



## Welcome | Christmas Crafts | Christmas Message from Scott

### Welcome

Welcome to the Christmas edition of the [HBC Ladies' News](#).

Following last month's article about the work of **Good News for Everyone!**, a donation of £50 was sent to the group. Geoff and Jane Mann were grateful for the donation and they will ensure it goes towards bibles to be used in the Cambridge Area.

Many thanks to Jenny for preparing the Christmas Craft bags.

### Dates for the Diary



#### December

- 13th** Full of Grace & Truth at 10:30
- 20th** Revealing the Father at 10:30
- 20th** Candle-lit Carol Service at 4pm
- 25th** Christmas Morning Service at 10am

*All the above to be held in the main Church building.*

#### January

- 16th** Online **Flourish Women's** Conference at 2pm - [Flourishing in Every Season](#). For more information and how to register, click on [New Life Church Cambridae](#)

### Christmas Crafts - A Book Angel



As we are unable to meet, Jenny has set us a challenge to make a Book Angel at home this Christmas.

You will need: a book, preferably a paperback, glue, scissors, a knife and wire cutters.

Jenny has prepared a bag for every lady which contains a bauble for the head, wire and beads for the halo and ribbon for the bow. Also in the bag are detailed instructions.

If you are in Church on Sunday, 13th December, pick up your bag. If you are unable to be in Church, the bag will be delivered to you during the following week.

If you need extra help, check out the Dollar Tree Midnight Crafter on Youtube - Click on [Midnight Crafter](#)



**Note from the editor** - If you make a Book Angel, please send a photo to the Editor to put into the January edition of [HBC Ladies' News](#).

### More Christmas crafts



Sarah has been creative as she has produced this banner of the Twelve Days of Christmas.

Well done!

## The Importance of the Christmas Message



### Puzzle of the Month

How many words of three or more letters, can you make from the word:

### Christmas

Email or post all answers to the Editor and there is a small prize for the person with the most words. Closing date - December 22nd.

### Next Month

In the January edition:

- There will be more [Lockdown Memories](#) from Julie Elmes.
- Photos for the Book Angels we have made
- Winter [Nature Notes](#) from Ian Loe

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The Christmas message is always important but it is of particular importance this year because of the widespread impact of the Covid-19 pandemic upon our economy, our liberties and both our physical and mental health. The result has been a growing sense of despair, unrest and hopelessness. In such a distressing climate it may be that people's hearts are more receptive to the message of joy, peace and hope revealed in the Christmas story.

There is a saying which is generally true; *man's extremity is God's opportunity*. Man's extremity is the backdrop to the wonderful story of Christmas. The story of Christmas was revealed to the prophet Isaiah 700 years before the coming of Christ in a time of national tragedy and shame for the nation of Israel. The king at that time Uzziah had been struck with leprosy as a judgment from God for profaning God's altar in the temple. His death was a terrible low point in the nation. Isaiah writes in his prophecy that in the year that the king died he saw the Lord. God revealed himself to him, giving him a breathtaking vision of a plan of salvation God was going to reveal to the world. Salvation from the terrible disease of sin; the root cause of all the suffering, unhappiness and evil in the world. The root cause of our alienation from God our Creator. The cure required God's Son entering our world as a human being (the story of Christmas) and at God's appointed time offering himself as a sacrifice for our sins (the story of Easter). Through accepting Christ's sacrifice in our place God forgives us from all our sins, reconciles us to Himself, gives us the promise of eternal life in God's coming kingdom. The story of Christmas is the greatest opportunity arising from mankind's greatest extremity. That wonderful opportunity from God through his Son Jesus Christ is offered to you, receive it and be eternally blessed.

If you have received Christ, God desires that you share the wonderful story of Christmas with others. Churches are permitted to hold services in our buildings again from the 6<sup>th</sup> December. Why not invite one of your friends or family who are not believers to attend one of our Advent services. You may have the thrill of seeing them come to Christ. **Scott Paton**

