

-LOVE CAME DOWN-

Bringing HOPE and PEACE to the world

#It's all about EXPERIENCE

“How you know Him is how you will experience Him”

In our fourth week of Advent – we will be reflecting on – LOVE REVEALED.

Throughout scripture God chose to reveal Himself in some extraordinary ways and still continues to do so. But He also reveals Himself in more normal and truth filled ways. God chose to reveal Himself not as some powerful king but instead as a helpless baby in a feeding trough.

The experience of God became more personal when He became fully human – yet fully divine in His SON – Jesus

“Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?.” – Psalm 139:7



REFLECTION

1. Why do you think God needed to reveal Himself in Christ?
2. What is your experience of God revealing Himself to you?
3. Has there ever been a time when God has revealed Himself and you haven't responded?
4. Is there a time when you thought you heard God but never tested it first?
5. Take time to pray this week about what God may be revealing to you in your life at this time
6. Reflect on 1 John 4:1 this 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 Luke 2:11-12

- **Songs**

- ❖ Away in a manger
- ❖ In the bleak mid-winter
- ❖ Silent night
- ❖ O come all ye faithful
- ❖ Love came down at Christmas (theme song)

Notices

Sunday 24th December 2017

- Next Lunch club will be on **15th January 2018**
- 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 2018**
- **Next Church Meeting – 28 January 2018**
- Would you like to be a part of a prayer triplet? Please take time to prayerfully consider how this could be beneficial to you 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** - 31 December – Kelly
 - **Prayer** - 31 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,
Love came down at Christmas,
Love came down at Christmas.

Father God

I long to know you more, I long to walk more closely with you, to know your heart and your ways in my life. Lead me back to that place where you open my eyes to your very nature and the peace and hope that come from that.

I thank you for Your love coming down to us – to live and die amongst us. To show us that there is a better way because all Your ways are good.

Reveal yourself to me in ways that I can understand Lord and help me to take notice and to follow you willingly.

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
love for plea and gift and sign.

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

“Today your Saviour was born in the town of David. He is Christ, the Lord. This is how you will know him: You will find a baby wrapped in pieces of cloth and lying in a feeding box.”

– Luke 2:11-12