



Words for Wondering

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

Sunday 7th December – Second Sunday of Advent
Heed



Scripture: **Jeremiah 33: 14-17**

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.' For thus says the Lord: David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel.

Reflection

In some reflections on Advent Wreath Candles, the second candle represents the Prophets. The Prophets who foretold of Jesus' birth, those of the Old Testament and those like John the Baptist who came to make the way for Jesus. To heed is to pay attention and take notice of, perhaps of warnings, of signs of discerning the Spirit at work in the world. The Biblical prophets were champions of hope, sometimes saying things that people did not want to hear, challenging the status quo, speaking truth to power, seeking to help humanity hear God speaking to them. What do you need to take heed of this Advent Season?

To Listen

Long Ago Prophets Knew by F. Pratt Green (*Personent Hodie*)

*Carlo Crivelli (1476), St John the Baptist from The Demidoff
Altarpiece (National Gallery)*