

## **THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

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### **The Prince of Peace**

*Jesus said "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." - John 14:27*

I came across a great post on Facebook yesterday. It read:

"Simple flowchart to work out if its Christmas:

Is it November?

Yes?

Then its not Christmas."

That may be true, but the fact is that many of us would have needed to have been thinking of Christmas and to be making plans. I have been thinking about it a lot recently! As we do so, I invite us to reflect on Jesus as the Prince of Peace. An out pouring of peace and goodwill to all people and to the whole of nature is something that is sorely needed today. And we need peace in our hearts and minds too. Christmas, and the count down to it, can be such a busy time and can, along with being times of joy and celebration, be a stressful and difficult time. It can also be a sad and lonely time. For this, was born the infant child, to bring us peace. Not as the world gives, not transactional, but by the giving of Himself to us in love.

I pray that time expands for you to fit in all you need to this Christmas, and however you approach it, that you will experience the peace and joy that Christ gives, this Christmas and New Year. And if you are able to, please join us in celebrating Christmas this year.