



**CHRISTMAS  
EVENTS AT HOPE  
COMMUNITY  
CHURCH**

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**CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT  
FOLLOWED BY MINCE PIES  
AND MULLED WINE**

6.30 pm Sunday 22nd December  
At Hope Christian Centre, Stalybridge Road,  
Mottram, SK14 6NF

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**CHRISTMAS DAY ALL-TOGETHER SERVICE  
AN HOUR OF ALL-TOGETHER WORSHIP**

10.30 am Christmas Day  
At Arundale Primary School, Lowry Grove,  
off John Kennedy Road, Mottram SK14 6PW

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**CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH  
FREE FOR ALL WHO ARE ALONE  
ON CHRISTMAS DAY**

12.30 pm – 3.00 pm on Christmas Day  
At Hope Christian Centre, Stalybridge Road,  
Mottram, SK14 6NF

**BOOKING ESSENTIAL - TO BOOK YOUR PLACE  
PLEASE CALL 07596 276304**

**MAY YOU  
BE FILLED  
WITH  
JOYFUL  
HOPE  
THIS  
CHRISTMAS**

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This Christmas card comes to you  
with love, prayers and very best wishes  
from the members of  
Hope Community Church  
(formerly Mottram Evangelical Church and  
Hattersley Community Church)  
to our many friends and neighbours  
living in various parts of Longdendale.

We, at Hope Community Church are a group of very ordinary folk, who have been given some exceedingly **good news** - which we want to pass on to you.

## **GREAT NEWS FOR ALL!**

The good news is this.

Jesus Christ, whose humble birth we celebrate every Christmas came from heaven to earth.

He came to invite everyone who is weary, discouraged or anxious to find the new, hope-filled, joyful life which God offers to anyone who will put their trust in him.

In this simple card, you will see the pictures of some real people, members of HCC, who have found a source of joyful hope in the midst of difficult situations they were facing.

Why not take a few minutes to read the very short stories of the confident hope that has filled their hearts?

And why not come and join us as we celebrate God's mercy and kindness to us this Christmas ...  
... or any Sunday?

*May God bless you with living hope!*  
Pastor Martyn Cooling

# MAY GOD, THE SOURCE OF HOPE

FILL YOU  
**COMPLETELY**  
**WITH JOY AND**  
**PEACE** THROUGH  
**TRUSTING HIM**  
SO THAT YOU  
**OVERFLOW WITH**  
**CONFIDENT HOPE**  
IN THE **POWER OF**  
THE **HOLY SPIRIT**

ROMANS 15 : 13

## HOPE FOR THE SUFFERING

My name is **HEPHZIBAH**  
(which means "my delight is in  
her"). I am 20 years old.



For the last 5 years, I have  
suffered with chronic illness  
which has left me so  
exhausted and in such pain  
that I was very disabled.

But in the pain, God has given  
me hope, joy, and purpose  
that cannot be shaken,  
showing me how he delights  
in me despite my weakness.

He has shown his goodness  
in illness, and now he is  
showing me his goodness by  
healing me too!



## HOPE FOR THE ISOLATED

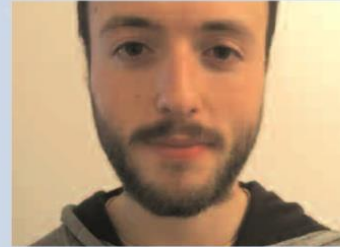
I'm **IAN** and I'm 45.

Until 12 months ago, I was  
living miserably on the streets.  
A traumatic background, a  
relationship breakdown and  
dependence on substances  
meant I had no family, no  
friends ... no hope.

Then I was invited and  
welcomed into HCC and  
started to hear of all Jesus has  
done for people just like me.

Now my life has totally  
changed. I have found a new  
family in the church and God  
is restoring the things I lost.  
I am so grateful for what  
he has given me.

My name is **JACK**.  
I'm 21 and I'm a student.



Like many people my age, I  
was searching for meaning  
and purpose for my life.  
I turned to drugs to fill the  
hole that this feeling  
of meaninglessness  
produced in me.

But nothing seemed to give  
me hope until, one desperate  
day, I picked up a Bible and  
started to read it.  
The things I read turned on  
a light in my dark thoughts!

## HOPE FOR THE DESPERATE

Since then, I have been  
discovering that Jesus Christ  
satisfies me in a way that  
drugs never did!

My name is **MICHAEL**.  
and I'm 60 years old.

I was running out of options:  
all the future held for me was  
the sack, prison or death.

My desperation for drink led  
to begging and stealing.



## HOPE FOR THE ADDICTED

I realised that my only hope  
was to give God the mess  
that was my life.

That was some twelve years  
ago. Now I have a future. I  
want to be all that God has  
called me to be; to learn from  
my mistakes; to share my faith  
with family and friends and to  
end well with God.

## HARK, THE HERALD ANGELS SING

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Hail! the heaven-born Prince of peace!  
Hail! the Son of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
Risen with healing in his wings,  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
Born that man no more may die:  
Born to raise the son of earth,  
Born to give them second birth.

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the new-born King!"



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