



Message from Ann

Bible Readings: Luke 1.26-38 and Luke 1.39-56

We live on the edge every day. We stand on the line between this world and the next one. We live and move between the ordinary and divine, between the ordinary and the mystery. Too often, we forget to look up and see the angels in our living room. We forget that the love we give and live is a sign of eternity, God with us, right now. We forget that God is coming.

On Sunday 5th December Andy Ellison reflected on the words of the Magnificat – ‘My Soul magnifies the Lord’

The Gospel of Luke tells us that God’s favour came to a girl, an ordinary girl. It might have been you or your daughter; it might have been the girl down the street or your grandchild. But the messenger of God came and greeted her and said, “The Lord is with you.” What a gift and a promise: Emmanuel, God is with us.

Perhaps Mary was frightened, confused, bewildered when the angel speaks to her. She asks the question, “How can this be, I am a virgin?” By the time we come to the part of Luke’s gospel where Mary meets Elizabeth and speaks from the depths of her soul such passionate words, Mary has committed to the Lord’s plan for her life. Mary will go forward in faith and will never hide the child she carries to those who question her. Throughout the gospels we hear that Mary is known as the Mother of Jesus. Mary had such a faith in God, it was a personal relationship.

Mary shared the words of the Magnificat with Elizabeth as they met in the hill country of Judea at Elizabeth and Zachariah’s house. She speaks of God’s remembrance for her and for her people, the building up of the poor and the destruction of the proud. In this child, God has kept his promise to his people. The love God has for Israel will be fulfilled in the birth of this Child.

His Love is available for us today

A voice prepared the way through the fulfilment of God’s promise to Elizabeth and Zechariah

And Love came down through Mary’s belief in God and God’s love for us. What Grace we have been given!

Let us live in his love as we journey through Advent this year.

Blessings

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