



# Words for Wondering

An Advent to Epiphany Course from the  
Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December

**Truly**



*Scripture:* **Matthew 11: 9-11**

This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’

“Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

Reflection

One definition of the word truly is ‘to the fullest degree; genuinely or properly.’ In Matthew 11, Jesus tells us that John the Baptist is great on earth, but the least in heaven is greater than John the Baptist. In the English Folk Carol *This is the truth sent from above*, we sing of *The truth of God, the God of love*, as the carol narrates the history of God’s love for humanity. A verse towards the end speaks of ‘And at this season of the year Our blest Redeemer did appear, He here did live, and here did preach, And many thousands He did teach.’ What do you take as the heart of the truth of the incarnation for you as you reflect on God becoming flesh, God with Us as we approach the end of Advent?

To Listen

This is the Truth Sent from Above (from Cecil Sharp’s *English Folk-Carols*)

O Key of David (O Clavis *David*) by Tamsin Jones