

The program

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December 30	Annandale Community Church	9.30 am	Where are they now?	Luke 2
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January 6	Annandale Community Church	9.30 am	Go, Let go... take hold of	Genesis 12
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Why Christmas really is worth celebrating?

Matthew 1:18-25



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Build God's People | **Reach the Media**
Reach the Inner West | **Impact the Nations**
 Through the message of Jesus as Saviour and Lord

DOMINIC STEELE | MATTHEW 1:18-25

ANNANDALE COMMUNITY CHURCH | SUNDAY 25 DECEMBER 2007



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This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit.

19 Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

20 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. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save people from their sins."

22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 23 "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" - which means, "God with us."

24 When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. 25 But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

1 Why is Christmas really worth celebrating?

2 Who? In Jesus, God comes to dwell with us

3 Why? Jesus saves his people from their sins

4 How?

5 What? Make sure you are one of 'His people'

Dear Jesus

Thanks for coming to dwell with us at Christmas

Thanks for dying for us at Easter

Thanks that in your death you saved people from their sins.

I want to be one of your people and live with you as my God

Amen