

Sermon Outline:

Living with the Good News

Main point: God shares his joy with us in Jesus

Intended response: Jesus means we can live with joy – and it doesn't depend on our circumstances

Key verse: Luke 1:39-45

Introduction:

- > Can you think of a time you received good news?
- > Good news can be life changing.
- > The birth of Jesus is good news that has changed lives – and the course of history in the world.

Intro launch: Christmas Day is a celebration of good news – life changing news.

A/ The living Good News is for everyone.

- > The Good News of Jesus' birth was revealed to an unlikely group of people – the poor, the ordinary, the young and to foreigners.
- > Unlike much of our world, God shows no favours to the rich and powerful and beautiful.

B/ The Good News is that God comes to us.

- > God is not distant and remote, but comes down to us to make himself known.
- > God comes to us in weakness and vulnerability – not power and might and riches.
- > If you want to know what God is like, look at Jesus

C/ The Good News is that God wants a relationship with us.

- > The Christmas story can seem like a fairy tale – or just grow common place.
- > But what if the story of Christmas is true and there is a God who wants a relationship with us?
- > How can we live with a renewed sense of wonder and curiosity, open to knowing God's love for us with a new appreciation?

