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*"Christ caring for People  
through People"*

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Dear Friends,

*"There were shepherders camping in the neighborhood. They had set night watch over their sheep. Suddenly God's angel stood among them and God's glory blazed around them. They were terrified. The angel said, 'Don't be afraid. I'm here to announce a great and joyful event that is meant for everybody, worldwide. A Saviour has just been born in David's town, a Saviour who is Messiah and Master. This is what you're to look for: a baby wrapped in a blanket and lying in a manger.'" (Luke 2:8-12 [The Message](#))*

*"For to you a child is born, to you a son is given." (Isaiah 9:6)*

The simplest, most humble of human events and the most amazing, spectacular, divine miracle, both rolled into one. Isaiah's words, poetic as they are, reveal a wonderful mystery. Two things happened on that night; a human child was born and the eternal son of God came to planet earth.

He had been 'with God' since creation declared John. *"Without him was not anything made that was made"* (John 1:3) In the infant Jesus *"The word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood. We saw the glory with our own eyes, the one-of-a-kind glory, like Father, like son. Generous inside and out, True from start to finish."* John 1:14 [The Message](#))

Truly a human child. Truly the divine being of God, born in David's town. Moving into the neighborhood. The miracle of Christmas.

God's plan for his creation revealed in love. This is the heart of our faith. This is something worth pondering. This is our reason for being. There is so much of truth and mystery, of the now and the eternal, that meet together in this wonderful event. And this was just the beginning.

What a wonderful gift, the true gift of Christmas! When all of the decorations and presents are stored away for another year, we should keep this one out of the cupboard and in our hearts and lives. We, like the shepherds, and the generations since, need to reflect on its beauty and great meaning every day ... 'til He comes again.

Amen.

(Rev.) John McGurrian

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!