

Introduction: On the Journey

- Introduce theme of journey running through the service
 - and practicalities of moving around for the different dramatic presentations...
 - thanks to Girls Brigade for helping make all this possible!!
- *Then straight into...*

In the Inn

- *Drama*
 - then prayer and Lord's prayer

In the Fields

- *Drama*
 - then reading from Matthew, Liz Polanski

In the Throne Room

- *Drama*
 - then "Into the darkness of this world"

In the Stable

- *Drama*
 - then offering and prayer

In our Hearts?

- Hope you've enjoyed this retelling of the story...
 - but its more than merely a story, a shared heritage that somehow brings us all together once a year...

Accept him as the end of the journey?

- The testimony of the Scriptures is of God entering into our world, in Jesus, for a reason:
 - entering on a rescue mission, as Saviour
 - "saviour" means someone who saves, who rescues, who helps...
 - and that is what every human needs: rescue
 - from consequences of our human rebellion, and all the guff that follows from it...
- Will we accept/respond?
 - Alpha course is been a great way of exploring that... and if you have a sense that "there must be something more..." then come and find out;
 - speak to me... I can introduce you to some folk who've done the course recently...

Welcome him with us on the journey?

- Experience of all the participants in the first Christmas that God was with them on the journey
 - there were bumps along the way, sure...
 - but one of the key implications of the story is of God entering into to be **with us**
 - Immanuel...
- Welcome him with us?
 - trust him, walk with him, in his ways?