



The Acting Bishop of Lincoln

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One of the things I most like about living here is that I can so easily see the stars. In Lincolnshire I just have to look up, and there they are! These stars remind me that the wise men followed a star when they came to see Jesus.

You know the story. The wise men followed the star to Bethlehem and the baby. And when they got there they gave him special gifts. I hope you will hear this story again in school or church at Christmas.

The wise men gave Jesus gifts and he is God's gift to them and to us.

The gifts we give and receive at Christmas do not have to be expensive or come from a shop. Some of my favourite gifts were made for me by my own children.

If you are given gifts this Christmas can I suggest that you smile and thank the person who has given them to you? They will see your smile and your kindness might then remind them of the wise men and of Jesus.

I wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas! Remember to look up at the stars! We are all invited to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

With best wishes,

The Right Reverend Dr David Court
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