## Stanground Viewer December 2021

## **Christmas Celebrations**

Christmas is nearly here, a time when many families get together for parties, sharing food, drink and presents. For many families this is a happy time, but there are some families and people that find Christmas a very sad and lonely time. We pray for all those in this area that will find Christmas a sad and lonely time.

For Mary and Joseph, I think that they had both sets of emotions. Mary was very near to giving birth to her first baby. I am sure that her and Joseph were excited and scared at the same time. They had to travel to Bethlem for a census count and Mary gave birth in a stable at the back of an inn, away from her family. Yet in heaven there was great rejoicing at the birth as the angels sang with joy. The promised Messiah, God's only Son had been born as promised. This is why Christians around the world celebrate the birth of Jesus on 25<sup>th</sup> December, it is his birthday.

We invite you all to come and join our celebrations of this event at Stanground Baptist Church.

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December – 10am – 12 noon – Christmas Coffee Morning (please check website/notice board to confirm this is taking place)

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December – 6pm – Carols by Candlelight

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December – 11:30pm – Christmas Eve Communion

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> December – 10:30am – Christmas Day celebration service

May God Bless each one of you this Christmas Time and always - love Stanground Baptist Church

