

It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas ...

And if you're anything like us, you'll be beginning to feel that joyous acceleration, as the days shorten, the lights twinkle against the dark skies, forays to the mainland have us coming back on the ferry weighed down with all sorts of things, to give, to hang, to eat (despite all that's available on the island! Support your local shops!)

So much to do, things to fit in, Christmas parties for the groups and organizations we belong to, cards to write, presents to wrap and send ...

And we enjoy it all - well most of it! But we know, too, that it's really just a delightful, enjoyable garnish, something to adorn and decorate the real, precious thing at the heart of Christmas - something so simple. A young couple. A baby. Ordinary agricultural workers. A simple shelter ...

Christmas celebrates the coming of God right into human living, human existence and experience. Our flesh and blood - that's what's born in a stable and laid in a manger.

Celebrate Christmas the way you wish, the way you always have. But join us, too, to touch again - and be touched by - the real meaning of it all. The love of God ...

Be very Blessed, this Christmas. *Owain*

UCB



Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth *peace*,
good will toward men

Luke 2 : 14

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*You are warmly invited to
the following events.*

Wed 13th Dec, 2.30pm - Carols at Kingarth

Sun 17th Dec, 11.00am

(Nativity Play, Gifts for Yorkhill, Jars of Grace)

Sun 17th Dec, 2.30pm - Carols at Straad

Sun 24th Dec, 11.00am - Morning Worship

Sun 24th Dec, 11.30pm - Watchnight Service
(at Trinity with Rev Owain Jones)

Mon 25th Dec, 11.00am - Christmas Day
Short Family Service

Discuss the true meaning of Christmas

UCB Advent Discussion Group 7.30 - 9.30pm

Mons 20th and 27th Nov and 4th Dec

St Paul's Advent Course 10.30 - 11.30am

Weds 6th, 13th and 20th Dec

Other Christian Events in our Community

Wed 6th Dec, 7.30 - Ballianlay Choir
at the Joint Campus

Thurs 14th Dec, 10.00am - School Nativity at UCB

Fri 15th Dec, 7.30pm - Bute Community Band
at the Joint Campus

Mon 18th Dec, 7.00pm - Carols by Candlelight
at Mount Stuart

Wed 20th Dec, 6.30pm - Carols at the Co-op with
Rothesay Christian Fellowship

Fri 22nd Dec, 7.30pm - Midwinter Noel with
Christingle, at Trinity

Sun 24th Dec, 11.30pm - Midnight Mass
at St Andrew's

Mon 25th Dec, 10.00am - Christmas Day Mass
at St Andrew's

Mon 25th Dec, 10.30am - Christmas Day family
Service at the Baptist Church

Mon 25th Dec, 11.00am - Sung Eucharist at St Paul's
(followed by lunch)

For God so loved the World.