

**ST ANDREW'S CHURCH  
GRAFHAM**

**'THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK'**

**9th December 2020**

I am away this week but hope that you will find these short pieces helpful for your Advent reflections. They are on another of the traditional themes for Advent, 'From darkness to light' which some of us explored in more detail in our Advent Quiet Afternoon last week.

**God in the dark**

Holy God,  
before us, beside us, within us,  
there is no place without you;  
help us to recognise your presence  
in the dark places,  
the difficult places, of our lives:  
even as we sing of your glory  
in the light.  
Amen.

*Chris Polhill*

*(from Winter ed. by Ruth Burgess published by Wild Goose Publications)*

**Bright God of Advent**

Bright God of Advent:  
Blaze in our darkness.  
Incinerate our iniquity.  
Light up our road.

Riddle the ashes  
of our desires.  
Rekindle in us  
your justice and love.

*Ruth Burgess*

*(from Candles and Conifers ed. by Ruth Burgess published by Wild Goose Publications)*

With my love and prayers

Camilla

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