

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Wednesday 13th December 2023

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The Christmas Life

We had a wonderful Carol Concert led by the students and staff of Harris Clapham Sixth Form at St James yesterday evening. And one of the readings was this one:

Bring in a tree, a young Norwegian spruce,
Bring hyacinths that rooted in the cold.
Bring winter jasmine as its buds unfold -
Bring the Christmas life into this house.

Bring red and green and gold, bring things that shine,
Bring candlesticks and music, food and wine.
Bring in your memories of Christmas past.
Bring in your tears for all that you have lost.

Bring in the shepherd boy, the ox and ass,
Bring in the stillness of an icy night,
Bring in the birth, of hope and love and light.
Bring the Christmas life into this house.

- The Christmas life by Wendy Cope

What would it mean for you to bring the Christmas life into your house?