

## Mary's Song (Luke 1:46-55)

- What's your favourite Christmas song & why? What's your favourite Christmas carol & why?
- 2. What would you say are some of the main issues in believing in the virgin birth? Why do you think the virgin birth is traditionally seen as such a key doctrine in the Christian faith? Is it a doctrine that's important to you? And if so, why?

He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. (Luke 1:51-53)

- 3. Why do you think this song is regarded as being so revolutionary? What place do you think social & political protest has to play in the way we live out our faith? To what extent do you think God does appoint or bring down rulers, or feed the hungry? What role might we have to play in God being able to fulfil these purposes?
- 4. To what extent do you think we should raise children to have a knowledge of the Scriptures, to pray, to worship etc? To what extent should we raise children to be socially & politically engaged? And if so, how we might do this most effectively?