Christmas Message - The Gift of Christmas

Whether you have a wind-up, FM or DAB digital radio, it won't be long before we are all listening to those annual Christmas playlists! Wizard will soon be wishing it could be Christmas every day, Aled will be walking in the air and Slade shouting out the reminder that “iiitsss Christmaaaaas!”

But what does Christmas mean to you? For billions of Christians around the world, we are celebrating the astonishing fact that the Almighty, infinite God took on the fragility of human life, with all its associated risks and vulnerabilities, to live among us and ultimately to save us through his death and resurrection.

The greatest Christmas gift of all, and for all, was wrapped in scraps of cloth, laid in an animal feeding trough and placed in the care of a refugee family.

And this is what makes the Christmas story so extraordinary. God didn't choose a palace, a position of power or a life of privilege to reveal himself to the world. Instead, he came as a vulnerable baby, born into an ordinary family, in difficult circumstances. His arrival reminds us that nobody is beyond God's love, nobody is forgotten and that hope can be found even in the most unlikely of places.

In a world where so many people are experiencing uncertainty, loneliness, conflict and hardship, the message of Christmas feels as important as ever. The gift of Jesus is one of love, peace, hope and a promise that God is with us, whatever life brings. So, amidst the festive music, the presents, the food and the celebrations, may we pause for a moment to remember the greatest gift of all. A gift freely given, not just for Christmas, but for every day and for everyone.

Wishing you all a very happy, peaceful and blessed Christmas,

Rev Becky

