

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Advent, Friday of 1<sup>st</sup> week

Reading: Lk.1,21-25

v22b *“The realised he had seen a vision in the temple, for he kept making signs to them but remained unable to speak.”*

True to what the angel had said, Zechariah found himself unable to speak when he finally came out of the temple, re-joining the people who stood wondering what had delayed him so. This would have been the time to tell everyone what had happened. After all, the vision he had received was not just a private message but had relevance for all. Yet all he could do was make signs.

But surely these signs were saying, ‘Something is happening, something is in the making!’ even as they hid from eye and ear what exactly that was.

Some that were there would have run away with their speculations and soon lost interest. “What eye has not seen and ear has not heard..” – of what likely relevance could that be, especially when compared with what the eye *does* see and the ear *does* hear?!

But there would have been those too who said, ‘Let’s wait; let us wait expectantly for what God will surely reveal to us in his good time and way. Then we shall see and hear what is now hidden under these signs.’

The Advent sign points to the Saviour. He comes, even as we wait for him.