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Christmas - time

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Focus – Christmas is recorded as far back as the Anglo Saxon mid-winter feast ‘Nativity’ which means ‘birth’. The word ‘Christ’s Mass’ is recorded in olde English in 1038. The word ‘Noel’ (birth) came in late 14th Century French. By the 1840’s poultry – dealers selling off sub – standard geese at Christmas – time jokingly signed ‘Father Christmas’. St Nicholas emerged as that modern gift – giver today known as Santa Claus. Presents and celebrations but only because of that birth of Jesus Christ. **Happy Christmas everyone!**
Matthew 1:18 / Luke 1:26 & 2:40

Dear friends welcome to the December edition of **My Community Network** for keeping you informed of issues that I am representing you on at TMBC. I am a local family man, born and bred in Borough Green. Business man, ex - school governor, Parish & T&MB councillor. My mission includes building a network of support in my political work for improving our community and to represent our people. *This month’s edition focuses on the wonderful period in the middle of our long cold winter called ‘the Christmas-time’.*

Fact – Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus to the virgin Mary as a fulfilment of the bible old testament’s messianic prophesy. The new testament gospels of both Luke and Matthew written 2,000 years ago confirm the baby Jesus being born in Bethlehem in Judea to a virgin mother. Christmas is a global celebration of the birth of the baby that was born to be Jesus Christ.



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