



## Why did God's Son come to earth from heaven?

It's nearly Christmas! Soon the Chapel will celebrate the coming of God's eternal Son into our world singing words from much loved Christmas Carols such as - *He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all ...* but **why** did he come?

Recently I attended a truly lovely Thanksgiving Service for someone who grew up in the village. As a boy Roy Partridge attended the Sunday School at Five Ash Down Chapel. Understanding the answer to this question changed his life forever.

In a number of places, the Bible tells us why the Son of God came to earth. For example, in his Gospel John writes: *God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.*

The reason we need to be saved is that our Creator is holy so He must punish sin. Roy, like myself and indeed like everybody else, had sinned and his sin had to be dealt with. But God sent His Son into the world to bear the punishment that our thoughts and rebellious acts deserved. This is why God sent His Son into the world - to save us from having to suffer for our sins.

I love a beautiful hymn that expresses it in this way: *'He died that we might be forgiven He died to make us good that we might go at last to heaven saved by His precious blood'*. Roy believed this and lived for the Lord Jesus - now he is with Him. God has saved him and will save everyone who truly repents and believes on Him.

I do hope you'll join us over the Christmas period and indeed whenever you can possibly make it! You would be so welcome!

Happy Christmas - take care - sincerely,

George Rabey

(Pastor)





While shepherds watched their flocks by night,  
all seated on the ground,  
the angel of the Lord came down,  
and glory shone around.

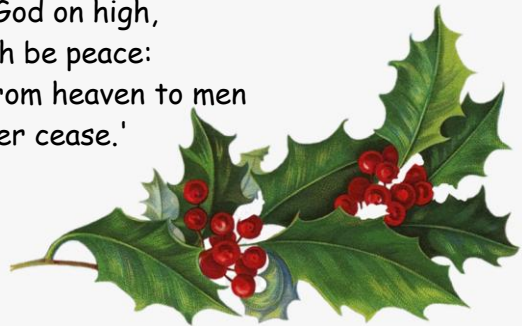
'Fear not!' said he, for mighty dread  
had seized their troubled mind;  
'Glad tidings of great joy I bring  
to you and all mankind.

'To you in David's town this day  
is born, of David's line,  
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;  
and this shall be the sign:

'The heavenly babe you there shall find  
to human view displayed,  
all meanly wrapped in swaddling bands,  
and in a manger laid.'

Thus spoke the seraph, and forthwith  
appeared a shining throng  
of angels praising God, who thus  
addressed their joyful song:

'All glory be to God on high,  
and to the earth be peace:  
goodwill henceforth from heaven to men  
begin and never cease.'





**You are invited to join us for our Carol Service  
at Five Ash Down Chapel  
on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 3.00 p.m.  
Refreshments will follow**

**Five Ash Down Chapel Services**

**Sunday Services**

are at 11.00 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.

**Good News Group**

Sundays 11.00 a.m. to 12 noon  
(Children 3 years and over)

**Prayer and Bible Study**

Thursdays 7.30 p.m.

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