

# LOVE PEACE JOY

## TO THE WORLD



Many of you will be preparing to celebrate Christmas, visiting families, attending Church and exchanging presents; a time of happiness. However, please take a little time to think about those who cannot enjoy Christmas, as this year, once again, there are wars and unrest in the world, with people not safe in their homes.

As Scouts, we have little influence on how the world is around us but we have some opportunities to spread knowledge about Scouting and the qualities it gives to children and young people within our communities, who are in our care, in the hope of more peace and cooperation everywhere. Scouting encourages cooperation, friendships and understanding of others, all things needed to exist peacefully side by side, even where personal views may be different.

Some of you will have taken part in the spreading of the Bethlehem Peace Light, a candle light which is shared person to person, throughout the world, spreading the message of peace and friendship. Let us look forward to new Scouting activities in 2025 and hope that it is a year of peace and friendships in WFIS. We hope to meet many of you at the WFIS workshop, General Assembly and camps organised by members, it takes much time and effort and we are grateful to all who help; allowing old friendships to continue and new ones to be made.

We wish you a relaxing, peaceful and *merry Christmas* and a very *happy New Year*.