. He was sinless and was sent for a very special reason.

He died for others

Jesus performed many miracles, even raising the dead, and was a most amazing teacher, but these are not the main reasons why He came into this world. Jesus came to suffer and die for sinners like you and me. **"In due time Christ died for the ungodly"** (Romans 5:6). We have broken God's holy laws and decided to live life without Him. Incredibly, God still loves us and proved it beyond doubt by allowing Jesus to be sacrificed on the cross, to pay the penalty for our sin and rebellion. God gave the best He had in order to save us!

He came back from the dead

Jesus told His followers several times that He would die and rise again three days later. He did just that! The eyewitnesses who saw Jesus spent the rest of their lives telling others about the fact that He had died for sinners and was now alive. **"This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses"** (Acts 2:32).

He is the only way to heaven

We like to think we can earn our way to God and heaven, but God's standards are perfect and we fall far short of them. Actually, we need to repent of our sin and trust in the One who was willing to pay the price for us to be right with God. Jesus said, **"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me"** (John 14:6).

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If you have any questions about the Christian faith, please contact Pastor Mark Thomas on **01978 314692** or **beacon@borrasparkchurch.org.uk**

You're invited...

Christmas CAROL SERVICES

Sunday 23rd December

11am - Family Carol Service

5pm - Traditional Carols & Readings

Christmas Day

10am - Family Service

Everyone will be welcome at any of our services.

Do you want to hear more?

Come along to one of our services.

Do you want to read more?

Contact us for a free booklet with no obligation.

Do you want to ask questions?

Come along to 'Christianity Explored'. Looking at Mark's gospel over seven weeks, there are video clips, discussion, and lots of time for questions. Contact us for details and a time to suit you.