

Good News Of Great Joy For Everyone

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[0 : 0 0] The 25th of December, good news of great joy for everyone. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish, but have eternal life.

John 3.16 A happy Christmas! May each of you listening to this know the joy of the Lord this happy morning, and sing with the angels, glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to all whom God favors. Luke 2.14 Of course, remembering the birth of Jesus is a truly happy thing to do, because it tells us of the wonderful love of God for the world in which we live.

I know that on this day, all of us will be giving and receiving presents. I can picture in my mind's eye the thousands of poor children and elderly folk who will be receiving the boxes full of good things sent out by Blytheswood Care and other agencies.

A lovely thing to do. Gifts from caring people God's gift to us, a gift of love from our caring Creator, is none other than his own Son.

Yesterday we sang with Charles Wesley, Come, O Long-Expected Jesus. His hymn goes on, Born your people to deliver, Born a child and yet a king, Born to reign in us forever, Now your gracious kingdom bring.

[1 : 3 3] Let us bathe in the reality of God's love and the brilliant gift that comes with it, Eternal life, Through the eternal Son whom God has given to us.

I do pray this day will be a happy and blessed one for all of us. Please remember those folk who may be missing loved ones, or who may be ill, or all alone.

God bless you. And a prayer. Our thanks go out to you, O Lord, for the gifts of your love to us. Amen.