

## **Advent Sunday, Year B**

**Isaiah 64: 1-9**

**Psalm 80: 1-7: Stir up thy strength, O Lord.**

**1 Corinthians 1: 3-9**

**Luke 2: 22-40**

Lovely time of year

Images: clouds, shoots sprouting

Mysticism, Mystical religion

What is this thing that is coming?

Theos

Divine

How do we recognise it?

Light is just about the best way. Light to lighten the dark corners, to flush out the dirt.

Let there be light – not overcome

Lantern of Christ will bleach them. Demons

that are enemies of our good selves

only so fighting are we adult fruitful happy (von Hügel) All life, according to [von Hügel] consists in a patient struggle with irreconcilables—a progressive unifying of parts that will never fit perfectly.

These enemies within are more dangerous than any external enemy because they inhibit my goodness within, often through guilt. I must love these enemies, love my demons,

Renewals require assessment of where you are

- self examination
- searingly honest
- hard work

Church – renewal. Examine every organisation of the church to ask how is it furthering the work of Christ. If we find it is simply existing for the comfort of a few, we should consider how it needs to be altered.

All this is a new start, a tidy up

Be alert, watch

Liturgy; we all watch and wait. Journey – east facing