

GLORY

to God

*in the highest
and on Earth*

Peace

Luke 2:14

Christmas...

Christmas comes but once a year... When it comes it must be nice to be ready - though I never seem to make it!

Christmas - when Christians celebrate the coming of God's Son to earth, so that we can be ready to leave this world when the time comes, and go to heaven.

I love to read about the birth of Jesus in the Bible - and the story about an angel appearing to shepherds on a Bethlehem hillside the night He was born. They were terrified! Fear turned to peace and joy as the angel spoke.

"Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day ... a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord". Suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace".

Wonderful news! A Saviour - Christ the Lord - was born. Both Jesus' mother Mary, and Joseph, her fiancé, were told by an angel that they should call the Baby Jesus - the name means Saviour - *'because He will save His people from their sins'*.

Jesus came so that we could have peace with God. All of us have sinned and that sin must be dealt with. Instead of leaving us to bear the punishment for our sins, Jesus suffered for us by dying in our place on the cross. We are told in the Bible that *'God laid on Him the iniquity of us all'*. Jesus saves everyone who will repent of their sins and believe that He has died in their place.

No wonder Christians celebrate Christmas!

Sincerely, **George Rabey (Pastor)**



Five Ash Down Chapel Services

*Sunday services are at 11.00 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.
(3.00pm on 13th & 20th Dec)*

*Sundays 11.00 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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*You are invited to
join us for our
Carol Service at
Five Ash Down Chapel
on Sunday 13th December
at 3.00 p.m.
Refreshments will follow*

