

# 6 DECEMBER — SPEAK

**READING: ISAIAH 40:3**

**LISTEN! IT'S THE VOICE OF SOMEONE SHOUTING,  
"CLEAR THE WAY THROUGH THE WILDERNESS FOR THE  
LORD! MAKE A STRAIGHT HIGHWAY THROUGH THE  
WASTELAND FOR OUR GOD!"**

## Lead Story Headline

During the second Sunday in Advent we remember the voices of the prophets, showing the way to Jesus. The story of Jesus is a story that overturns our assumptions about where power and authority lie. During the time of the prophets, the Jewish nation was living under occupying power. The prophets declared to Israel that freedom lies with God, whose glory shall soon be revealed.

Prophets speak into society and offer a clear and often critical assessment of events. But they also bring the voice of hope in difficult situations.



**PRAYER:**

**BLESSED ARE YOU, SOVEREIGN LORD, JUST AND TRUE:  
TO YOU BE PRAISE AND GLORY FOR EVER. OF OLD YOU SPOKE BY THE MOUTH OF YOUR PROPHETS, BUT IN  
OUR DAYS YOU SPEAK THROUGH YOUR SON, WHOM YOU HAVE APPOINTED THE HEIR OF ALL THINGS.  
GRANT US, YOUR PEOPLE, TO WALK IN HIS LIGHT, THAT WE MAY BE FOUND READY AND WATCHING WHEN  
HE COMES AGAIN IN GLORY AND JUDGEMENT; FOR YOU ARE OUR LIGHT AND OUR SALVATION.  
AMEN**

## Enrichment

Who are today's prophets? What are the issues today which the church can speak to? Christian Aid suggests in [this theological paper](#) that the church can act on climate change by speaking as prophets to the rest of the world.

### Things to do

- If you have made an Advent Wreath then light the first and second of the purple candles
- For a simple explanation of the prophets watch [this video](#) from Bible Project.