

ST PETER'S CHURCH. BRACKLEY



**“LOVING GOD,
LOVING EACH OTHER,
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Rev. Rich Duncan writes...



Perhaps you've heard the quip: "If you take Christ out of Christmas, all you're left with is M&S!"

Marks & Spencer always invests heavily in its December advertising. But this year, instead of just the usual big budget Christmas ad, M&S Food has released six. That's right, six!! Beautifully presented in festive, fire-lit rooms, celebrities including Dawn French, Katherine Jenkins and Ryan Reynolds, will be trying to get us to fork out (get it?)

for an array of mouthwatering delights. After all, this is not just food, this is M&S Food.



But before you think I'm on commission, this is going somewhere. I promise.

This December, I want us to feast on something far better than the culinary delights of Christmas. Even better than the fantastic three-course dinner at our Advent Lunch (12pm on 1st), or the mince pies and mulled wine at our Carols by Candlelight (7.30pm on 15th), or the chocolate at our Nativity Service & Christmas Party for children (10am on 22nd), or the sweets at our Christingle Services (3pm, 4.15 and 5.30 on 24th). With all the busyness of this month, it's all too easy to miss out on the main meal at these and other events, the true feast of this season.

Nineteenth-century preacher Charles Spurgeon put it like this,

"We have nearly arrived at the great merry-making season of the year. On Christmas Day, we shall find all the world in England enjoying themselves with all the good cheer which they can afford. Servants of God, you who have the largest share in the person of him who was born at Bethlehem, I invite you to the best of all Christmas fare – to nobler food than makes the table groan—bread from heaven, food for your spirit. Behold, how rich and how abundant are the provisions which God has made for the high festival which he would have his servants keep, not now and then, but all the days of their lives!"

Wizzard's well-known Christmas single is currently blaring out in the shops, "Oh I wish it could be Christmas every dayyy." And for Christians, says Spurgeon, it is! God wants us to be filled *every day* with the Bread of Heaven – the Lord Jesus who came down to earth to bring everlasting life and satisfaction to all who will receive him. So amidst all the frenzy of these coming days, be nourished in your soul by Christ's extraordinary, undeserved love, forgiveness and friendship. Gorge yourselves on this "food for your spirit". All are invited to his banquet. It's daily and it's free of charge. It won't give you indigestion, or Boxing Day guilt, and it will fulfil you forever. "Whoever comes to me," says Jesus, "will *never* go hungry" (John 6:35).

Do you know that sensation of feeling satisfied deep down, even when Christmas dinner is delayed, the family is feuding and things aren't going according to plan? Or are you more familiar with the sensation of feeling empty and unsatisfied, even when you're full to bursting after a perfect Christmas dinner and all the Lindt chocolate balls you can scoff? God implores us, "Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labour on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare... Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near" (Isaiah 55).

So whether or not you splurge at Marks & Sparks this month, please don't take the Christ out of Christmas. Treat yourself to what your soul is craving most and seek the Lord. After all, this is not just food. This is "nobler food". And I invite you to the best of all Christmas fare.

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24 DEC, 11:30PM

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Luke 1:35

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Luke 2:11

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Matthew 1:21

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John 11:25

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