

*Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you." Genesis 12:1*

Abram is called to believe that God will give him a homeland, even though he is a nomad, with no fixed abode. Abram's journey begins with listening and attentiveness to the word of God which calls him to leave the familiar territory of his father's lands in order to be a sign to all people that the promise of God is to be trusted. Having listened he commits to an adventure that will change his very identity, and as Abraham he will become the father of a great multitude - the people of God.

In Advent we, like Abraham listen to the word of God that will not let us be. It will ask us to make new steps in our pilgrimage, it will invite us to change. It may be that we have a similar sense of uncertainty in where we are being led, but God's promises can be trusted and we are always responding to the invitation to deepen our relationship with him and our fellow pilgrims on the way. How will we use this Advent to listen to God's call to us?