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## Announcements

### Christmas Day - 25 December

We will gather on Christmas Day at Newington Public School. Please plan to come, and invite others to hear about Jesus.

### New Years Eve - 31 December

We will have a combined Auburn & Newington Churches New Years Eve gathering at Auburn Church, starting at 10am. Please join us!

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## Christmas Eve, December 24

### *The Joy of Christmas*

## Matthew 1: 18-25

# “The Joy of Christmas”

## Matthew 1:18-25

Jesus doesn't come in a vacuum (1-15)

Jesus comes for all (3, 5-6, 16)

Jesus is no ordinary baby (18-20, 22-23)

What's in a name? (21)

'Come to me', says Jesus (*cf.* Matthew 11:28-30)

<sup>18</sup> This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

<sup>20</sup> But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

<sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: <sup>23</sup> “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

<sup>24</sup> When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.

<sup>25</sup> But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

**Matthew 1:18-25 (NIV)**