Advent 1

Hope is hiding in plain sight

As Advent begins, we gather in
a season of waiting.
The days are short, the trees
stand bare, and the future can
feel uncertain.

Don’t be afraid:
hope is hiding in plain sight.

Jesus tells us not to be afraid,
but to stay awake,
to notice what is quietly growing
even when it is hard to see.

Don’t be afraid:
hope is hiding in plain sight.

In the midst of winter and worry,
God is already at work,
holding the future open before us.

Don’t be afraid:
hope is hiding in plain sight.

As we begin this Advent
journey together –

Don’t be afraid:
hope is hiding in plain sight.



Advent 2

A new chapter is beginning

As Advent continues, we gather as
people still waiting.
The days press on, the nights draw in,
and it can feel as though little is changing.

Don’t be afraid:
God is on the move.

We hear again the stories of beginnings,
of God stirring,
of the world shifting in ways that are not
yet obvious but already underway.

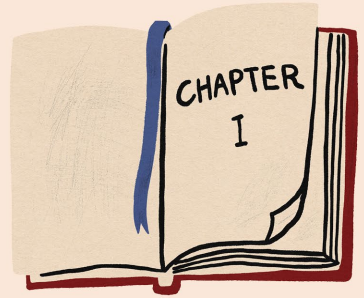
Don’t be afraid:
God is on the move.

In places that seem quiet,
and moments that seem delayed,
your purposes are unfolding
ahead of us.

Don’t be afraid:
God is on the move.

As we listen, watch and wait together –

Don’t be afraid:
God is on the move.



Advent 3

God is nearer than we realise

As Advent deepens, we gather still waiting.
The weeks are busy, the noise is constant,
and it can be hard to notice
what truly matters.

Don’t be afraid:
God is nearer than we realise.

John speaks of one already
among the people,
present but not yet recognised,
the one we come to know in Jesus.

Don’t be afraid:
God is nearer than we realise.

We are not called to search harder or
strain to find you,
but to pay attention to what is already
beginning to be revealed.

Don’t be afraid:
God is nearer than we realise.

In moments that feel light or easily overlooked,
in signs that seem small or fragile, your presence
draws near to us and invites us to notice.

Don’t be afraid:
God is nearer than we realise.

As we pause, listen and rejoice together –

Don’t be afraid:
God is nearer than we realise.



Advent 4

God interrupts for good reasons

As Advent draws near to its end,
we gather, still waiting.
Plans are forming, expectations are set,
and we think we know what the days
ahead will hold.

Don’t be afraid:
God interrupts for good reasons.

The story tells us of lives interrupted,
of ordinary plans unsettled,
of God breaking in
where least expected.

Don’t be afraid:
God interrupts for good reasons.

Your interruptions are not to confuse or
control, but to open new possibilities, and to
make room for what we could not have
imagined.

Don’t be afraid:
God interrupts for good reasons.

As we make space for your
unexpected arrival –

Don’t be afraid:
God interrupts for good reasons.



Christmas Day
Jesus is here

Today we gather not to wait,
but to welcome.
The long night has passed, and
God has come near.

Don’t be afraid:
Jesus is here.

The story tells us of a child born,
of heaven touching earth,
of God choosing closeness
over distance.

Don’t be afraid:
Jesus is here.

Not arriving in power or display,
but in vulnerability and need,
God comes to dwell among us.

Don’t be afraid:
Jesus is here.

As we celebrate this good news together –

Don’t be afraid:
Jesus is here.



Christmas 1

Good things take time

We gather in the days after Christmas,
when the celebrations quieten,
and ordinary life begins again.

Don’t be afraid:
Good things take time.

The story slows down.
The child grows.
Faithful people wait,
and trust what is
still unfolding.

Don’t be afraid:
Good things take time.

God is at work not only in moments
of arrival,
but in patience, in persistence,
and in the long faithfulness
of everyday life.

Don’t be afraid:
Good things take time.

As we continue this journey together –

Don’t be afraid:
Good things take time.



Christmas 2

God has made a home among us

We gather in the turning of the year,
as Christmas fades into the background,
and the days begin to stretch ahead.

Don’t be afraid:
God has made a home among us.

The Word has taken flesh,
not for a moment, but to dwell,
to remain, and to live alongside us.

Don’t be afraid:
God has made a home among us.

Not waiting for perfection or readiness,
God chooses ordinary places,
ordinary lives, and stays.

Don’t be afraid:
God has made a home among us.

As we make room again for God’s presence

Don’t be afraid:
God has made a home among us.



Epiphany

God leaves traces to guide us

We gather having journeyed through
Advent and Christmas,
with familiar stories behind us,
and new understanding still forming.

Don’t be afraid:
God leaves traces to guide us.

The story tells of signs and clues,
of travellers paying attention,
of guidance discovered along the way,
rather than all at once.

Don’t be afraid:
God leaves traces to guide us.

God’s presence is not always
loud or obvious,
but marked gently,
inviting us to notice,
and to follow.

Don’t be afraid:
God leaves traces to guide us.

As we open our eyes and our
hearts again

Don’t be afraid:
God leaves traces to guide us.

