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Christmas 2 Year A January 4th 2026

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Focus Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-14, John 1: (1-9), 10-18

Message: 4 minutes 5 seconds

"What if..GOD WAS ONE OF US?"

Discussion Starters

1. What stood out for you about God become 'one of us' in Jesus?
2. When has your faith been encouraged by a human presence of God?
3. How might God turning up in real people and places shape your church's paying attention to what God is already doing among you?
4. Where do you see signs of transformation in your wider community and how might this be where God is turning up?

Readings for this day

Psalms 147:12-20 The psalmist praises God for all the things he does for his people and for the earth and all creation. It is something no other nation has experienced.

Ephesians 1:3-14 Paul writes about God revealing through the spirit that gentiles and Jews will each receive God's blessings and be members of the same body through Christ Jesus.

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All Age Address: Rev Rob Hanks

"A Friendly God"

Length: 3 mins 12 seconds

Precis of AAA

Where do you see God in ordinary things – in kindness, in love? When Jesus became flesh and lived among us, he moved into our neighbourhood -he shows up in ordinary things, friendship, kindness and in sharing with one another. God is here among us in ordinary life, make sure you look for him.

Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 147:12-20 - pages 354-355

Rev Rob Hanks

Minister of the Word at Hamilton Uniting Church in Newcastle, NSW where I live. I enjoy music, movies, and sport and with a background in Ministry of Youth Worker I am interested in the power of a good story, multimedia and exploring discipleship in our context today in a time of the church unravelling.