

“When they saw the star, they were overwhelmed with joy.” *Matthew 2:10*

With the cost of living crisis; increasing demand at food banks; fuel poverty; postal, rail workers, ambulance and nurses strikes threatened over the Christmas period, it can be difficult for us to feel “overwhelmed with joy”, as we look forward to the celebration of the birth of Jesus. And yet, as chaplains, it is our ministry to spread the hope that we have through our faith.

In order to be the light of Christ, we must take time to recharge our batteries so that we are in fact able to shine brightly. Although the approach to Christmas is normally fraught with the busyness of preparations for the holidays themselves, traditionally Advent is a time for quiet reflection, when we take the time to consider our roles and how, as with the biblical characters in the Christmas story, we respond to the Good News of the birth of God’s Son into this messy world with its multitude of problems.

So let us find a moment this festive season to seek God’s refreshment and re-invigoration, so that we can once again be the visitor with a kind smile, a thoughtful comment, or simply a listening ear.

We wish you and your families a peaceful and joyful Christmas and a bright and happy New Year, confident that each one of us can help bring a little of Christ’s light into the darkness.



THANK YOU

As the year draws to a close, we want to say a big thank you to:

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- ◆ our trustees, who put in many hours of work behind the scenes keeping our charity functioning properly;
- ◆ the denominational, church and individual financial supporters, who enable FWW to continue with its mission;
- ◆ All who support our mission and ministry with prayer.



FWW MONTHLY ONLINE PRAYER MEETING

The next session will be on

Monday 9th January 2023, 13:00-13:30.

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