

## -LOVE CAME DOWN-

### Bringing HOPE and PEACE to the world

#### #Back to the START

“Go back to the start with all your heart”

In the first week of advent we will be reflecting on LOVE INCARNATE.

When Jesus came to dwell on earth, He was fully God and fully man. He became the visible message that generations spent disregarding. He came as a baby, He came as a servant and He came as a Saviour.

In our times of trying to understand God's word, we can sometimes lose the significance of simple truths when we try to live out the Word with our heads and not our hearts. Today message is to encourage us all to go back to the start with our hearts, because that is where we will truly meet with Jesus

***“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight” – Proverbs 3:5-6***

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## REFLECTION

1. What are the ways that you try to understand your relationship with God?
2. What are the things that have influenced your relationship with God the most?
3. In what ways have you found yourself trying to understand it all?
4. Why do you think the heart is more important than the head when it comes to Christ?
5. Spend time this week reflecting on Proverbs 3:5-6

## Prayers

- For church members who are unwell and/or who can no longer attend.
- For the Lunch Club and all who attend
- For Sarah, Sarah and their families
- For opportunities to share the gospel in our community, home & work lives
- For Amy, Ben and their families
- For Gaiya Popes family
- For Karen and family as they care for her nan due to terminal illness
- For open doors/opportunities to serve/help our community
- For the governmental challenges and Brexit negotiations at this time
- For our community during the Christmas season
- Celebrate the great work the emergency services carry out
- Celebrate the progress made in fighting against gun/knife crime in our city
- Celebrate the positive influence that CGL are having in our community
- Celebrate the year in the life of the church - all who have served , all who have attended and the relationships that have been formed from these
- Celebrate something that has been impactful in your life this week

## Today's Service

- Bible Reading
- **Songs**
  - ❖ My Jesus, my Saviour
  - ❖ My lips shall praise You
  - ❖ O come, o come Emmanuel
  - ❖ Angels from the realms of glory
  - ❖ Love came down at Christmas (theme song)

## Notices

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017

- Next Lunch club will be on **4<sup>th</sup> December 2017**
- Please continue to support our emergency food parcel cupboard by bringing in some things off the list in the foyer when you can
- Thursday morning prayer meeting **9.30am – 10.30am** (once a month)
- Wednesday bible study will recommence on **10 January 2018**
- **Next Strategy Meeting – 5 December 2017**
- **CMM Choir** – Stargazers – 10 December 2017 – at the Church – 6.30PM
- **Carol Service** – 22 December 2017 at 7PM
- Church Christmas Shared Lunch – **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December after the service**
- **The Nutcracker** – Saltmine Theatre Company – Central Baptist Church, Friday 15 December at 7PM – Tickets £10 Adults - £5 Child
- **Big Christmas Sing** – Tesco Springhill – 10 December – 1.30pm – 3.30pm – Turn up on the day if you want to join in (funds being raised for the winter night shelter)

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- **Flower Rota** - 10 December – Maurice
  - **Prayer** - 10 December – Kelly
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## Prayer for the Week

Love shall be our token,  
love be yours and love be mine;  
love to God and all men  
love for plea and gift and sign.

Love came down at Christmas,  
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Dear Lord,

I am sorry for the times that I have overcomplicated the true meaning of You in my life. Help me to return to you in the simplicity of my devotion to You alone.

Teach me how to align my heart with Yours. Help me to seek You in all things, help me not to lean on my own understanding but to wait in all I do for You to reveal Yourself to me.

Lord I come to You and pray that you would lead me back to the start, where You would help me to live, serve, pray and read Your word with all my heart

In Jesus' Name

**Amen**

## Notes

## Series – Theme Song

### Love came down at Christmas

Love came down at Christmas,  
love all lovely, Love divine;  
Love was born at Christmas;  
star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead,  
Love incarnate, Love divine;  
worship we our Jesus,  
but wherewith for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token,  
love be yours and love be mine;  
love to God and all men  
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*“Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.” - 1 John 4:8*