

Where's Your Chair?

New Year's Day



You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.
Psalm 65:11

Praising:

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided, urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way, sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided, Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Reading:

Luke 2: 15-21

The shepherds go to investigate

It's more than idle curiosity that sends the shepherds hurrying to find Jesus. What happens when they do track Mary and Joseph down is essentially a conversation. The shepherds relate their angelic experience and what they had been told about the child in front of them. The reaction is amazement but of course at a deeper level for

Jesus' parents, this is confirmation. Their work of corroboration done, the shepherds leave the stable in Bethlehem and return to their fields and sheep. After the joy and festivity of Christmas, normality and routine return for all of us – sometimes with quite a bump. But how had the shepherds' encounter with the infant Christ changed them? And as we step into a new year today, how will we allow our Where is your chair? encounter with Christ to change us?

Listening:

Praying:

As site work begins on restoring the Church we pray

- that worship and witness would continue unbroken for our whole church family
- that individual pastoral needs would not go unnoticed through the upheaval
- that we would rise to the financial challenge and service our borrowing faithfully

Father: as day follows night, the birth of your Son has kindled for us a light which will never fail. May it be our peace in the night and our strength in the day. Amen

Doing:

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