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Who is leading Worship on

13th Dec 2009

SERVICE PREP:

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WORSHIP LEADER:

L Young

MUSIC:

Choir

PROJECTION:

A Lintern

CHURCH PRAYER:

J McCallum

READING:

J Hann

COMMUNION PREP:

K Bowden, J Fuller

SERVERS:

D Whitford, R Park

TEA & COFFEE:

R Williams, D Stevens

SOUND:

Holmesby

GREETER:

M Fitton

FLOWERS:

M Anson

OFFERING:

D Riessen, L Wellstead

CLEANING:

S Fitton, W Riessen

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Tara & Lyn

THE GRAPEVINE

6th Dec '09

HAPPY VALLEY



A warm welcome is extended to all of our visitors today who are joining with us to celebrate the dedication of **Liam James Young**. It is always exciting when a family welcomes the gift of a new child into their home. Today we as a church family share with **Rohan, Liz and Ethan** as they express their appreciation to God for the gift of their child.

Today is the second Sunday of Advent and our text this morning, Matthew 1:18-25, has all the makings of a good scandal. Joseph is a righteous man, a devout follower of Torah and dedicated to upholding the traditions of his forefathers. He is engaged to a young woman whom he barely knows. As plans are being made for the final marriage ceremony he is dragged into a personal and heart wrenching situation in which he discovers the woman to whom he is engaged is pregnant...and he is not the father! What does the story hold? Will Joseph "dismiss" Mary quietly so not to bring disgrace on himself and his family? There is far more to this story than first meets the eye and we would do well to look past our natural inclination for scandal to the heart of this narrative concerning how Jesus came into this world. In this 'scandalous' story we discover the faithfulness of God and the faithful obedience of two people who overcomes cultural and religious barriers to play their part in salvation history!

Mark