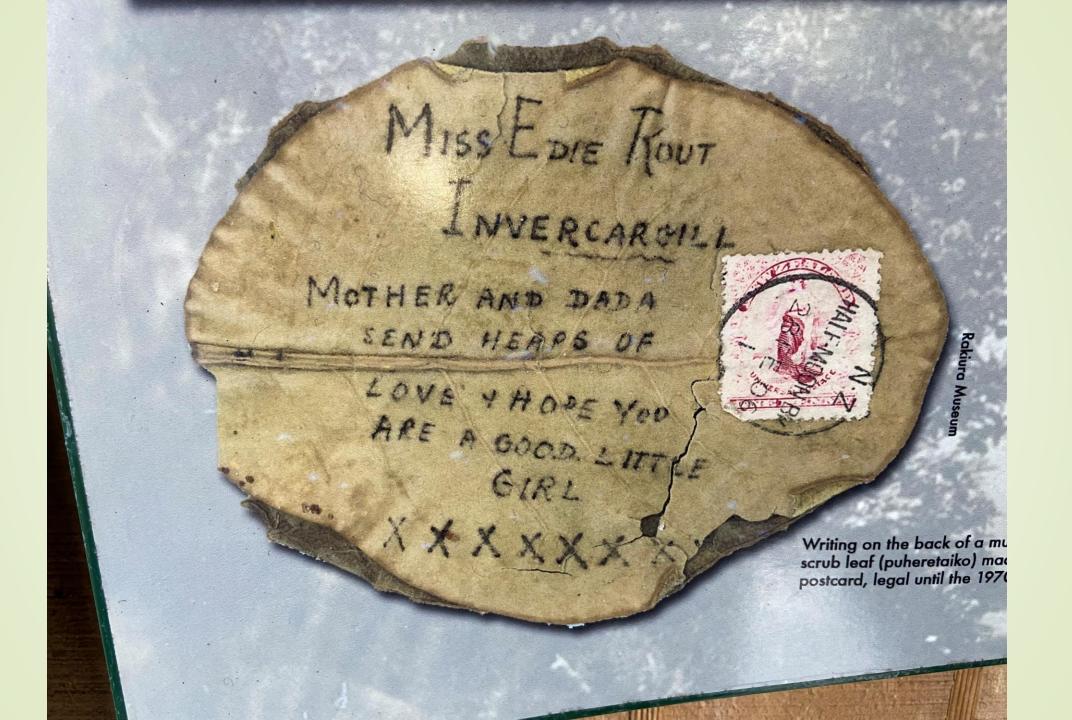
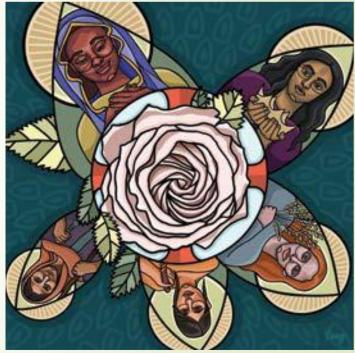
# **First Sunday of Advent** There's room for every story

Matthew 1:1-17, Isaiah 2:1-5



## Jesus Messiah -Son of David, Son of Abraham Matthew 1: 1-17

- Different from Luke's genealogy
- Genealogy created for impact
- Includes four women
- For a Jewish audience seeking political liberation and spiritual empowerment during a time of oppression



 Establish Jesus is of the royal line

## Who Am I?

- Not defined by my career or education or sporting achievements!
- Relationships and Connections
- Nurture and Nature
- Adopted into God's family

#### Provision of Hope Isaiah 2:1-5

- God will be exalted -not just by Judah, but by all the nations
- God's wisdom will be sought and followed
- Justice will prevail
- Peace will be established
- Walk in the light of the Lord



### What now?

Reflect: Who has contributed to your story

Be: Learn to appreciate who you are and are becoming

Do: Do Justice, Love Mercy, Walk humbly with your God