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## Why Jesus came to earth that first Christmas...

The night that Jesus was born, an angel sent by God gave this amazing message to some shepherds. *"I bring good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord"*.

Why was the coming of Jesus good news? Surely this can't be relevant to us today - or can it? A saviour (a rescuer) is only needed by someone in danger. Like the Chilean miners trapped underground and powerless to escape they certainly needed outside help and were profoundly grateful for their deliverance!

The truth is that each of us needs a Saviour because the Bible says we have all broken God's command that we should love Him, the Lord our God, with all our heart and love our neighbour as we love ourselves. We are all guilty before God.

Does our failure matter? Yes, we are in serious trouble because God says *"It is appointed unto man once to die and after death the judgment"*. Everlasting happiness or eternal misery is at stake.

This is the reason why the coming of Jesus is such Good News for us today! God sent His Son to earth to save people from their sins. Jesus did this by bearing the punishment for our sins by dying on a cross. One of the best loved verses in the Bible puts it like this: *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life"*. Such was His love for us!

This is the most wonderful news that was ever given! No wonder those who recognize their need to be saved and trust the Lord Jesus celebrate His coming to be our Saviour!

Sincerely,

George Rabey - Pastor

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You are invited  
to join us for our  
Carol service  
at  
Five Ash Down Chapel  
on  
Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December  
at 3.00 p.m.  
Refreshments will follow



## Five Ash Down Chapel Services

Sunday services are at 11.00 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.  
(3.00 p.m. on 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Dec)

Sundays 11 a.m. to 12 noon Good News Group  
(Children 3 years and over)

Thursdays 7.30 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study

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