

Hospitality

When we think of Christmas, hospitality is usually an important part of it. Welcoming family and guests into our homes during this celebration is part of our experience. Hospitality is crucial for the religious meaning of Christmas too. Christmas is the celebration of the coming of Jesus, not just 2000 years ago, but in our own lives and world today.

Welcoming Jesus into our life requires hospitality. In welcoming a guest, we must make space for them by getting our stuff out of the way. To welcome Jesus, we must make space in our lives for him to dwell and flourish. True hospitality requires that we give the guest/Jesus control in the space we have made for them. Hospitality does not see the guest/Jesus as a means to meet our needs or agenda but gives them space to be and become who they are.

Being a gracious host is difficult but necessary if we want to enjoy and be blessed by the one we have welcomed. This Christmas join us at St. Andrews as we welcome the Christ child, and give him space to grow to maturity within us.

Christmas Blessings,

Pastor David