

ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE – CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2022 (Text)

Looking back across 2022 there's been a lot of darkness in the world and perhaps darkness in your heart and mind. It's been a tough time for many of us.

What Christmas celebrates is the fact that however dark things might be there is the shaft of light that comes to us in a baby. The birth of a child is always a time of hope, a time even of Joy.

It's no different with the birth of the Christ child, because you see this child says that God comes to us; even in our darkness and even in the mess of our lives. God meets us where and as we are; not in some perfect ideal world. God actually becomes one of us.

That's where the light really does pierce the darkness and love triumphs over all fear; and life begins to triumph over death.

So at the end of this darkened year, may Christmas be for you a moment of light, a moment of joy and a moment of Peace.

A very happy Christmas to everyone.