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**Liturgical Date: Year B, Advent 2, 10th December 2023**

*(There is an 'Advent Welcome' on the Music page).*

**Presenter: Pastor Kim Langford**

**Focus Reading:** Mark 1: 1-8

**Message** 9 minutes 35 seconds

**"Beyond the Glitter to the Gold"**

### **Discussion Starters**

- 1** What favourite sayings or challenges have helped you approach Christmas with fresh faith?
- 2** How do you think 'glitter' and 'gold' are used in the message? Share whether this idea gives you any further insight into your experience of discipleship.
- 3** What would your congregation have to say if someone was curious to hear about who Jesus is and what difference his coming into the world makes for our lives today?
- 4** In what ways might you identify the precious 'threads of the sacred' in the ordinary moments of life – individually and as a faith community?

### **Lectionary readings for the day**

**Isaiah 40:1-11** The prophet and a member of the heavenly council proclaim God's comfort to the people of Israel who have experienced God's absence as punishment for their sins. In response, the people prepare for God's coming presence.

**Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13** Even though the people now experience divine anger, the psalmist declares that God's favour will return. Favor forms a more basic part of God's nature than does wrath.

**2 Peter 3:8-15a** The delay of the second manifestation of the risen Christ is an act of grace and patience. In anticipation of the manifestation of Christ, the church acts in holiness.

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**All Age Message: Pastor Kim Langford**

**"A Surprise from Jesus"**

**Length** 4 minutes 45 seconds

### **Precis of AAM**

Kim challenges us to think of Christmas as presents for all time - Jesus, Gifts, and Every Day. The **gift of Jesus**, showing us the face of God is given to us **every day** not just at Christmas!

**Resources: Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 85(1-2), 8-13 on page 308-309**

### **Pastor Kim Langford**

Kim is the UCA Newcastle University Chaplain, Supply Minister and Lay Preacher, Supervisor and Counsellor. Kim's other professional interests include wholistic spiritual care, theology, philosophy, and well-being research. In all contexts, she enjoys facilitating people's growth as unique and fully alive humans. For replenishment, she reads widely, writes fiction/reflections, plays music, and hangs out with loved ones around the beautiful bush-scape of Lake Macquarie.