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**John the Baptist.**

There are many similarities between John and Jesus.

Like Jesus, John's life was foretold by the ancient prophets and his birth was foretold by angels to Zechariah, his father, just as Jesus' birth was foretold to Mary and Joseph.

Then both births were miraculous - Mary was a virgin and Elizabeth was older and barren.

And so, we see him today, fulfilling the prophets and angels' words about his life.

John had two main tasks in life: He fulfilled an Elijah-like role by calling the nation to repentance - and in keeping with that, he baptized people as a sign of their repentance. He also came to identify and announce the Messiah.

John lived an austere life in the wilderness. His clothes were made of camel hair and he ate locusts and wild honey. He had no power or position in the Jewish political system, but he spoke with almost irresistible authority, proclaiming the message God gave him.

John called all the people to more than just words and ritual, he called them to fundamentally change their behavior and attitude so that their faith in God was reflected in their everyday lives.

So, today on the second Sunday in Advent we are challenged to reflect on John's message:

Have we repented of our sins?

Have we been baptized?

Do our lives produce the fruit in keeping with repentance?

Do we recognize Jesus - as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world?

Welcome to
**Knox Presbyterian
Church, Morrinsville**

8 December 2019

Bible Reading

Matthew 3: 1 - 16



*Do join us for morning tea
following our service*

*We use grape juice for communion
not alcohol*

*We seek to enable people to learn through God's
Word and our actions, and so develop a
Christ-centered community*

WORD-BASED ~ MISSION-MINDED ~ SPIRIT-LED

Rosters	15 December	22 December
Door Duty	Garth & Joyce Smith	Garth & Joyce Smith
Sound Desk	Tom Bougher	Paul Warner
Morning Tea	Titia & John Beishuizen	Gerry van Es & Marg Ireland
Flower Duty	Ways & Means	Ways & Means
Cleaning Duty	Church cleaned from Dec 13 - Bo Kennedy	December Lawn Mowing Colin Middlemiss

December

Tues 10 10am Bible Study - last for the year
Wed 11 7pm Prophetic Prayer Group
Wed 11 10 - 12am Healing Rooms - Methodist Church
Sun 15 10am Worship
Tues 17 7pm Parish Council
Wed 18 7pm Prophetic Prayer Group
Sun 22 10am Communion Worship

Healing Rooms last day is 11 Dec for urgent requests after that date please ring 0211837806

CAMPBELL HALL is still closed until the New Year

Due to earthquake strengthening repairs being carried out.

The Hall is now complete but we will need to do a clean up and some sanding and painting before it opens.

We will be tidying up the stage area at the same time.

If you are able to help please see Glenys in the office next week.

Majesty

Majesty, worship his Majesty,
 unto Jesus be all glory,
 power and praise.
 Majesty, kingdom authority,
 flow from his throne,
 unto his own, his anthem raise.

So exult, lift up on high
 the name of Jesus,
 Magnify, come glorify
 Christ Jesus the King.

Majesty, worship his Majesty,



Mission Prayer Points

Lois and Joseph

- They will boldly proclaim the gospel in faith and action
- For a marriage that understands the challenges of their ministry
- For each family member to continue to develop a strong, enduring faith in God

Advance Notices

- ◆ Communion - Parish Council has decided to hold December's Communion on the 22nd December as we are not celebrating Communion during January 2020
- ◆ Christmas Day Service is at the Baptist Church starting at 9:30am
- ◆ There will be no service at Knox on the 29th Dec