

**Church Newsround – December 2011**

**The Sisters of The Community of St Francis Invite you to an EPIPHANY CAROL SERVICE on Friday 6th January 2012**

at 7.30pm to be held at the Parish Church of St Wilfrid, Metheringham.

This is a service of readings and carols followed by Mulled Wine and Mince Pies in the Church Hall.

For Catering Purposes it would be helpful if you could let us know if you are able to come to this service. We do hope you can join us.

Please RSVP by the 18th December.

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**St Wilfrid's Church**

We hope to have the Church open for two hours during December from 10am to 12 mid-day.

We would welcome volunteers to man the Church.

Please contact the Church Wardens - Margaret Amos or Rod Sanders

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**25<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER - HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS !**

**The Christmas Message from The Bishop of Lincoln**

It is always salutary that Christmas Day is immediately followed by a series of saints' days, which in a spiritual sense 'sober us up' from the excesses of Christmas.

On Boxing Day, we have the story of the death of the Church's first martyr, St Stephen; and then a few days later we shall focus on the death of the Holy Innocents - those children murdered by Herod in an attempt to kill the infant Messiah - and then after that we shall be remembering the great English saint, Thomas a Becket who was murdered by the King's men on the steps of the altar of his cathedral Church at Canterbury in 1170.

What do we learn from this?

We learn that the joy of the birth of the infant Jesus leads inexorably to suffering and death: his own suffering and death and the suffering and death of those who follow him.

The great Welsh poet and priest, R. S. Thomas, makes this point in his poem, 'The Coming'. In this poem the Son of God, standing outside human time with his heavenly Father, looks down on the earth - an earth which is deeply unhappy and dysfunctional - and the Son sees his own death:

And God held in his hand  
A small globe. Look, he said.  
The son looked. Far off,  
As through water, he saw  
A scorched land of fierce  
Colour. The light burned  
There; crusted buildings  
Cast their shadows; a bright  
Serpent, a river  
Uncoiled itself, radiant  
With slime.  
On a bare  
Hill a bare tree saddened  
The sky. Many people

Held out their thin arms  
To it, as though waiting  
For a vanished April  
To return to its crossed  
Boughs. The son watched  
Them. Let me go there, he said.

Let me unpack this:

At home we have two sets of Russian dolls - you know the sort, the ones that begin with a big outer doll, and inside there is another doll that is slightly smaller and inside that, another one and so on until you finally reach one tiny whole doll, which somehow is the essence of all the others. Picked up on a couple of trips to Russia, the first one was a traditional babushka, with lots of smaller ones inside it.

Then (presumably manufactured for the tourists) there was one of Russian heads of state – it began with Mr Putin, went through Yeltsin, Gorbachev, Andropov, Brezhnev, Khrushchev, Stalin, Lenin and so on – the last one was a small whole doll of Tsar Peter the Great. I suppose this made the point that in the end these Russian leaders are all the same.

If we made a Russian doll for Christmas, it could make the point that at Christmas many of us begin with what is superficial, but have the opportunity to go deeper.

We would begin with the outer doll. This depicts what we might call the yuletide feast.

By this I mean all the secular celebrations - many of these originate more from the winter solstice than the birth of Jesus - the parties, the time off the work, the need to celebrate the beginning of a new year and so on. These are not bad things and I can't imagine the winter without the Christmas and New Year break. It would be long and dark and depressing – but surely there is more to it than this . . .

The first doll is decorated with a scene of jolly revellers.

This second doll might depict what we might call the 'magic of Christmas for children.' Many people see Christmas as being primarily for the kids and at this level we have the stories of Santa Claus, his reindeers and elf helpers and of course, the excitement of waking early on Christmas morning to discover what gifts have been left. We remember the excitement of our own childhood and, if we are parents or grandparents, we see it again in the younger generations. Again, this is a good thing in itself and to be enjoyed.

Doll Two depicts a scene of excited children opening their Christmas presents early on Christmas morning.

We come to a third doll and another layer of truth.

Here we find the Christmas stories from the Bible. These stories are so much part of Christmas for many: angels and shepherds, wise men, stables, and donkeys and, of course, a baby asleep in a manger: all the imagery that we see in nativity plays and sing about in Christmas carols.

Doll Three would depict the holy family in Bethlehem.

Is that the final doll or are there further smaller dolls inside? Well I think there is at least one more because behind the scene at Bethlehem, there could be another doll that depicts the whole of Jesus' life, culminating in his death and his resurrection. The angels and shepherds only make sense for a Christian because Jesus rose from the dead. The events surrounding the beginning of the life of Jesus only fall into place because of what happened at the end. Christians begin with the resurrection, because angels sang at Jesus' birth because he was raised from the dead.

So for Doll Four we could have a depiction of Jesus on the cross or a scene of the empty tomb.

Is that it or is there one more?

Well, yes. When we look at the Son of Man who lived and died for us, we see someone who points beyond himself to his heavenly Father; to God himself and his love for the world.

And here we come to it - the small doll, whole in itself, at the heart of all the larger dolls of Christmas - and this final doll, complete in itself, depicts the love of God for his world.

This is the kernel of Christmas.

So here we have our Christian Russian doll - jolly revellers painted on the first one, excited children opening their gifts on the next, the baby Jesus on the next, then the grown up Jesus on the cross and finally, the love of God on the last one.

But how would I portray something as abstract as the love of God?

We all might have our own ideas about that, but perhaps I could offer as an example from another English saint, Dame Julian of Norwich, who depicted the whole of creation – created, sustained and redeemed by the love of God – through a small and perfect hazelnut. Speaking of one her miraculous visions she said this:

**'In this vision he showed me a little thing, the size of a hazelnut, and it was round as a ball. I looked at it with the eye of my understanding and thought, "What may this be?" And it was generally answered thus: "It is all that is made." I marvelled how it might last, for it seemed it might suddenly have sunk into nothing because of its littleness. And I was answered in my understanding: "It lasts and ever shall, because God loves it."**

So there we have it – we move from the jolly but superficial partygoers looking for a break in the dark winter to the profound truth of that final, small doll depicting God's love – surprising, gracious and compassionate.

This is the essence of Christmas; it's up to us how deep we want to go.

My wife Susan and I send each and every one of you our good wishes for a peaceful Christmastide and a very happy New Year.

**+Christopher Lincoln:**

### **From the Registers**

#### **Baptisms**

*We welcome into God's Family*

Mia - Grace Raymond

Baptised at St. Oswald's

Saturday 5th November 2011

#### **Weddings**

*We pray for those starting married life together.*

Katherine Clarkson and

Michael Everette

Saturday, 5th November at St. Oswald's

**January is the time to renew and pay for your subscriptions to the magazine. Thank you. Happy Christmas.**

**Our longest serving magazine deliverer has now retired. Many thanks Joyce ! Ed**

**St Wilfrid's Flower Festival 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> May 2012**

There will be a meeting in January to discuss the forthcoming Flower Festival. Date of the meeting to be arranged. If you would like to help please contact Doreen Blackband on 321284. Thank You. DB.

**The Community of St Francis, Drury Street, Metheringham  
'San Damiano'**

**Service Times over the Christmas and New Year**

Christmas Eve Saturday 24th December. CLOSED

Christmas Day Sunday 25th December. CLOSED

**Monday 26th December** (Feast of St Stephen).

**Midday Prayer at 12 followed by a Eucharist at 12.15**

Tuesday 27th December. CLOSED

**Wednesday 28th December** (Holy Innocents).

**Evening Prayer 5.30pm**

**Eucharist 6.30pm**

Thursday 29th December—Tuesday 3rd January: The Community is CLOSED to guests.

Normal Timetable resumes on Wednesday 4th January

**The Enthronement of the Right Reverend Christopher Lowson – 12 November 2011**

The enthronement of our 72<sup>nd</sup> Bishop in the Cathedral on Saturday 12 November was a spectacular and memorable occasion for those of us lucky enough to be present.

The planning and organisation for the day must have been enormous, but it meant that everything, from the three knocks on the Cathedral door by the new Bishop, to the picnic meal under our seats, seemed to flow without a hitch.

After the renewal of baptismal commitment, the new bishop declared himself ready to serve our diocese and was installed in his 'Cathedra' in St. Hugh's choir with due pomp and ceremony. After formal welcomes from civic and church leaders, all the congregation was invited to take communion, and finally, after nearly three hours, the service was over. The sun had come out and shone through the stained glass windows, making patterns on the pillars as we sat and enjoyed our 'Lincolnshire' lunch of pork pie, plum bread, apple, crisps and biscuits. The Bishop then returned, unexpectedly, and while encouraging us not to stop eating, thanked everyone involved for making it such a special day.

I think we all felt very honoured to have been part of this day, and look forward to meeting our new bishop sometime in the future.

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**A Concert of Remembrance – 11 November 2011**

Many months ago, Jill Corah told M.A.D. that she wanted to mark the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month of 2011 with a concert with a difference, and she persuaded the group to help turn her idea into reality.

The evening's programme included readings, poems and songs covering the periods of the two world wars and also more recent conflicts.

There were readings from the Imperial War Museum archives: a letter from a 1<sup>st</sup> World War soldier about to go 'over the top', to his 'best of wives', and a personal description of the horror of war in the trenches. There was a monologue, written and delivered by a local man, from the soldier who stands on top of the village war memorial.

Material from the Second World War included a description of life as an evacuee and also the true story of 'Irene's war drawers'.

The poems and songs chosen came from the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, from Christina Rossetti's 'Remember', through 'It's a long way to Tipperary' to songs from 'Miss Saigon' and 'Les Miserables'. There was also a sequence of slides displayed beside the stage to complement the readings and poems.

The evening ended with the traditional bugle call and the words of remembrance. The lines above are a very bare description of an extremely moving but enjoyable evening, the memory of which will remain for a long time.

### **MAD's "A Concert of Remembrance"**

I had to write to congratulate MAD on an amazing performance in their Concert of Remembrance. Everything about it was wonderful, and there was such variety and such talent. I feel it is worthy of touring the country and being on professional theatre. Terry Gosling's "Lincolnshire Soldier" was the high spot for me, with the pictures on the screen at the side adding to the impact. I wonder if it has been published? If not, I believe it should be more widely known. It would be a fitting piece to be read out at the Royal Albert Hall Festival of Remembrance. I know that from now on I will think of the reading every time I go past the Metheringham war memorial.

Please pass on my congratulations to the director, the producer and the cast.

We come to most of MAD's performances and always enjoy them.

With renewed congratulations and best wishes. *Nocton Lady*

### **Dunston St. Peter's Church of England Primary School**

On October 19<sup>th</sup> the pupils had a fantastic Cluster Day (which we hold every year) when our children mixed together with children from Digby, Potterhanworth and Nocton schools. This year our theme was Art. At Dunston, the Years 5 and 6 children from the four schools painted some wonderful watercolours with Jenny Bell and also enjoyed doing some graffiti art with an artist called James Mayle. Artists at other schools included Louise Hill (clay "Men of the forest"), Nikki Dillerstone (fabric work) and Janet Scholley (leaf sculptures). The quote of the day for me was from a pupil at Dunston who had just completed a watercolour with Jenny Bell when they said, "I never knew that I could paint a picture as good as that one".

On November 1<sup>st</sup> a representative from Anglian Water came into school to explain to the children where their clean water comes from and where their dirty water goes. It was a fascinating talk with lots of "Urgghh" noises along the way!

We are now started our Christmas events. Last Friday (November 11<sup>th</sup>), the Friends shopping evening raised almost £400 for the school. Our Christmas Fayre takes place in the school at 3.15 on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will be holding the school's Carol Service, which will be led by classes 2 and 3, on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6.00pm in St. Peter's Church. We will also be taking the whole school to the pantomime at Lincoln Theatre Royal on December 15<sup>th</sup>.  
Graham Boyall Headteacher

### **SERVICES FOR DECEMBER IN THE THREE PARISHES**

#### **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> ( and each Thursday )**

9.00am Holy Communion – St. Wilfrid's

#### **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> The Second Sunday of Advent**

8.00am Holy Communion – St. Wilfrid's

9.00am Holy Communion – St. Peter's

10.30am United Toy Service – Metheringham Methodist Church

#### **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Churches Together – St. Peter's**

6.30pm Light a Light Carol Service

#### **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> The Third Sunday of Advent**

9.00am Holy Communion – St. Oswald's

9.00am Morning Worship – St. Peter's

10.30am Holy Communion – St. Wilfrid's

#### **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Family Service with St. Peter's School**

2.15pm School Carol Service

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>                      The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

9.00am Holy Communion – St. Peter's

10.30am                      Carols & Readings in preparation for Christmas Day – St. Wilfrid's

4.30pm Candlelight Service of Nine Lessons and Carols –  
St. Oswald's

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>                      Christmas Eve**

6.00pm Crib Service

11.30pm Churches Together, Carols by Candlelight, Dunston Chap

11.30pm Holy Communion – St. Wilfrid's

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>                      Christmas Day**

9.00am Holy Communion - St. Oswald's

9.30am Churches Together Family Communion – St. Peter's  
(Children please bring a toy )

**January 2012**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>.                      The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas**

8.00am Holy Communion – St. Wilfrid's

9.00am Holy Communion – St. Peter's

10.30am United Service – St Wilfrid's

**Metheringham WI News**

Terry Richard's Christmas Memories overcame the acoustics of the village hall due to his strong voice coupled with a Yorkshire accent.

There was cooking advice interspersed with songs, stories, excerpts from TV programmes, poems, and historical facts. He played recorded snatches of familiar Christmas songs :- Winter Wonderland, I'm dreaming of a white Christmas, Santa Claus is coming to town & Rocking around the Christmas Tree – to name but a few and of course Jingle Bells and Rudolf.

There were poems by Pam Eyres, a mention of Dicken's famous story – A Christmas Carol and excerpts from Morecombe & Wise shows.

Historical Facts :- Queen Victoria introduced carols around the Christmas Tree. Cards became popular with the "Penny Post" and in 1836 Christmas was introduced as a public holiday in America.

The household cooking and household tips would be useful for the few WI non-cooks !!!

It is the sound of Church Bells that really herald Christmas and are synonymous with the festival.

For me it is the carol Silent Night and now the interesting fact that the initial accompaniment was composed for the guitar.

A thank you to Terry for his informative talk and quiz.

Future events – Wednesday December 21<sup>st</sup> – Christmas Social. JS

**Metal Theft Issue Continues**

The Archdeacon of Lincoln strongly encourages people to sign this petition electronically: <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/406>. Metal theft from churches and other historic buildings around Lincolnshire is continuing, with the medieval Bishops' Palace targeted recently.

**What can you do to help ?**

Simple - please report any suspicious activity around the churches (or any buildings for that matter) to the Police immediately. Thank you.

**Connect & Encourage Christians suffering for their faith!**

This Christmas, why not send a Christmas card to a Christian who is facing some sort of persecution, or even imprisonment, for their faith?

Christian Solidarity Worldwide has a scheme called 'Connect & Encourage' which helps you to do just that. CSW works for religious freedom through advocacy and human rights worldwide, and can provide you with names and addresses of people to contact. As CSW explains: "Often we can't visit those who are persecuted for their faith, but we can still encourage them. You can be an encouragement by sending these prisoners a card or a letter to bring them hope. This touches them right where they are, demonstrating that they're not forgotten. Your cards also remind the prison authorities that we haven't forgotten the injustice of the prisoner's situation, and are persistently advocating for their welfare in the international community."

The people listed in Connect & Encourage – from human rights activists and lawyers to church leaders, persecuted Christians and their families – benefit tremendously from your letters or cards. For more details, go to: [www.csw.org.uk/connectandencourage.htm](http://www.csw.org.uk/connectandencourage.htm) PP

### **Prompting**

The boy forgot his lines in the Christmas Sunday School drama presentation. His mother, sitting in the front row tried to prompt him, gesturing and forming the words silently with her lips, but it didn't help. Her son's memory was blank. Finally she leaned forward and whispered the cue, "I am the angel Gabriel!" The child beamed with acknowledgment and in a loud, clear voice so that everyone in the congregation could hear said, "My Mommy is the angel Gabriel!" PP

### **Francis Xavier - the seasick missionary who struggled with languages**

Ignatius Loyala sent his friend and follower Francis Xavier (born 1506) to the Orient as a missionary. What a missionary! Imagine David Livingstone, Billy Graham and the Alpha Courses rolled into one. His mass conversions became legendary – he baptised 10,000 people in one month and in just ten years of work was credited with 700,000 conversions. Xavier became the most famous Jesuit missionary of all time, working so hard that he had only a few hours' sleep each night. He was known as 'the Apostle of the Indies' and 'the apostle of Japan'. He began by reforming Goa, which contained numerous Portuguese Catholics, notorious for cruelty to their slaves, open concubinage, and neglect of the poor. For three years, by example, preaching and writing verses on Christian truths set to popular tunes, Francis did much to offset this betrayal of Christ by bad Christians.

For the next seven years he worked among the Paravas in southern India, in Ceylon, Malacca, the Molucca islands, and the Malay peninsula. He met with immense success among the low-caste but with almost none among the Brahmins.

In 1549 he ventured on to Japan, translated an abridged statement of Christian belief, and made a hundred converts in one year at Kagoshima alone. When he left Japan, the total number of Japanese Christians was about 2,000; within 60 years they were resisting fierce persecution, even to death.

Wherever Xavier sailed, he left after him numerous organised Christian communities. Not bad for a man who suffered seasickness and had trouble in learning foreign languages! Xavier died in 1551, on his way to China. His body was preserved and enshrined for many years. His right arm was detached in 1615 and is still preserved in the church of the Gesu at Rome. He was canonized by Gregory XV in 1622, and declared Patron of the Foreign Missions by Pius XI in 1927. PP

### **St Nicholas 6<sup>th</sup> December**

Father Christmas seems to be as old as Europe. Once he was Woden, lashing his rein-deer through the darkness of northern midwinter. Then he encountered the Church, and She transformed him into a saint, the much-loved Nicholas, Bishop of Myra (in south-west Turkey) in the fourth century. St Nicholas became the patron saint of children, and was given 6 December as his day.

Since the 6th century St Nicholas has been venerated in both East and West, though virtually nothing is known of his life. Some believe he may have been one of the fathers at the Council of Nicea (325), imprisoned during the Emperor Diocletian's persecution.

According to legend, Nicholas was an extremely generous man. He revived three schoolboys murdered by an innkeeper in a tub of pickles. He rescued three young women from

prostitution by giving their poverty-stricken father three bags of gold. (Hence the use of three gold balls as the pawnbroker's signs.)

Over the centuries many, including children, sailors, unmarried girls, pawnbrokers and moneylenders have claimed him as their patron.

Perhaps it was on account of S Nicholas' generosity that in recent centuries children began to write little notes sometime before 6 December, to tell him about the toys they specially wanted.

These notes were then left on the windowsill at night - or else on a ledge in the chimney.

But St Nicholas Day chanced to lie in the magnetic field of a much more potent festival.... and after awhile his activities were moved towards Christmas. Then in Bavaria the children still left their notes on the window sill, but they addressed them to Liebes Christkind - Krishkinkle as they knew him - and the saint's part in the matter was simply to deliver the letters in heaven.

The most popular result of the cult of St Nicholas has been the institution of Santa Claus. He is based on Nicholas' patronage of children and the custom in the Low Countries of giving presents on his feast. Santa Claus has reached his zenith in America, where the Dutch Protestants of New Amsterdam (New York) united to it Nordic folklore legends of a magician who both punished naughty children and rewarded good ones with presents. PP

### **How Father Christmas got where he is today**

One person you are bound to run into this Christmas season is Father Christmas. These days he seems to frequent shopping malls and garden centres. If he looks tired, just remember that he has been around a long time, and gone through a lot of transformations. Father Christmas wasn't always the red-suited, white-bearded star of the retail trade that he is today. He began life as Nicholas, born way back about AD260 in Patara, an important port on the southern coast of what is now Turkey. When his parents died and left him a fortune, Nicholas gave it away to the poor. He became a bishop of the nearby city of Myra, where he almost certainly suffered persecution and imprisonment at the hand of the Roman Emperor Diocletian.

Nicholas was a serious theologian: he was a participant at the First Council of Nicaea, which formulated the Creed which we still say today. He even, reportedly, slapped another bishop in a squabble over the exact nature of the Trinity.

Nicholas died in Myra about AD343, but the stories of his generosity and kindness were just beginning. One enduring tale tells of the three girls whom he rescued from certain prostitution by giving them gold for their dowries. When the father confronted him to thank him, Nicholas said he should thank God alone.

In the UK, Nicholas became the basis for Father Christmas, who emerged in Victorian times as a jolly-faced bearded character. Meanwhile, Dutch and German settlers had taken him to America with them as Sinter Klaas and Sankt Nicklas.

It was in America that Nicholas received his final two great breaks into real stardom. The first was when the Rev Clement C Moore, a New York Episcopal minister, turned from his life-work of writing a Hebrew/English lexicon, to write a fun poem for his children one Christmas. His 'The Visit of St Nicholas' is now universally known by its first line: 'T'was the Night Before Christmas'.

From Clement Moore we discovered that St Nicholas is round and pink-cheeked and white-bearded, and that he travels at night with sleigh, reindeer and a sack of toys on his back. It was Clement Moore who also revealed that St Nicholas enters houses down chimneys and fills children's stockings with toys and sweets.

So how did we find out that Father Christmas wears red? That was the US Coca-Cola advertising campaign of 1931, who finally released the latest, up-to-date pictures of Father Christmas: wearing a bright red, fur-trimmed coat and a large belt.

These days, it is good that Father Christmas uses reindeer and doesn't have to pay for petrol. In order to get round all the children in the world on Christmas Eve, he will have to travel 221 million miles at an average speed of 1279 miles a second, 6,395 times the speed of sound. For all those of us who are exhausted just rushing around getting ready for Christmas, that is a sobering thought. PP

## Christmas presents

Catching her in the act, I confronted our 3-year-old granddaughter. "Are you opening your little sister's presents?" I demanded. "No," she innocently replied, "I'm just helping her share."

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## Virgin mother

A ten-year old, under the tutelage of her grandmother, was becoming quite knowledgeable about the Bible. Then one day she floored her grandmother by asking, "Which Virgin was the mother of Jesus? The Virgin Mary or the King James Virgin?"

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## Where is the baby?

For weeks, a six-year old lad kept telling his nursery teacher about the baby brother or sister that was expected at his house. One day the mother allowed the boy to feel the movements of the unborn child. The six-year old was obviously impressed, but made no comment. Furthermore, he stopped telling his teacher about the impending event. The teacher finally sat the boy on her lap and said, "Tommy, whatever has become of that baby brother or sister you were expecting at home?" Tommy burst into tears and confessed, "I think Mummy ate it!"

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## Red

What goes red white red white red white?  
Santa rolling down a hill.

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## Christmas turkey

So a gentleman walks into a restaurant and asks the maitre d', "Can you please tell me how you prepare your Christmas turkeys?" To which the maitre d' replies, "Yes. We let them know right up front they're not going to make it."

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## Wiped out

Just got home and found all the windows and doors open and everything has gone.  
What kind of sick twisted person does that to someone's advent calendar?

## Quotes

### With Christmas in mind...

For history the really strong argument in favour of the virgin birth is the difficulty of accounting for the story otherwise than on the assumption of its truth. H R Mackintosh

Christ is the great central fact in the world's history. To him everything looks forward or backward. All the lines of history converge upon him. C H Spurgeon

There were only a few shepherds at the first Bethlehem. The ox and the ass understood more of the first Christmas than the high priests in Jerusalem. And it is the same today  
Thomas Merton

At Christmas, play and make good cheer; for Christmas comes but once a year. Thomas  
Tusser

When Jesus came to earth, it was not his Godhead he laid aside, but his glory. Anon God became man to turn creatures into sons; not simply to produce better men of the old kind but to produce a new kind of man. C S Lewis.

The mystery of the humanity of Christ, that he sunk himself into our flesh, is beyond all human understanding. Martin Luther

"I can get more out of God by believing him for one minute than by shouting at him all night!"  
- Smith Wigglesworth