



Christmas...

Because we are in the UK most of us will celebrate Christmas in some way or other... it's what everyone does! There will be Christmas cards, special meals, maybe presents and perhaps a family occasion.

For Christians, while the traditional customs may have their place, there is something else that is so significant that makes it the very centre of our joyful festivities. Christmas is the time when we celebrate the coming of our Creator into the world. God teaches us in the Bible that the eternal Son of God became a Baby. He had no earthly father. God sent an angel to tell a virgin called Mary that she would be mother to God's Son, and His name was to be Jesus.

*Mary's fiancé, Joseph, was also given a message from an angel of the Lord: **Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she shall bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus [Saviour], for He will save His people from their sins.***

God teaches that all of us have sinned - and our sins must be dealt with. Jesus received the punishment due to all who would repent of their sins and receive Him as their Saviour and Lord. For the believer, the coming of the Lord Jesus is the greatest cause of celebration and joy. He came to save us and we are so grateful!

Please join us whenever you can! We'd love to give you a booklet explaining more about what the Bible teaches about why the coming of Jesus is so important for every one of us.

We wish you a very Happy Christmas!

George Rabey, Pastor

*Hark! The herald angels sing
"Glory to the new-born King,
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled."*

*Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th' angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King."*

*Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of a Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
Hail, the incarnated deity
Pleased as Man with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King."*

*Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness
Light and life to all He brings,
Risen with healing in His Wings.
Mild, He lays His Glory by,
Born that man no more may die.
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King."*

You are invited to join us
for our Carol Service
at Five Ash Down Chapel
on Sunday 10th December
at 3.00 p.m.
Refreshments will follow



Glory to the Newborn King

Five Ash Down Chapel Services

Sunday Services

are at 11.00 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.
(3.00pm on 10th & 17th Dec)

Good News Group

Sundays 11.00 a.m. to 12 noon
(Children 3 years and over)

Prayer and Bible Study

Thursdays 7.30 p.m.

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