

## Advent Service 2020

Reader Y6 – Megan C

Welcome to our Advent Service of 2020.

Advent is a special time when we prepare ourselves for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas.

Advent is a time for keeping watch, for keeping faith.

A time for remembering how Jesus was born a baby in Bethlehem.

A time for inviting Jesus to be born in our hearts.

A time for looking in hope to the return of Jesus.

Reader Y6 - Nathaniel

During Advent one of our traditions is to light an Advent Wreath and watch the light of the candles become stronger as we journey closer to Christmas Day.

It helps us to focus during this time of waiting and preparation.

(one child could hold up the part of the advent wreath that is been explained.)

The circular shape has no beginning and no end- it reminds us that life with Jesus is everlasting.

The ever green leaves show that God's love for us never ends.

The candlelight reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world.

The three purple candles remind us to prepare our hearts to receive Jesus.

The pink candle reminds us of the joyful promises Jesus made

Song: Like a candle

Reader Y6 - Finley

The four candles on an Advent wreath represent the themes of hope, peace, joy and love. Our Service today lets us reflect on each of these themes as we look forward to the wonder, mystery and celebration of the birth of Jesus at Christmas.

## Year 6 – The Candle of Love

Reader Y6 – Meaghan S

Joseph was engaged to Mary.

Joseph was engaged to Mary. but before they were married, she found out that she was going to have a baby by the Holy Spirit. Joseph was a man who always did what was right, but he did not want to disgrace Mary publicly, so he made plans to break the engagement privately.

While Joseph thought about this, an angel of the Lord came to him in a dream. The angel said, "Joseph, descendant of David, don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife. The baby in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son. You will name the son Jesus. Give him that name because he will save his people from their sins."

24 When Joseph woke up, he did what the Lord's angel had told him to do. Joseph married Mary and they named the son Jesus.

Song: Dear Elizabeth

Reader Y6 – Jamie B

Let us pray. God our Father, you sent Jesus to be the light of the world. Our fourth candle symbolises love. May we always find hope in the love Jesus gives, even when we are sad or lonely. May we bring the light of Christ to the world this Advent. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

Reader Y6 – Rory

Butterflies of Hope for the crib.

In this most uncertain of times, may we be reminded that God is always with us. Let us listen out for God's voice and look for evidence of God's presence around us. Let us be like the prophets of the old testament who became messengers to guide and console others. Let us remember to stay faithful and follow God's example.

We shall now bring to the crib, symbols of what we wish for our world where Jesus is to come.

Reader Y6 - Benjamine

Where there is doubt, we bring a Bible, a symbol of faith.

Where there is darkness, we bring light, a symbol that God is with us

Where there is sadness, we bring a rainbow, a symbol of joy.

Where there is fear, we bring a cross, a symbol of trust

We bring a dove, a symbol of peace.

Where there is despair, we bring a butterfly, a symbol of hope

Reader Y6 – Matthew L

Lord Jesus

Make our hearts ready

To love and welcome you.

Be born again

Not in a manger

But in us.

Song: Peace Child