



Seeds of Joy



What's on this week 31st December 2017

We hope you have a happy and blessed New Year 1st Edition

- Sunday** 31st No evening meeting
- Sunday** 7th Breaking of Bread Service and SonSeekers 10.30 am
 Good News Meeting 6.30 pm
- Meetings are back to normal from 7th January -

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	Welcoming	Refreshments Sun pm	Serving Communion	Crèche
Today	am ONLY Veronica Waterworth	No evening meeting	Jim Townson & Julie Kalayi	Facilities available in the rear hall
7 th Jan	am Jim Townson pm Amanda Grindey	Stephen Robinson	Funsho & Adeola Aribisala	
Cleaning				
This Week	Lilian & Colin Williams	8 th - 13 th Jan	Martin Speed & Tommy Wells	

This Sword Stroke was originally published last week but for some reason the 'Seeds of Joy' were not distributed, and are available on request.



Takethe sword of the Spirit,

Sharing the Light: 7. Arise Shine

'Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.

Isaiah 60:1 NIV

If you go outside on a dark summer's night and then look back at a lit window you will probably notice a number of flying insects, and especially moths, drawn to it by the light. The longer the light is switched on the more insects are drawn to it.

However, as we remember every Christmas, mankind has been given an even greater light. On that very first Christmas day over 2000 years a light dawned on this earth that was infinitely greater than any lit window, and those of us who are Christians who have invited the Lord Jesus Christ into our hearts and lives have that same light shining into our lives by his Holy Spirit both now and forever. A light which draws us closer to Christ its source. Just as first the shepherds and then the wise men were also drawn and led.

The verse reminds us that as this light rises in our lives it is the very glory of the Lord that is reflected in our lives, that same glory that was seen by the shepherds and experienced by Moses on Mount Sinai and in the tent of meeting.

May we like the flying insects be forever drawn close to that light in our lives and experience the glory of Christ reflected in us. In so doing many others will also be drawn to his light and experience that light in their own lives. However, there is a need to respond to his light first, to arise, So let us indeed, 'Arise, shine, for our light has come'.

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