

# Thankful Thursday



Thursday December 13th 2018

## **JESUS IS BORN: LUKE 2**

So finally after all the promises of prophets and after the long journey (70 miles—on a donkey or maybe on foot) Mary and her beloved Joseph arrive at Bethlehem :

<sup>5</sup>He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.<sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, <sup>7</sup>and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.” Luke 2 v5-7

As a church our vision for this season is to go deeper into discipleship by exploring our vulnerabilities. Here is God’s example: how much more vulnerable could God make himself—a tiny baby born far from home to a couple not yet married - not even in a room—in an animal’s stable!

New born babies are so helpless and in constant need of care. This is our God—one willing to be just like us—with all our fragile bits—with all our needs. How vulnerable are we willing to be for him? Do we talk to God as one who really knows how it is to be human? Are we willing to trust him to care for us and meet our every need? Are we willing to be vulnerable to others in order to bring them the good news?

Simeon said to Mary in Luke 2 v35: “Things will happen that will make your heart sad.” Not the best prophecy to hear at your son’s temple blessing but oh how true that was. This baby, Jesus would be exposed and vulnerable again as a grown-up, dying on a cross.

Birth is painful, life can be heart breaking but our God knows those things—how great is our God! He has conquered death and come that we might have life in all its fullness here and life eternal united with our Lord. Be brave and share your sorrows and joys this Christmas. Be vulnerable with God and with others—be real, be human—because in Jesus we see that being vulnerable is divine.

Love & Prayers Claire xx



*“the time came for the baby to be born” Luke 2*



*“And things that happen will make your heart sad” Luke 2 v 35*

*Share all your sorrows with God—he has been human*