

## Day 16: Go tell it on the mountains

### Read

'How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of him who brings good news,  
who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness,  
who publishes salvation,  
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."'" Isaiah 52.7 (ESV)

'Then one of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year. Your wife Sarah will have a son.'" Genesis 18.10 (ESV)

### Reflect

In the Hebrew Scriptures, Isaiah depicts a herald with 'beautiful feet' bringing a victory announcement to defeated exiles: 'Your God reigns!' Now for Luke, the birth of John the Baptist heralds the ultimate gospel announcement. The moment the whole story has been waiting for is now at hand. John's calling was therefore to be a herald in the 'spirit and power of Elijah' and to prepare the way for the Lord himself! Today your challenge is to get ready.

### Challenge 1

Help someone clear out a shed or space they would be unable to do alone

### Challenge 2

Sort through your wardrobe and donate any unwanted clothes or items to a charity shop

### Challenge 3

Offer to wrap presents for someone overwhelmed by the burden of preparing Christmas celebrations