

Peace and Goodwill

As Christmas approaches this year my thoughts keep returning to the song of the angels in the Christmas story as told by Luke:

'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace and goodwill toward men'

Peace and goodwill to all people are welcome in any age, and ours is no exception. Just as Christ was born into a world of division, violence and strife, as we come to celebrate Christmas with our loved ones and friends we are only too aware of the lack of peace and goodwill that is evident across our world - even in our own increasingly polarised communities.

And yet the world need not be that way, and we need not be lacking in compassion and goodwill towards other people. Peace in our homes, in our workplaces, and in our communities is something we can all benefit from and make happen.

In the Christmas story the glory is revealed among the poorest in society and amidst the disenfranchised. A refugee couple, with no place to call their own carry with them the hope of the world.

Do we welcome the outcast and stranger any more today? Have we learned to open our hearts to the needs of others, especially the vulnerable as we hear again the angels' song?

Whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey, you will find a home and a space at Queen's Cross. We are a community seeking to build upon these values of peace and goodwill with a welcome for all and

an openness to everyone regardless of faith or circumstance. If you are able to join us for any of the Christmas festivities – be sure you will receive a warm welcome.

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