



St Ives Uniting Church

25 December 2024

Christmas Day

Call to worship and welcome

Hymn: 304 O come, all ye faithful (verses 1,5,6,7)

Opening prayers

Assurance of forgiveness

God sent the Son into the world,
not to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through him.
Those who believe in him are not condemned.

**Hallelujah! Glory to God in the highest heaven, and
on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests**

Hymn: 318 Away in a manger

Bible reading:

Luke 2:1-14

Caroline Turner

¹In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ²(This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³And everyone went to their own town to register.

⁴So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he

belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.”

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: Peace on earth.

Hymn: 313 Good Christians all, rejoice

Prayers for the world and all people

The Lord's prayer

Blessing

Hymn: 268 Joy to the world

Postlude

Organist

John Hughes



