

# The Good Shepherd Anglican Church, Edge Hill, Cairns

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## A Minute from a Minister

Of course, it's nearly Christmas, when we celebrate the **Incarnation** i.e. when the second Person of the Trinity (the eternal Son of God) took on humanity. God the Son became the God-Man: Fully God and fully human in one person. We hear this every year and some of its wonder can be lost on us, but it is a simply astounding fact! Like, think about just these few things —

- In his humanity, Jesus got tired, hungry, thirsty, physically weak ... yet in His divine nature He always had complete power!
- In his human nature he had incomplete knowledge, yet as the Son He always knew everything ... and both of these were true in the one and same person!
- As a human baby he was 'helpless' ... yet being Divine He was always upholding the universe! So, he was giving Mary the breath she used to give him birth!

The more you think about it, the more astounding is the fact that He was and still is both totally divine and totally human, in one person, at the one time. He is unique and worthy of your praise and awe.

These truths are also clearly taught in Church history. E.g., the famous **Nicene Creed** (381 AD) says that —

*"... he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit  
and the Virgin Mary and became truly human."*

Of course, we also sing about this every Christmas. The second verse of **Hark! The herald angels sing** wonderfully describes the Incarnation thus —

*"Christ by highest heav'n adored, Christ the everlasting Lord!*

*Late in time [i.e. he came after many years of history, not that He was 'late']  
behold Him come, Offspring of a Virgin's womb.*

*Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail the incarnate Deity,*

*Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel ['God with us'].*

*Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"*

And so this Christmas, may you be in wonder and awe again (or for the first real time) that the eternal Second Person of the Trinity, who was without a body, took on human flesh to become 'One of us'! And he did this without ever sinning — but that's another story ...)

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Reverend Trevor Saggars

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