

# Where's Your Chair?

Christmas Day



Light has sprung up for the righteous and joy for the true of heart.  
Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name.  
Psalm 97:11-12

## **Praising:**

Joy to the world, the Lord is  
come!

Let earth receive her King;  
let ev'ry heart prepare him room,  
and heav'n and nature sing.

## **Reading:**

John 1:1-14

The birth of Jesus

A child. Flesh and blood. Hunger, thirst, mess and need. No one was expecting God to send himself and to come as a human being. No more envoys or messengers. No more spokesmen or ambassadors. This is God changing the spiritual rules in a fundamental way. St John's declaration of the mystery serves as much to explain what has happened, as to acknowledge that it is utterly unexplainable! What John's

words do very successfully though, is point us to the aspect of the incarnation we are all able to grasp: God will eat, drink, touch, smell and taste. God will feel and think; he will talk and walk; he will rest and sleep. God will wince and cry out; he will ache and groan; he will feel life leave his body and die. And then, three days later...

## **Listening:**

## **Praying:**

We remember especially

- those who are working today, keeping vital amenities and emergency services going
- those who are sick or ill, at home or in hospital, unable to share in the joy of this day
- those who separated from the ones they love, by distance, by disagreement or by death

Father: the wonder of your coming I can't take in, the reality of your coming I take in with every new breath. I thank you today for the truth of the former, and for the joy of the latter. Amen

## **Doing:**

Friday, 25 December 2015