

I am grateful to Fr. Matthew Dowsey and Rev. Graham Bride for Presiding at the Sunday morning services today. My family and I are currently in the Grampians, at Halls Gap, where the whole Goodes' clan has gathered for the 80th birthday of my Dad. Hopefully the weather will be nice for us!

As I am away, I offer you an Advent reflection, written by John Birch, a Methodist Lay Preacher and worship leader living in South Wales.

The Advent story
of hope and mystery,
anticipation,
preparation.
A kingdom of this world
and the next;
and a king
appearing when we least expect.
Heaven touching earth.
Footsteps of the divine
walking dusty roads
as once they did in Eden,
and a people searching for a saviour,
and walking past the stable.
Open eyes and hearts
that this might be
an Advent of hope for the world,
where those who seek
will find the Christ-child
born for them.

May Lucy, John of the Cross, and all the Saints walk with you this week...

Sam