



Once again we're at that time of the year where the shopping centres are noisy and chaos reigns, the car parks are full and you have to go around and around to find a space. Children are tired and crying. Carols compete with other music and I find myself thinking "I have to get out of here"!

The Christmas message is one of hope, peace, joy and love and in our rushing around we forget the true meaning of Christmas.. the angels sang "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men"

In this Advent season may we be filled with hope, joy and love and be willing to show peace and goodwill to all. Let us always remember that Christmas is remembering the birth of Jesus over 2000 years ago – "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

Advent is also a time of waiting and watching for Christ to come again. We are reminded in Matthew 24:42 NLT that Jesus said:
⁴² "So you, too, must keep watch! For you don't know what day your Lord is coming." Throughout this Advent Season let us continue to watch and to wait with hope and joy for Jesus' return.

May God bless you and your families this Christmas and I pray that 2023 will bring in a time of peace for all.

With love and prayers

Yours in Christian Service

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Angels from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth.

Refrain:
Gloria, Gloria, in Excelsis Deo
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Shepherds, in the field abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
Yonder shines the infant light:

Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations;
Ye have seen His natal star.

Though an Infant now we view Him,
He shall fill His Father's throne,
Gather all the nations to Him;
Every knee shall then bow down:

