

Opening Prayer:

Loving God, draw us closer to your heart, that we might know you better and understand you more completely. From the security of what we know to the adventure of what you will reveal -

Lead us, we pray, in Jesus' name – Amen.

1. 1 December (Zechariah). SIGHT

**We will stand as children
of the promise
We will fix our eyes on
Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished
and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight**

Do we walk by faith & not by sight?

Can you think of a time when **you** walked by faith & not by sight? Can you share this with the group?

2. 8 December (Mary visits Elizabeth) TOUCH



Magnificat – what does it do for you?

“Sing we a song of high revolt”. Which part of the “revolt” is the most meaningful for you? Why?

3. 15 December (SOUND)



Were you familiar with the candy cane symbolism?

Have **you** heard an angel's message?

In the interview, Gabriel requested room for the angelic choir. Do we make room for angels today?

4. 22 December (Nativity). TASTE



What effects do Nativities have on
(a) children ((b) parents (c) congregations)?

How do they help us see beyond the stable to the truth that “the Word became a human being & moved into the neighbourhood”?

5. 29 December (Simeon & Anna). SMELL



Posada – did it work? Can it be worked on?

Advent wreath – does it work?

Other Christmas events – Youth Celebration; When Christmas Hurts; Carols at the Cross.

As we go – Holy Spirit of God:

May your presence continue to enrich our debates, enlighten our world, and guide us in new directions. Amen.