## The gift of Christmas?

For many of us there are different kinds of gifts that we look forward to at Christmas. For younger people it may be the much dreamed of Christmas present from Father Christmas. For us older folks, it might be a present from friends or family. Or maybe one of the gifts of Christmas we enjoy is time off from work, and time with people we love.

For some of us however, Christmas is a difficult time, when we feel grief, disappointment or loneliness more deeply.

Whilst we may come to Christmas with different emotions, the original Christmas gift, Jesus – God coming and living among us, is still the greatest one, and can meet with us over the Christmas season, however we feel.

You are warmly invited to join us this Christmas to find out more about this gift. We pray that like the visitors on the first Christmas; we will be touched by the gentle yet joyful presence of God.

Wishing you a peaceful and blessed Christmas

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