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Christmas Star

For those who have a Christmas Tree up at home or at your place of work, what do you have at the top of the tree, known as a Christmas Tree Topper? Some people have a specific item that must always go on the top of the tree, maybe it's been in the family for years and handed down from generation to generation.

The popularity of Christmas Tree Toppers has grown over many years, although it is not clear when they were first introduced. In the early 1600's in Germany, a model of baby Jesus was put on the top of the tree. In England in the 1700's people would put either a Star or an Angel on top of their tree. These of course are very central to the Christmas account that Christians around the world believe about the birth of Jesus, God's one and only promised Son, the Messiah.

The Angel Gabriel was sent by God to Mary & Joseph to tell them the very important part they were to take in God's plan for the world. The Star guided the wise men (Maji) from the East to find the infant Jesus. As Christians we often say that Jesus is the light of the world, because he shows us the way he wants us to live our lives and his light shines in us. The promised Messiah came into this world around 2000 years ago and changed the world. Over 2000 years later the world still remembers his birth.

If you have an Angel or a Star on top of your tree, you are remembering the part of the Christmas events that these represent.

If you would like to find out more about why Christmas is so special to Christians, come and join us at one of our services. We meet at Stanground Baptist Church on Sunday at 10:15am. All are welcome.

We will be holding special services during December which you are invited to.

Sunday 22nd December 2024 – 10:15am – Morning Worship

Sunday 22nd December 2024 – 6pm – Carols by Candlelight

Tuesday 24th December 2024 – 11:30pm – Christmas Eve Communion (Coffee & Mince Pies from 11pm)

Wednesday 25th December 2024 – 10:30am – Christmas Day Family Celebration.

Please see our website for other services and details www.stangroundbaptistchurch.org.uk

