

The Second Sunday of Advent

This weekend is Saturday the 7 and Sunday the 8 December, the Second Sunday of Advent.

Diana Stanbridge sings 'With You'. As you listen, place all of the situations worrying you into the care of God. Know that the God of love journeys with you?

Each of the four Gospels portrays John the Baptist in a slightly different light. In Matthew, John is first & foremost the preacher of repentance as we shall see in today's reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

What's the first thing that comes to mind when you hear the name 'John the Baptist'? John appears in the wilderness. As well as describing the land near the southern part of the Jordan River, the word wilderness has rich biblical overtones. What does wilderness bring to mind..?

What are the wilderness places in my life, in my community, in the world?

Do I believe that in these places of loneliness, or broken relationships or failure, there is still room for grace?

Through his preaching, John prepares the way for Jesus & his ministry. Listen to the reading again hear John pointing ahead to one who is coming, one who is mightier.

Speak to God now and express whatever is in your heart as a response to God's love and care for you.

O Wisdom, Lord and Ruler, Root of Jesse, Key of David, Rising Sun, King of the nations, Emmanuel, Come, Lord Jesus.