



Words for Wondering

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

Tuesday 23rd December

Mother



Scripture: **Matthew 1:18-22**

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

Reflection

This last Sunday of Advent we heard the account of Joseph’s encounter with an angel in a dream. The Gospel of Luke tells of Mary’s encounter with the Angel Gabriel and her saying ‘yes’ to being God bearer and being Jesus’ earthly mother. What do you think was going through Joseph’s mind as he found that Mary was pregnant and he knew they had not been intimate?

To Listen

The Angel Gabriel Came (Traditional) I Saw a Maiden (Traditional)

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