



## FROM THE CHAPLAIN

**Can you tell that I love Christmas time?**



*(These fabulous decorations were from our Year 6 Dinner that took place this week).*

When you celebrate Christmas, what are you celebrating? I am celebrating the birth of Jesus who was a gift of God. Check out the bible reading below.

*9 God showed his love for us when he sent his only Son into the world to give us life. 10 Real love isn't our love for God, but his love for us. God sent his Son to be the sacrifice by which our sins are forgiven. 11 Dear friends, since God loved us this much, we must love each other.*

- 1 John 4

**The first Christmas was when God gifted us his Son (v.9).** God's gift to us is both unique and precious – Jesus is God's one and only Son God. God gave Jesus because Jesus in turn would give us life. But how does a baby give life?

**Jesus would give life by sacrificing himself (v.10).** It is not baby Jesus that is sacrificed, but the man Jesus. Jesus is the only gift that took 32 years to unwrap!

During his life Jesus was sinless. In a way, He is more human than us. Jesus taught that God would rightly judge everyone for their inhumanity. But Jesus also said that he was willing to be judged in our place, he would offer us life by dying for us. But what do we do with this?

**We take the initiative in loving others because God took the initiative with us (v.11) .** Let God's love for you fuel your love for others. For the Christian, Christmas is all year round!

This Christmas PLEASE know that God loves you so much that he gave you his Son. Celebrate Christmas by putting your faith in Jesus; sharing your faith in Jesus; and by living your faith in Jesus. Merry Christmas Thomas Hassall Family – see you in 2023!

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