



## The Bishop of Lincoln

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At Christmas time there is a lot of busyness. People are rushing round buying gifts and there can be queues in shops and more traffic on the roads. In the next few weeks we can spend a great deal of time waiting. The season of Advent is a time of waiting for the birth of Christ and the issue is what to do as we wait.

Can you think of places where you do wait?  
What do you do when you wait for something?

Advent is a time of waiting when we have the chance to remember God giving his Son. Each week in our churches another candle is lit on the advent wreath and that is a way to think each week about the fact that God knows us and loves us and gave us the most precious thing – his Son.

So, while we wait this Advent, and are excited about what we may be given, there is also the chance to think what we can give to others. We might say hello to people who look lonely or surprise someone with an act of kindness.

Mary was told that she would give birth to Jesus and she was full of joy – that was how she waited. I hope you are also filled with joy as you wait for Christmas Day. May you have an exciting and holy Christmas.

With every good wish,

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