

Welcome to Calvary Church, Brighton



*"All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had said through
the prophet" - Matthew 1:22*

This Christmas Day the speaker is Philip Wells

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"Jesus - the baby King"

The magi who saw the star ...

- This is the next thing Matthew tells us in order to portray Jesus our Saviour
- Skip to the end...
 - Jesus ends up, neither
 - in central Jerusalem,
 - nor royal Bethlehem,
 - but in skanky **Nazareth**
 - (but even that is fulfilment!)



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4 Things about the magi (+ve & -ve)

- 1. They are f_r__gn
 - And after all the deeply Jewish stuff!
 - Was he right?
 - *Clue - God is now calling all nations to himself!*
- 2. They are m_sgu-d_d
 - Stars are treated with great suspicion!
 - But they do get guidance from reliable Scripture



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Things about the magi (+ve & -ve)

- 3. They are (unknowingly) d_g_r__s
 - Because of their input
 - Magi decide to _____
 - Joseph has to _____
 - Families suffer _____
 - as Herod King of Jews turns into Pharoah king of Egypt!
 - (We might actually think life would have been simpler without their input!)
- 4. They do seek to w_r_h_p the King, and bring him their riches!
- God makes it all turn to his purposes
 - ==> he can use unusual, odd, contrary things for his glory
 - ==> he is interested in unusual, odd, contrary people in his kingdom
 - ==> but at the centre of everything, is Jesus

