

A few words from the Vicar

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)

December is a busy month; a time for working hard and playing hard.

It's a time endless shopping for presents, food, drink and all the things that are needed for the Christmas and New Year celebrations. (When do shop workers get to do their Christmas shopping, I wonder?)

It's a time of looming deadlines. One last push to meet those performance targets at work before the year-end. That last minute rush to make sure Christmas cards and presents are posted in time to reach distant friends and relatives.

It's a time for office parties and watching our bosses' embarrassing attempts to be one of the lads. (I was that manager once!)

For children and adults alike, December might be a time of expectation as we look forward to the magic of Christmas but, when I was in secular employment, I also found it to be a lot of hard work! Believe me; I was ready for a few days off with my family at the end of the month!

Then again, preparing for Christmas might be hard work but it's worth it isn't it? It's good to celebrate with family and friends. It's good to watch the faces of the smaller members of the family as they open their presents (and then play with the wrapping paper).

Well December is a busy month for the Church too (not that we're complaining).

We have something for everyone and full details of our Christmas services can be found in this month's Parish Diary.

So why do we, the Church, push the boat out with so many special services in the run up to Christmas? Well, in amongst all the partying, the busyness and the preparations it's easy to forget the reason for the season; the reason why we ought to celebrate Christmas.

That reason is that a little over 2,000 years ago a most wonderful event occurred. Indeed, the most wonderful event ever! God entered the world as a baby, as Jesus to save humanity from the eternal consequences of our wrongdoing.

God as Jesus came amongst us so that we can live life in all its fullness and look forward to spending an eternity in His love.

As far as I'm concerned the coming of Jesus amongst us is the best Christmas present ever!

That's why, as always, Christians up and down the land will be celebrating this Christmas.

That's also the reason why Christmas at Christ Church is always special and why we put on so many special services.



So why not come and join us as we retell the Christmas story and sing those carols that remind us what God has done for us? Why not come and join the celebration?

Dave