## MEN'S BREAKFAST PRE-READING MATERIAL FOR 3 Dec 2022

## Imagine you are going to a Jesus's birthday fancy dress celebration ... who will you come dressed as?

Dear Friends and Brothers, I have been reflecting on the Christmas Story and have a proposal. Let's reflect on and celebrate the men in the Story who make it so memorable.

Who in His birth story do you have a particular affinity - Joseph, Jesus adopted Father; Zachariah, John the Baptist's Father (John was Jesus cousin); Shephard in the hills; King (One King, Herod, a bad king; Three Kings, wise men from afar), Hassled Inn Keeper, Another?

Contact each other, Talk and Pray, Write a reflection and get ready to share it at Breakfast. Feeling particularly inspired - get dressed up in your character for Breakfast and do a drama or sing a song (whether you will be in person or on-line). Let's see what God has in store for us as we enter into the Christmas Story. Blessings as you meet up, pray and plan, prepare and share your reflection.

Ridgely for the Team

The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy. Psalms 126:3

To inspire you, I share some songs about the characters ...

Men in the Story	Songs
Joseph: Jesus adopted father	Chris Tomlin - Hark the Herald Angels Sing – Lyrics You Tube link [3:37]
Zachariah: John the Baptist's Father	Oh Come Oh Come Emmanuel - https://youtu.be/RP4iyJqrPvY (4:19)
Shephard in the Hills	In the Bleak Midwinter (Tune: Cranham) [with lyrics] - You Tube link (4:29)
King – Bad – King Herod – paranoid and alone	King Herod's Song - 2000 Film   Jesus Christ Superstar You Tube link
King – Good - Three Kings, wise men from afar	We Three Kings (Lyric Video) - https://youtu.be/E0BJonwPCds [4:30]
Hassled Inn Keeper	Away in a Manger w/lyrics - https://youtu.be/i4xFSdNqH1s (2:53)
Another?	Make Room-Casting Crowns - <a href="https://youtu.be/WGHcR3BhsTQ">https://youtu.be/WGHcR3BhsTQ</a> (play to 2:21)



We pray that this coming Men's Breakfast will strengthen and encourage you. <a href="Psalm 27:14">Psalm 27:14</a> "Stay with God! Take heart. Don't quit." If you ever feel like quitting, you are not alone. We have all been there. Stay with Him and don't walk alone, give us a call. You got a friend ... winter, spring, summer or fall. To <a href="mailto:connect">connect</a> with us at Men's Breakfast email <a href="mailto:mensprayerbreakfast@goldhill.org">mensprayerbreakfast@goldhill.org</a> or call just call 07831 149 828.

