

## Revd Michael Christmas Message 2015

The message of christmas, and the joy that it brings ,is new and vibrant every year. This is because the coming of Jesus in the form of a child can give us hope and bring us peace. The story of the nativity is a famous one, and a well known one. There will not be many people in this country , and in many parts of the world, who will not know about Jesus being born in a stable and being visited by shepherds, and later wise men . Even people of other faiths, and none , know the story of the birth of Jesus. But familiarity and sameness of the story, does not diminish the glory and freshness of the message. Even in the old story being retold, new opportunities arise for mission and evangelism. The Gospel of Jesus and his love for us as human beings is never outdated or diminished, and it is up to us to make sure that people know that this festival is about the birth of jesus, not the latest star wars Lego toy or how many lights you have outside your front door .

So as christian's it's our joy, delight and commitment to Jesus that we show the true meaning of Christmas and spread the Good news of Jesus's love for them , by coming among us as a human and sharing his life with us .

"God is love and those who live in love live in God" .

May you have a happy and Holy Christmas

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