



# Advent 2017 – Epiphany 2018

North East Region: Darlington & Newcastle-upon-Tyne Districts



## Daily Readings – Week Two

Listening for God: the readings turn to the prophets and gospels in week two. What might God be saying to us this week?

Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Micah 6: 8</a>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Malachi 3: 1</a>
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Joel 2: 1, 27-29</a>
Weds 6 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Jeremiah 23: 28</a>
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">1 Samuel 3: 9</a>
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Luke 1: 26-38</a>
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Matthew 1: 18-19</a>
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Matthew 1: 20-23</a>

**Come**, come, Immanuel.

Come Wisdom. (*Silence*)

Come Sacred Lord. (*Silence*)

Come Shoot of Jesse. (*Silence*)

Come Key of David. (*Silence*)

Come Radiant dawn. (*Silence*)

Come King of the nations. (*Silence*)

Come, Immanuel, and impart to us the blessings of heaven.

Richard Andrew  
Director of Learning & Development (Pathways)

Father God, your love  
is far beyond our understanding.  
It was revealed to us  
in Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ.

We humbly confess that we  
have failed to show your love  
to the world.

Please pour out Your Spirit  
upon us, so that we might  
be empowered to spread  
your love, so that many  
will come to know and  
acknowledge Jesus as their Lord.

Amen

M.J. Abrahams  
Barnard Castle and Teesdale Circuit

Advent hymn verse 2 - peace  
(Tune: As with gladness men of old.)

Advent is a time of praise,  
Searching through these winter days  
For the peace which can be known,  
When we trust in you alone.  
Advent praise to you we sing,  
May we know the peace you bring.

Gill Welsh, Superintendent, Lindisfarne Circuit.

Jesus, Lord, you are the source of living water.  
You fill my life with your living water, with your  
Holy Spirit and I am full of enthusiasm and  
worship – for a while.

But I am like a cracked pot. That living water  
from you leaks away through my imperfections.  
I get distracted and I fail to focus on you.

Lord take my life and mend the imperfections.  
Redirect me, refocus me so that I live for you  
and bring glory to your name.

Amen

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## PREPARATION:

So much to do, Lord, so much to do to prepare  
for your coming. How will I ever be ready?

I wish, like the magi, I had seen the signs long  
ago and started to prepare then, making my  
journey towards the shining star with joy and  
anticipation.

But what about the shepherds? They had made  
no advance preparations, yet you invited them  
to the manger. They were the first to see your  
glory!

Thank you Lord, that, prepared or unprepared, I  
too can come and worship.

Prepare my heart, Lord Jesus, to make space  
for your coming. Amen.

Jill Baker  
Vice-President of Methodist Conference 2017-18



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The journey is long and the days are busy. Let us make space to listen to God. Space to wait.

### ADVENT ANTIPHONS

O friend of the lonely,  
You walk alongside us when no-one else wants to know.  
Come, fill our lives when all seems empty.

Hope of the world,  
Our only hope.  
Come into our dark and despairing world.

O Steadfast, faithful one,  
Who journeys with us through life's ups and downs.  
Come, now, take us by the hand and lead us on.

O Faithful companion,  
You will always support us.  
Come and guide us though the dark.

O Companion on life's journey.  
God with us, in our joys, and in our sorrows  
Come to us and bring us your light of hope.

O Creator of the Universe  
You have made all living things.  
Be with us as we journey through life.

O Constant guide,  
Who lights our way and gives us peace.  
Help us to be vessels for your warming light for all  
who cross our path as days shorten and we wait,  
sometimes in darkness,  
for the joy of the birth of your beloved Son.

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### Twenty First Century Prophets

Who speaks for you today, triune God?  
In this world of twitter and fake news;  
in a divided society where each fends for  
self and many fear outsiders;  
in places of poverty or affluence,  
who speaks truth and wisdom?  
Let me be attuned to the divine, the  
eternal, to the voice of love.  
Speak, Lord. I, your servant, am listening.  
Amen

### Festival of Light – Advent

Come, loving God,  
into our worship and into our world;

Come with the light of love,  
Come with the light of peace,  
Come with the light of hope.

Come, loving God,  
into our worship and into our world  
and banish the darkness of night  
with the dawn of your coming.

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