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**Liturgical Date: Year A, Advent 4, 18<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

**Presenter David Chegwidden**

**\*\* There is an Advent Welcome for this 4th Sunday in song list 2 of this DVD and in the "Seasonal file" on the Website, that can be used to open the worship today.**

**Focus readings** Matthew 1:18-25

**Message** 9 minutes 15 seconds "Dreams and Visions"

### **Discussion Starters**

- 1** When have you puzzled over a dream?
- 2** What would you need to happen in a dream for you to wake up believing you had heard God's voice? If that were to happen, what do you think the voice might say to you?
- 3** How do you perceive your role in the story of God's saving love as the church?
- 4** How does your congregation share in God's dream of salvation for the world through Jesus?

### **Lectionary readings for the day**

**Isaiah 7:10-16** Despite the fact that King Ahaz refuses to ask God for help through a sign, deliverance will come in Immanuel (God-with-us) and in the destruction of Judah's enemies.

**Psalms 80:1-7,17-19** In a situation of great grieving, the people beg God, "Make your face shine..." (v3). They are certain the Lord has the power that also calls the beloved to faith.

**Romans 1:1-7** Paul attests that the power that bought Jesus from death to life is the power that also calls the beloved to faith.

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**All Age Message:** Laraine Chegwidden "What's in a Name?"

**Length** 6 Minutes 0 seconds

### **Precis of AAM**

Hurtful names can cause a lot of damage to a person – they can damage people for all of their lifetime. Good names help people to think good of themselves. In biblical times the meaning of the name was very important. In dreams, when Jesus was born God had already told Joseph and Mary that they should name him 'Jesus' – Immanuel, God with us. God knows us all by name, loves us and we are his beloved children too.

**Resources: Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 80:1-7,17-19 page 305.**

## **David Chegwidden**

I am retired and a member of the Charlestown Garden Suburb Uniting Church where I am involved in the preparation and conduct of worship services. I am also on the Presbytery Finance and Property Committee and currently the acting co-treasurer of Presbytery. I am an active member of the Windale Men's Shed which I enjoy very much.