

-LOVE CAME DOWN-

Bringing HOPE and PEACE to the world

#What do you see?

“O come let us adore HIM”

In our third week of Advent – we will be reflecting HOLY LOVE.

That which is holy is set apart and pure – that is God. The wonderful thing about holy love is that God wants us to be holy as He is holy. Mary's song in Luke 1, we see her experience of God to be one of heart, mind and soul where she saw God for who He truly is – HOLY.

How we see things not only with our eyes but with our minds and hearts will often effect our view of God and also how and what we worship.

“But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.” – 1 Peter 1:15-16



REFLECTION

1. How do you see God?
2. Can you think of a time that you learnt to imitate someone or something?
3. In what ways do you imitate or follow Christ in holiness?
4. What do you think could be something that has influenced your life which has influenced how and what your worship?
5. Spend time reflecting on 1 Peter 1:15-16
6. Spend time in this week ahead – praying the prayer of the week

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 Merkel's friends Angela with eye complications and Sonia with cancer
- For the rising amount of children facing difficulties with mental health
- 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

Today's Service

- Bible Reading

John 3:16 and 1 Peter 1:15-16

- **Songs**

- ❖ Once in royal David's city
- ❖ While shepherds watched
- ❖ We three kings
- ❖ The first noel
- ❖ Love came down at Christmas (theme song)

Notices

Sunday 17th December 2017

- Next Lunch club will be on **18th 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 Deacons Meeting – 9th January 2017**
- **Carol Service** – 22 December 2017 at 7PM
- Church Christmas Shared Lunch – **Sunday 17th December TODAY after the service**
- Would you like to be a part of a prayer triplet? Please take time to prayerfully consider how this could be beneficial to yourself and to others in the church. We will be reflecting on this at the next church meeting in January

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- **Flower Rota** - 24 December – Irene
 - **Prayer** - 24 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.

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Father God

How I love that You are holy and my desire is to be holy like You. Help me to honour You in all my ways and in my life as You have set me apart as your child.

Search my heart Lord and mould me into the person You made me to be. Help me to let go of the things that are not of You and that separate me from You.

Purify my heart, cleanse my inner most thoughts. Help me question my motives and my thoughts of You and also those things which can influence me. - and if there is anything that is displeasing to You in my life..

You are the vine and I am the branch Lord and so help me to realise that I am nothing without you – may I come to ADORE you in every part of my life

In Jesus' Name

Amen

Notes

Series – Theme Song

Love came down at Christmas

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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
love for plea and gift and sign.

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“for the Mighty One has done great things for me—
holy is his name” – Luke 1:49