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Brothers and sisters, friends all, Greetings!

We approach yet another season of Advent in great bewilderment and much of our anxiety derives from the ongoing pandemic and its impact on our lives. While we are each affected differently, what we have in common is our Hope in God and the certainty of our faith, that He is with us and will provide the strength and guidance we need through it all.

Despite the challenges, we are more than pleased to welcome you as you journey with us through Advent and Christmas 2021 and hope that this year's publication of, "**Our Hope and Expectation**" will serve to stir up new hopes and renew and strengthen your faith.

As a reminder, our daily reflections are guided by the Year C scripture readings (in the Revised Common Lectionary) for Sundays in the seasons of Advent and Christmas 2021, as written in the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) of the Bible. On Sundays, the reflection is on the Collect; on Mondays, the Old Testament reading; on Tuesdays, the Psalm; on Wednesdays the New Testament reading; on Thursdays and Fridays, the Gospel reading, and on Saturdays, a hymn from the Hymnal compiled for use by the Church in the Province of the West Indies (Anglican), or

on any one or all of the week's readings. In addition, on Sundays, there will be a reflection, specifically written for our children.

His hand has indeed guided us so that we are able to thank the St. Jude's Writers: Nicole Clarke, Eleanor Henry, Rev. Canon Dr Georgia (Grace) Jervis, Jacqueline Morgan, Sister Norma Thompson and Pam Williams, for writing this season. We say thanks also to Rev Fr. Michael Elliott, Rector, St. Mark, Mandeville Parish Church, for his introduction, 'Celebrating Advent', and to our own Rector, Rev. Fr. Khan Honeyghan, for his children's sermons and for his 'Invitation to Advent – Watchfulness in the Wilderness'

In observance of the COVID-19 protocols, we will not be able to have a printed version and our reflections will again be shared electronically. They will be posted to the Diocese's website www.anglicandioceseja.org; St. Jude's Facebook page, St Jude's Anglican Church, Stony Hill, daily, and sent directly to those who have so requested, via e-mail or WhatsApp. We must also thank the Rev. Fr. Kirk Brown, a priest in the Diocese and his team of readers, who have agreed to record the reflections daily and to make them available in audio format. We are our brothers' keepers, and so we invite you to share these reflections with others known to you, as freely as you wish. You may also forward to us at stjudeswriters@gmail.com the e-mail addresses or WhatsApp numbers of persons who may wish to receive these reflections directly.

Let us remember to pray for each other, to give thanks for the many blessings we still enjoy and for the discernment to appreciate God's call on our lives.

Blessings and peace!

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