



MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOPS OF CANTERBURY AND YORK

For many of us Christmas brings up so many emotions, memories and expectations. We have one nativity story, but it can seem like we all have different Christmases.

For you it might be a time of joy and togetherness. Or perhaps it's all about planning and to-do lists.

Many others can find it a sad and lonely time – nagged by the feeling that your Christmas is not like those 'perfect' ones we see in the media.

Wherever you are this Christmas, you are invited to follow the star (#FollowTheStar) and to be with Jesus. You are welcome. You are deeply known and truly loved.

Mary and Joseph and all those caught up in the Christmas story were surprised by the astonishing way that God chose to live among us

Each Christmas we are reminded of God's longing to surprise us with his gift of joy, love and new life. It's the greatest present we can receive and share with others!

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