**ADVENT REFLECTIONS 2019**

Saturday 30th November

**Psalm 25:1-10**

Winter sun rising red,

wild geese in flight:

in you, God, I put my hope.

Sunday 1st December

**Psalm 25:1-10**

Frost white on the grass,

dawn footprints:

teach me your ways.

Monday 2nd December

**Psalm 25:1-10**

Evergreen shelters small birds

feasting on berries:

tender care and constant love.

Tuesday 3rd December

**Psalm 90**

Oh satisfy us at daybreak

with your love,

that we may sing for joy.

Wednesday 4th December

**Psalm 90**

You were

before the mountains formed;

we shake in the wind like winter grass.

Thursday 5th December

**Psalm 90**

Winter thunder

startling with its anger:

our secrets bared in a ﬂash.

Friday 6th December

**Luke 1:68-79**

From fear, from those who hate us,

from anger that consumes us,

set us free.

Saturday 7th December

**Luke l :68-79**

Children lost in a mineﬁeld:

walk with us God, peacekeeper,

guide our feet.

Sunday 8th December

**Luke l:68-79**

Darkling God

in your tender compassion

break upon us like the dawn.

Monday 9th December

**Isaiah 12:2-6**

Clear the spring

of dead leaves, mud, ice,

so water flows freely - deliverance.

Tuesday 10th December

**Psalm 126**

Rain in the hills,

waters roll down,

stones of the dry valleys dance and sing

Wednesday 11th December

**Psalm 126**

We sowed, doubting

anything good could grow;

now we laugh : grateful, amazed.

Thursday 12th December

**Psalm 126**

Frozen drops hang on birches like tears:

breathing the pure air —

we're alive!

Friday 13th December

**Isaiah 12:2-6**

We run before the storm,

reach a shed, rain drums upon the roof -

refuge.

Saturday 14th December

**Isaiah 12:2-6**

Midwife God,

encourage us, parents-to-be,

to grow in confidence.

Sunday 15th December

**Luke 1:68-79**

We longed and waited:

now the contractions have started:

deliver us.

Monday 16th December

**Isaiah 12:2-6**

On that day mouths will sing,

savouring good words —

comfort, confidence, joy.

Tuesday 17th December

**Isaiah 1 :1-9**

From the felled olive tree's root

a new shoot springs:

God's resilient life.

Wednesday 18th December

**Isaiah 11 : 1-9**

Curious, lively children,

unaware of danger -

God. keep them safe!

Thursday 19th December

**Psalm 80 : I-7**

Under the sky

shepherds on quad bikes

gather ﬂocks in before the snow

Friday 20th December

**Psalm 80 : 1-7**

Long nights, short days,

waiting spirits:

God, let your steady light shine on us.

Saturday 21st December

**Psalm 113**

Glimpses of glory -

the merry dancers in the midnight sky

praise God!

Sunday 22nd December

**Micah 5:2-Sa**

Waiting for the due date,

blessed by anxiety and hope:

bring us peace

Monday 23rd December

**Matthew**

People wait - in all

the waitings of life;

waiting for hope to spring again

in winter...

***Luke 7:46b-55***

God, your name is holy

and your mercy sure -

lifting up the lowly.

Tuesday 24th December

God's economy:

the rejected find dignity,

the poor, justice.

Wednesday 25th December

**Isaiah 9:2**

Midwinter midnight, deep darkness:

then - look! - an infinity of stars...