

In the beginning was the Word...

An Advent & Christmas Course from the Diocese of Aberdeen & Orkney



First Week of Christmas

Sunday 24th December to Saturday 30th December



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The words for reflection this week have been

Covenant Light Gift Enlighten Justice Revelation Speak

They were drawn from the readings for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, Christmas and the readings appointed for each day.

Some points to ponder:

- What word has made you think the most, why?
- Has there been a word that has surprised you and if so, in what way?
- As you've travelled through Advent to Christmas, how has the course shaped your journey?
- Is there a word you'd like to find out more about, reflect on or return to, this is an invitation to do to.

A Prayer for Christmastide

...and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

O Lord our God, may the Light and Hope of this season, and of your Son's Incarnation, reassure our hearts that you are among us, that you hear our prayer, and that you will be with us always, even to the end of the age. In the name of Jesus of Nazareth we pray. Amen. *(Prayer by Fr Rick Morley)*

To listen

There is a playlist of most of the pieces of music suggested in the reflections, it can be found at <https://open.spotify.com/playlist/77jSmkIGBiKvz0ggnKV7gW?si=d1f483c6bf4646d8>

The word for each day (3-25 December is taken from Advent Word 2023 #adventword).

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