

New Life Christian Fellowship

Advent Calendars, Christmas trees, presents, Turkey and tinsel. Has Christmas become merely an excuse to indulge in rich foods and drink, giving gifts to family and friends. What exactly are you celebrating?

I do not want get all *Ebenezer Scrooge* about this – but to the pressure to buy the latest gadgets, families going into debt and countless commercialism I say: “BAAA HUMBUG!”

Christmas is about good news, not dreaded overdrafts! It is a birthday party celebrating how, over 2,000 years ago an angel visited a young woman, her betrothed husband and a group of shepherds with this message: “Fear not, for I bring good news of great joy, for all people” (The Bible). With a miraculous birth and hundreds of Bible promises fulfilled: God was born as a man, Immanuel, God is with us. But why?

In the beginning we were made like God, in his image. But since the first people chose to go there own way, darkness and death entered the world, separating people from God. This is why God became a man, named Jesus Christ, which means saviour. This was God's rescue mission, Good News for all people. This is what Christmas is really about.

It's a chosen time to celebrate the miracle of God's good news. It's a time to remember how Jesus stepped down, becoming like the one's he created, because of his love for us.

Good news is often in short supply. It is great to celebrate Christmas, but please do not get into debt over it, keep things simple. As you enjoy receiving and giving presents, eating nice food and spending time with those you love, perhaps this year you can rethink your plans, and invite the birthday boy to his own party?

**New Life Christian Fellowship meet in Kilgetty Community Centre, 10.45am on Sundays.
Please call if you want someone to talk to or pray for you. 01834 831533 / 07827 293781.**