

Reflection Friday 17th December Advent Week 3 – 2021

The O antiphon today is:-

“O Wisdom, you come forth from the mouth of the Most High. You fill the universe and hold all things together in a strong yet gentle manner. O come to teach us the way of truth.”

The genealogy of Jesus shows that a clear plan, overseen by God, is being followed, which is why the prophecies about Jesus, the Messiah, are seen to be fulfilled. In our synodal sharing, we have been reflecting on our lives and discovered how God has been present. We often see them more clearly well after the events have taken place, discovering how much God has been at work in our lives. The more we reflect, the more we see God’s presence in our lives. Look back; you will see how the wisdom of God has guided you, opened doors that appeared locked, removed obstacles that seemed impassable, challenged and motivated you. Discover the support that wisdom has given you, encouraged and strengthened you and shown you the way of truth.

Our church is special place because of those who have lived, prayed, celebrated and worshiped here. We gather in a place where heaven and earth whisper greetings; in this house where the High King of Heaven comes to meet us; in the soft darkness of this place, we kindle lights of hope for the world. We join with the saints who have lived and loved this place to give glory and praise to God.

Now let us take the light of our prayer, our compassion and God's power into the world.

God enters the hearts of all who pray and feel they are not heard and suffers their pain and humiliation, and carries the burdens of the world and dies that we might live.

May God bless us and may God hold us in the palm of his hand. AMEN