

## ADVENT VISITING CALENDAR

Advent is a time for visiting: While pregnant with Jesus, Mary visits her cousin, Elizabeth, mother of John the Baptist (Luke 1:39) and the Magi visit the new parents, Mary and Joseph (Matthew 2:1-13).

Every Advent, millions of children look forward to waking up in the morning and opening that little cardboard door to reveal a little chocolate. **That sense of joy and anticipation is holy!** What if we could reignite that childhood joy?

*Better yet, what if we could BECOME that Advent joy for someone else?*

This Advent Season, consider sitting down on your own or with your family. Make a list as long as you can—not of “who’s naughty and nice”—but of all the people who might appreciate a phone call, an e-mail or a Christmas letter.

We all know someone in a special care home, whether a family member or a neighbour, who we have not seen in a long time. Maybe someone from town is in the hospital; they don’t expect a call or a text, but they might appreciate it

There are 27 days in Advent this year so try to think of 27 different people. Maybe you can think of only a few. That’s fine. Put them on a weekly rotation. Call them on week one, write them a Christmas letter on week two, Zoom them on week three, drop cookies on their doorstep on week four. Have fun with it!



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**Merry Christmas!**