

Advent 2025

Week 1 6th November

Sarah's Story (The Matriarchs and Patriarchs)

Genesis 18. 1-15

For Reflection:

How hard might it have been for Sarah to hear of Abraham's conversations with God but not to encounter God herself until the Lord appeared at the Oaks of Mamre? Abraham is praised for his faith, but what might this have felt like for Sarah?

Abraham and Sarah had to wait a very long time for God's promises to be fulfilled, without knowing they ever would be. Waiting is never easy. What have you learned about waiting in your life?

Think about laughter. What different kinds of laughter are there? Could laughter be important for us spiritually?

Week 2 13th November

Huldah's Story (The Prophets)

1 Kings 22. 1-20

For Reflection:

What prevents us from listening to hard things, whether prophetic or otherwise?

What do we, as a society, refuse to listen to today?

What voices are you as an individual reluctant to listen to?

Who are our prophets today?

Week 3 20th November

Abigail's Story (John the Baptist)

Luke 1. 5-25

For Reflection:

Are there places that you think of as places where you are more likely to encounter God?

Why do you think Zechariah was struck dumb after he met the angel?

How do you interpret 'God's Favour' as a phrase?

Week 4 27th November

Mary's Story

Luke 1.26-37

Matthew 1.18-25

For Reflection:

How much do you think Mary and Joseph understood about Jesus and who he would be?

What inspires you most about the character of Mary?

What do you think are some of the key 'projections' we make onto Mary?