**God’s Christmas presents and God’s Christmas presence**

**John 1:1-14**

**NMBC, Sunday 17.12.23.**

**Key idea:**

* God gives us presents (of his Word, life, light and adoption into his family) through his own Christmas presence in the form of his Son, Jesus, the ultimate gift of love. We need to receive the gift of Jesus and to respond by giving ourselves both to God and to others.

**Key verses:**

* **John 1:1** - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
* **John 1:12** - Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.
* **John 1:14** - The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

**Key words/phrases:**

* Presents
* Presence
* Receive
* Gift
* The Word
* World
* Life
* Light
* Children of God
* Dwelling

**Questions for reflection/discussion:**

* What will you do to “receive Jesus” this Christmas?
* What does it mean for you to be a “child of God”?
* What are the implications of this status in terms of both our value and our responsibility?
* In what ways could you give back to God this Christmas?
* Is there someone for whom the simple gift of your presence would be a real gift of love this Christmas time?