

## **Advent to Epiphany liturgies Week 1**

### **Advent Sunday (3 December)**

#### **On the theme of Hope**

*A red candle is to be lit by the oldest member of the congregation*

The Lord said to Abram:

Leave your country, your family, and your relatives and go to the land that I will show you. I will bless you and make your descendants into a great nation. You will become famous and be a blessing to others. (Genesis 12.1-2)

Abram was 75 years old, but God still gave him hope for the future.

- However old you are – what steps towards hope will you make this week?

We know where we are going on this journey – all the way to Christmas Day, so it is easier to be hopeful, but we pray for others who are lost and scared:

To people who are worried about the cost of Christmas

**Lord bring hope**

To people who are sad because they will be alone this Christmas

**Lord bring hope**

To people who just see so much to do

**Lord bring hope**

And may we be hope-bringers too on our journey.

**Amen.**

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