



### Sarah Bingham Message

Listen out for angels!

Our Advent and Christmas theme this year is 'Hearing from the angels!' We will be looking at the angels who appear in the Matthew and Luke's gospel accounts of the time leading up to, during and after the birth of Jesus. But what is an angel? Should we expect to hear from angels today?

Angel is the English transliteration of the Greek word which means 'messenger' or 'the one who brings news' – in the Bible, it usually means 'God's messenger'. You might have noticed that 'angel' is in the middle of the word 'evangelism', which means 'bringing good news'. In the Bible, the word angel usually refers to a spiritual being, who lives in the presence of God and comes to bring His message.

God still wants to speak to His people and to all people. One of the chief ways God does this now is through His written word, the Bible. However, God also speaks in dreams or visions, the Spirit whispers words or encompasses us with warmth or comfort when we pray, and also through people. Have you ever heard a sermon, or chatted with someone and thought 'that is from God'? In that case, perhaps unwittingly, a person has acted as an angel to share good news or God's wisdom.

So, yes, expect to hear from angels – spiritual or human – this Advent and Christmas and who knows, perhaps you may even be an angel to someone too?

*Rev. Sarah Bingham*

### MEND-IT CHRISTMAS DAY MEAL

If you would like to attend the Free Christmas Day meal, please add your name and number to cater for, on the list on the board in the foyer. Also If you would like to support the meal with a monetary donations please see Robert or Kayon. If you prefer to make a donation of a food item, please see the list on the notice board of items required to assist us thank you.

#### Volunteers needed

If you would like to volunteer to help with this years community Christmas Day Meal.

We require people to support with, set up prior to Christmas Day, people to help with hospitality serving throughout the day and support to help clear away after the meal.

If you would be willing to support and get involved in either of the above or by giving a generous donation to this worthy cause, then please see; Kayon Blake or Robert Silvera  
Many Thanks

*Christmas*  
THE WONDER OF GOD'S KINGDOM

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
*to you and your family.*





