

*Happy
Christmas!*



We light our first advent candle for peace.

We light our second advent candle for hope.

We light our third Advent candle for joy.

We light our fourth Advent candle for light.

We light our centre Advent Candle for Jesus who loves us all.

(1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th red Candles are lit & then centre white candle)

The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)

What on earth are we waiting for?

We are waiting for love

The waiting is over.

Jesus is born.

Jesus is love.

Come Lord Jesus.

Come fill the earth with love.

Be at the centre of our Christmas.

We welcome lots of things on Christmas Day

We welcome you, Jesus.

We welcome visits from family and friends

We welcome you, Jesus.

We welcome the gifts that people give us

We welcome you, Jesus.

We welcome yummy food

We welcome you, Jesus.

We are welcomed into your family

We welcome you, Jesus.

On this Christmas Day

We welcome you, Jesus.

On all days

We welcome you, Jesus.

Amen.



At that time Emperor Augustus ordered a census to be taken throughout the Roman Empire.

When this first census took place, Quirinius was the governor of Syria.

Everyone, then, went to register himself, each to his own hometown.

Joseph went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to the town of Bethlehem in Judea, the birthplace of King David.

Joseph went there because he was a descendant of David.

He went to register with Mary, who was promised in marriage to him.

She was pregnant, and while they were in Bethlehem, the time came for her to have her baby.

At that birth, the first census was taken, and his name was

She was pregnant, and while they were in Bethlehem, the time came for her to have her baby. She gave birth to her first son, wrapped him in cloths and laid him in a manger—there was no room for them to stay in the inn.



As you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so continue to live in him.

Keep your roots deep in him and have your lives built on him.

Be strong in the faith, just as you were taught.

And always be thankful.

Be sure that no one leads you away with false ideas and words that mean nothing.

Those ideas come from men.

They are the worthless ideas of this world.

They are not from Christ.

All of God lives fully in Christ - even when Christ was on earth.

And in him you have a full and true life.

He is ruler over all rulers and powers.