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## Value: Hope

From Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November until Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December we will be looking at the value 'hope'.

The Oxford English Dictionary defines 'hope' as:  
*A feeling of expectation and desire for a particular thing to happen.*

As Christmas approaches, Christians are reminded about 'hope' with celebrating the birth of Jesus. Archbishop Justin Welby once said in one of his talks "Christians are called to live in hope not fear"  
(<http://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/articles.php/5599/archbishop-justin-jesus-calls-us-to-live-in-hope>) As we look at the world around us, sometimes things may seem overwhelming and perhaps there have been times when we ourselves may have lost hope. But as the bible says in Romans 12:12:

*Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.*

The challenge for us is how can we sow seeds of hope in our community? What little part can we play in our community to make it a better place?

### Home Challenge:

**Listen to the song 'Anchor' by Hillsong**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f5Gtr0RCoSQ>

**Is there something that you are hoping for over the Advent season...?**

### Anchor, by Hillsong, lyrics:

I have this hope  
As an anchor for my soul  
Through every storm  
I will hold to You  
  
With endless love  
All my fear is swept away  
In everything  
I will trust in You

There is hope in the promise of the cross  
You gave everything to save the world You love  
And this hope is an anchor for my soul  
Our God will stand  
Unshakeable

Unchanging One  
You who was and is to come  
Your promise sure  
You will not let go

Your Name is higher  
Your Name is greater  
All my hope is in You

Your word unfailing  
Your promise unshaken  
All my hope is in You

