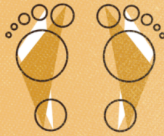


# For to us a child is born,

to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called



Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father,

## Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

Willenhall Free Church Coventry

### WHO IS CHRISTMAS FOR?

That's easy it's for the children, the young at heart, as it brings back memories of childhood, of families playing and laughing together, carol singing, Christmas dinner, Christmas tree and we cannot forget the presents, and visits to Father Christmas.

My memory of Christmas Day as a child/teenager is going around the hospital wards singing carols, plus all the above, but I have come to the conclusion that Christmas is mainly for those who do not know Jesus as Saviour and Lord, those who know Jesus do not need Christmas, or Easter for that matter as we celebrate His birth, death and resurrection every day of our lives

But those who do not know or believe that God the son, Jesus was born in Bethlehem, to the virgin Mary, they need Christmas, they need to see beyond the glitter, the cards, presents, carols, they need to know the One who was born to die, God's gift to the world, who gave His life on a tree, they need us His followers to tell them.

Christmas for many is a worry, fear, anxiety, grief, ( the first Christmas without a loved one ), loneliness, and we His people should be there for them all year round, but Christmas seems to highlight these emotions.

We need to pray for people to see that Jesus is no longer a baby, He is a man, He is God who came to take away the sins of the world, He is for life, not just for Christmas. For many their Christmas's is like a nativity scene without a manger, without Jesus, that's why Christmas is for them, they need Jesus.

Don Moen in a song has this verse.

Behind the lights and the Christmas cheer  
People try to hide their fear  
Many hungry hearts are lost and cold  
But we can be the light of Christ  
Bring some joy to someone's life  
And share the greatest story ever told  
This Christmas will share why God became man.



All words are found in Luke 2:1-21

Can you find them?

C G L T O L D O C F E A R  
C L O T H S D J S A I D E  
J O K N O W N O H W C T G  
L R B E C A U S E H T L I  
L Y I N G D E E P E I V S  
C A L L E D W P H N M O T  
S B E T H L E H E M B K E  
P R A I S I N G R E A T R  
H E A V E N T G D O B A E  
T T M A N G E R S B Y N D  
H O A L I A S A Y I N G A  
I W R O O S T H E R E E V  
N N Y R Y M R C I T Y L I  
G M A D E S T O C H I L D

ANGEL	BABY	BECAUSE
BETHLEHEM	BIRTH	CALLED
CHILD	CITY	CLOTHS
DAVID	FEAR	GLORY
GREAT	HEAVEN	JOSEPH
KNOWN	LORD	LYING
MADE	MANGER	MARY
PRAISING	REGISTERED	SAID
SAYING	SHEPHERDS	SWADDLING
THERE	THING	TOLD
TOWN	WENT	WHEN

**Scripture Notes (tuck in lunchboxes, tape to mirrors, etc.):**



*Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel*  
**Isaiah 7:14**



*The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth*  
**John 1:14**



*But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.*  
**Galatians 4:4-5**

This Christmas let us remember the love of God and God's gift to the world Jesus.

**John 3:16 (NKJV)**

**<sup>16</sup>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.**

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 6th December - Decorating the church at 7 o'clock pm

Wednesday 7th December - Bible Study at Eddie's

Sunday 11th December - Buffet after the church service

Wednesday 14th December - Bible Study

Friday 16th December - Family Fun Night at church 7 o'clock pm.

Sunday 18th December - Christmas Celebration

Wednesday 21st December - Bible Study

Sunday 25th December - Christmas Day service 10.30 am.