

# IN THE LOOP

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## Message from Calum - Christmas Journey



One song that you always hear at some point during the festive period is "driving home for Christmas". Whilst it's not my favourite festive tune, Chris Rea captures something that we can all relate to, the act of driving home to be with loved ones.

This idea of travelling at Christmas is nothing new as there were a number of meaningful journeys made during that 1st Christmas. Mary and Joseph travelled from Nazereth to Bethlehem, shepherds walked from their fields to the manger and later on magi would follow the star from the east to Jerusalem. In all of these journeys there was obedience, sacrifice and risk.

We, as a family, are excited to be making the journey from Bellshill to Strathaven and getting to know you all. I am also looking forward to travelling with you along a journey where we seek to follow God's guidance and leading so that we might increasingly engage in the business of "being" and "sharing" the good news of Jesus. This journey will also involve obedience, sacrifice and risk....but we go together, equipped in faith and led by the Spirit. So I wish you a Happy Christmas, as you take time to celebrate the greatest journey that ever took place....the one that saw Jesus travel from Heaven to earth as the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us.

Merry Christmas!



**Christmas Carols in the Country**  
**Drumclog Kirk 24<sup>th</sup> December**  
**7pm**  
**Book places on 01357 238472**



### December

Drumclog 9.30am - Rev Forbes Walker

**Sunday 19th - Avendale 11am- 'Preaching in' of Calum**

Including Baptism of Elliot Walker



Avendale 7pm - Nine Lessons & Carols



**Friday 24th - Drumclog 7pm. Christmas in the country**

**Sunday 26th - 11am** Calum preaching at Avendale **only.**



Come and bring the family

