

Tuesday 15th

watching waiting

Hoping

“In him was life, and the life
was the light of all people.
The light shines in the
darkness, and the darkness
has not overcome it.”

John 1. 4 & 5

As we engage day by day
with the words and the life of
Jesus, we find that it is hope
not despair that shapes the
way we see the world.

Tuesday 22nd

Watching, Waiting, Hoping
in joyful anticipation of

Christmas

And is it true? And is it true?
This most tremendous tale of all,
Seen in a stained-glass window's hue,
A Baby in an ox's stall?
The Maker of the stars and sea
Become a Child on earth for me?

And is it true? For if it is,
No loving fingers tying strings
Around those tissueed fripperies,
The sweet and silly Christmas things,
Bath salts and inexpensive scent
And hideous tie so kindly meant,

No love that in a family dwells,
No carolling in frosty air,
Nor all the steeple-shaking bells
Can with this single Truth compare –
That God was Man in Palestine
And lives to-day in Bread and Wine.

John Betjeman

Titchfield Parish Church

Advent Prayer

Watching Waiting Hoping

**A Quiet Half Hour
at home or in church
at 12 noon on Tuesdays
1, 8, 15 & 22 December 2020**

Advent Collect

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away
the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ
came to us in great humility,
that on the last day,
when he shall come again
in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive
and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Tuesday 1st

Watching

waiting hoping

Prayer is taking time to look,
pausing long enough to see
the goodness, wonder
and beauty all around us.

It's making time to see
what otherwise might
remain unnoticed,
signs of God's presence
in the world
and in the people
we encounter day by day.

Tuesday 8th

watching

Waiting

hoping

Hannah prayed silently;
only her lips moved;
so Eli thought she was drunk.

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"Hannah answered, 'No, sir,
I am a woman deeply troubled;
I have drunk neither wine
nor strong drink,
but I have been pouring out
my soul before the Lord.'"

1 Samuel 1. 17