

## Angel Blessing

*In the last few years there has been an explosion of spirituality shops selling anything to do with angels - usually little figurines of guardian angels. Dare I say, that to me this feels somewhat sentimental and superstitious and a long way from reality? However, as part of an Advent retreat that I led, I reflected on the different characters in the Christmas story and decided that I couldn't just skip over the presence of the angels in the narrative. So here is part of an attempt to reflect a little on what or who angels might be.*

God who spoke to Mary, to Joseph and to the shepherds  
in the voices and visions of angels,  
Fill our lives with the good news of Christ's birth.

Christ who's resurrection was spoken of quietly  
by angels in an empty tomb,  
Fill our lives with the good news of Christ's resurrection.

Spirit who startles our expectations  
showing us the angels who live among us,  
Help us fill the world with the good news of your love for us.

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