

Second Week of Advent
Saturday 12 December 2020

Reflection 14 – Day 14

Prepare!

‘I will send my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way”

“a voice of one calling in the wilderness,

‘Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.

Mark 1:2-3

At the beginning of Mark’s gospel, we find these verses about John the Baptist which illuminate his role in the drama of God coming to earth in Jesus. John was the one who was to prepare people to respond well to Jesus.

Advent is a time of preparation: in our house last weekend was the moment we got the decorations down from the attic, put up the bunting and started writing Christmas cards. Even though for a Christmas tree we’ve gone for more of a pot plant than the fall blown thing (to make sure our Christmas is toddler proof), getting ready is exciting!

Spiritually we are invited to respond to the message of John the Baptist in the run up to Christmas. Where our hearts have strayed away from God we are invited to come back and draw close to Him. Where other things in life, whether people, jobs or possessions, have taken His place we are invited to do some re-arranging and ‘make a straight path for him’. What might this look like for us?

Lord,

I am sorry for where I have drifted from your love and looked to other things to bring ultimate satisfaction in life rather than you. I name these things now...

Thank you for your forgiveness and grace. Help me to know your presence this day and to share your comfort and joy with others.

Amen