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FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Christmas is coming and things are getting sparkly! I knew Christmas was close when I walked into the PDHPE staffroom and nearly collapsed!



Christmas is a strange time as it is the season where we try to turn ordinary things into glorious

things. We place colourful lights on our houses, tinsel in our offices, bright paper on ordinary presents. When the season goes, so does the glory of the season. But on the first Christmas, God did the opposite - He gifted us Jesus wrapped in humility.

“Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” Luke 2:10-12

Have you ever wondered why Jesus, given titles like Savior, Lord, and Messiah, was born in a manger, a simple food trough? Why not in a grand palace? This choice by God carries a significant message that invites us to reflect on the unexpected humility of the divine entrance into the world.



Jesus is the saviour, so he humbled himself, became human, became our substitute – dying on the cross for our sin. Jesus is Lord, fully human, he understands tiredness, poverty, betrayal, and even what it is like to be tempted – yet never sinned. Who could be better to serve and lead us into eternity?

I encourage all Christians to clothe themselves in Christ, let’s show a tinsel obsessed world what real glory is by walking in Jesus’ footsteps.

Have a blessed and meaningful Christmas!

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