

GALLOWAY ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET 2020

WATCHING AND WAITING

Advent is the time in the Christian year when we await with special watchfulness the coming of the Christ Child. Waiting is never easy, and it has been especially difficult for most of us in this year of the Covid pandemic. We await vaccines, cures, treatments while watching for signs of illness. Our hope and optimism wax and wane. Patience is demanded along with discipline, courage and sacrifice.

The theme for Galloway's 2020 Advent Devotional Booklet is "Waiting and Watching." Perhaps you have a story or lesson you can share about new insights you have gained this year about watching and waiting. How can what we have experienced and learned in this unusual time better equip us to wait patiently and serve others faithfully as Christians? How have you struggled to be present for others during this pandemic? Where have you felt the Lord's presence? How have you faced fear or grief? Has this trying time also brought you gifts?

Sharing our stories is a natural impulse, and we need to hear each other's stories.

This is an essential exercise for us as members of the Christian community. This does not mean that every story has to be tied up with the pretty bow of a happy ending. Your experience may be evolving and unresolved as you tell it. Whatever you have to share, please consider doing so for the Galloway Advent Booklet. Submissions should be about 350 words and emailed to Nora-Frances McRae at stonemcrae@gmail.com. The deadline October 27.