



Hope for the world

Simplicity, Humility, Generosity

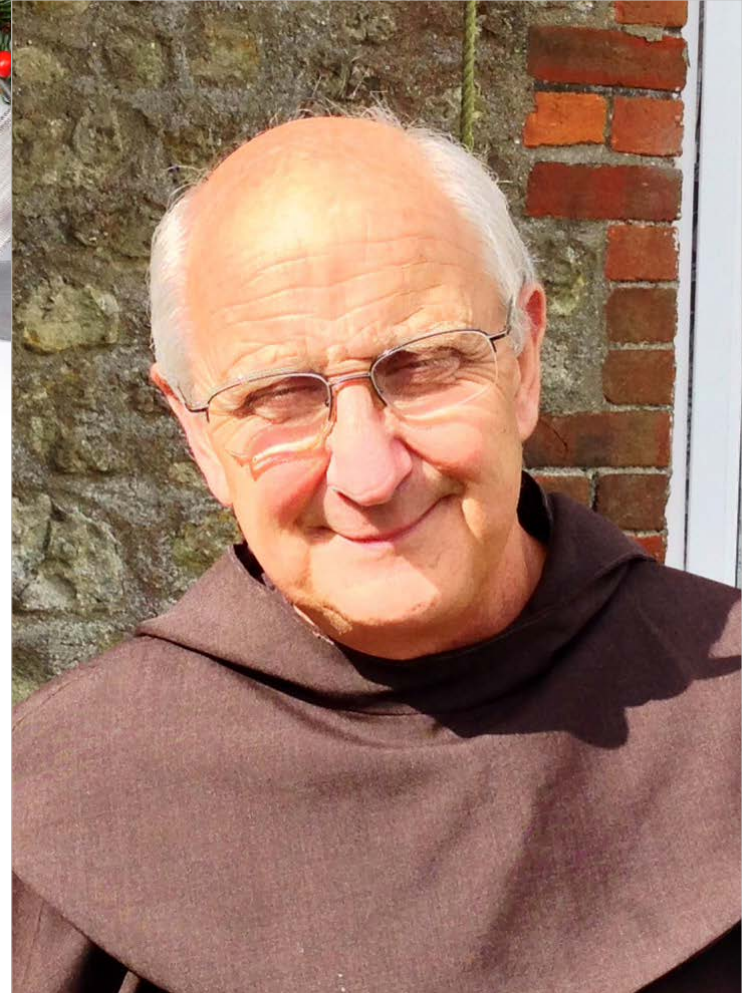
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Today is the day when, all over the world, people of every race will be gathering around the Christmas crib – the scene of a rough shed, a young couple, familiar farmyard animals and, at the centre of it all, a new-born baby.

This lovely Christmas custom may have been begun by St Francis of Assisi, who brought local villagers to a stable on Christmas Eve so that they could see something of the wonder of the Christ child – the humility, simplicity and generosity of God with us.

It's this simplicity, humility and generosity that is our hope for the world today – living humbly with each other and with every creature before God, seeking a simpler lifestyle that creation may be cherished and preserved, and rejoicing in the generous abundance that sustains our world and gives the possibility of justice for all.

This Christmas as you gather around the crib – either in your church or your home, or maybe just in your heart – choose again the way that Christ came into the world, God's simple, earthy, generous love, and proclaim this hope to all.



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