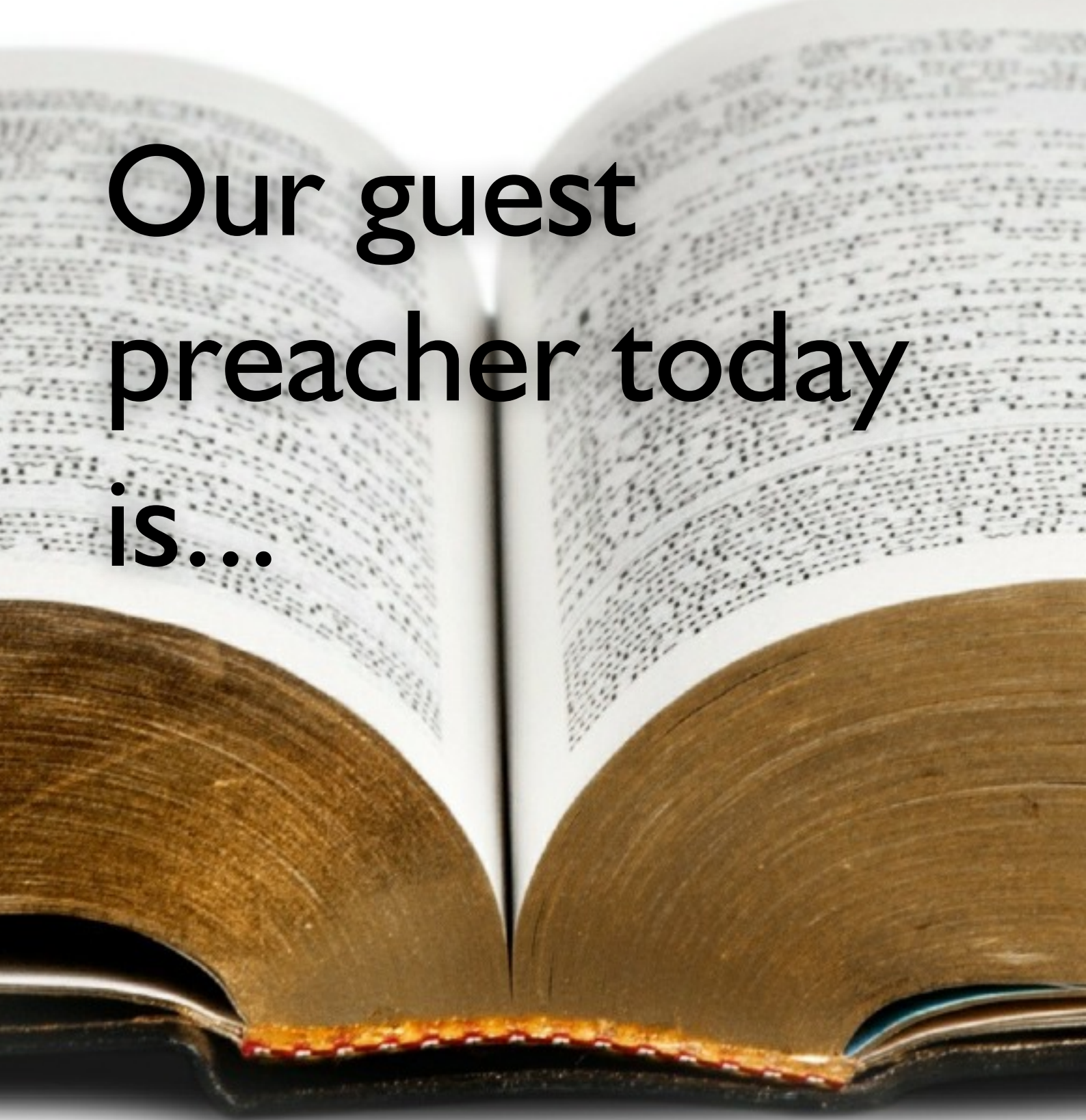




**Our guest  
preacher today  
is...**

**The Revd John Pritchard BA. BD.**

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# In the Beginning

John 1:1–14

1. Opening prayer.
2. Hymn: 'Hark! The herald angels sing.'
3. Bible reading: Matthew 1:18; Mark 1:9; Luke 1:26–27; John 1:1–14
4. Prayer. (Appendix 1)
5. Hymn: 'While shepherds watched their flocks by night.'
6. Watch and listen to the Sermon.
7. Discuss the questions. (Appendix 2)
8. Hymn: 'O come, all ye faithful.'
9. The Benediction.



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## Appendix 1

Let us pray.

Merciful Father, as we once again approach Christmas, we praise you for your wonderful love towards us. We thank you for your perfect and eternal plan to bring hope and light, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Saviour, to the world of despair and darkness in which we live.

Help us this Christmas to see anew our Saviour's majesty and beauty; and give us grace to marvel as we contemplate all that is said about him in the Scriptures. In all our celebrations, help us especially to consider the revealed mystery of your beloved Son coming into our world and becoming a man by being born to Mary.

In Your mercy, remember Your Church throughout the world, strengthening it to fulfil its mission and to bear witness to the Saviour and all He has done for us. Make your Church here in Wales a valuable instrument in your hand to bring more and more people to the Lord Jesus in faith and repentance.

Be merciful to all of us in the hard and dark world in which we live. In Your great compassion, remember all who are burdened and threatened by the injustices and troubles of this world. Have pity on those who suffer daily because of our present, on-going wars, and hasten the day when these will come to an end, despite all the evil and lust for power which guides the proud and unjust leaders of our day.

Be with us as we prepare to celebrate Christmas and help us to focus our minds on the child who was born in Bethlehem. Help us to rejoice in Him, more and more so each day. Enlighten our understanding and warm our hearts as we once again hear the old, familiar story. And enable us to praise you for the child who was born specifically to die for us on Calvary.

Accept our thanks for Him and accept us in His name and in his merits. Amen.





## Appendix 2

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What is lost by not believing the clear testimony of the Gospels about the Lord Jesus Christ?
2. What is the greatest wonder of the Christmas Feast for you?
3. In what way is the birth of Jesus Christ good news for a world of hardship and darkness?

