

Have a Christ centred Christmas

December 2020

What a long way down Jesus came!

From flinging billions of stars into space - to a tiny baby in a manger.

From the glories of heaven and angels worshipping Him - to a sinful broken world where He will be rejected and despised. What a culture shock! What love!

Though He was God He did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead He gave up His divine privileges. He took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. Philippians 2:6,7

Why would God do that?

You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor so that by His poverty He could make you rich. 2 Corinthians 8:9

May this year be a very special year for all of us. A year when we all see more of the LOVE of the Father shown in the face of Jesus.

So the Word became flesh and made His home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. John 1:14

Maybe this very different year will help us to imagine a little more the loneliness and shame of the birth of our Saviour, Creator of the universe, and to come closer to Him. May we feel that He has made His home with us. As many of our loved ones may be missing this year, may the presence of Jesus more than make up for them. That will make it a special year to remember.

Different from much of the world we will continue with our Christmas conventions. So please pray that Jesus will be in the centre of all celebrations and that the truth will be clearly presented. Many unbelievers hang around the edges of the conventions which are often outside. So pray God will make Himself known to them and their lives will be transformed as His light shines into their dark hearts.

We also have ECPNG national youth convention on this week (14-18th) Please pray many youth will have their lives transformed. There is a great need for godly youth as so many are getting involved in drink and drugs and unhealthy relationships.

Also an Area Women's Convention (17th – 20th) on marriage. Pray many will learn to submit to Christ. Hundreds are going! Sorry if I am making you feel jealous with all these gatherings.

The light shines in the darkness and the darkness can never extinguish it John 1:5 Let's never forget that!

With love and thanks to you for your prayers and support through another year. *Rosie* rosiecrowter@gmail.com



Fulness of grace in man's human frailty
This is the wonder of Jesus
Laying aside His power and glory
Humbly He entered our world
Chose the path of meanest worth
Scandal of a virgin's birth
Born in a stable cold and rejected
Here lies the hope of the world
Fullness of grace the LOVE of the Father
Shown in the face of Jesus
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