

Observing our Faith - OoF†

The four weeks of Advent

29 November to 24 December



Watch this space!

We stay alert. As the night watch longs for the morning we long for God. In uncertainty, in distance, with

the missing; in doing, in being, in worship in the world, we watch this space, for God is in this space.

(Ally Barrett)

About this festival

Advent is a time of preparation and waiting when the Church awaits the coming of the Saviour of the World. It is a time to go slow and ask for forgiveness. It is also a time to look in hope towards the light that brings hope to the world.

A Word from Scripture

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined."

Isaiah 9.2

An example to inspire



The Reverse Advent Calendar is one practical idea for marking the days of Advent. Get a box and every day add an item for your nearest foodbank. Remember to get it

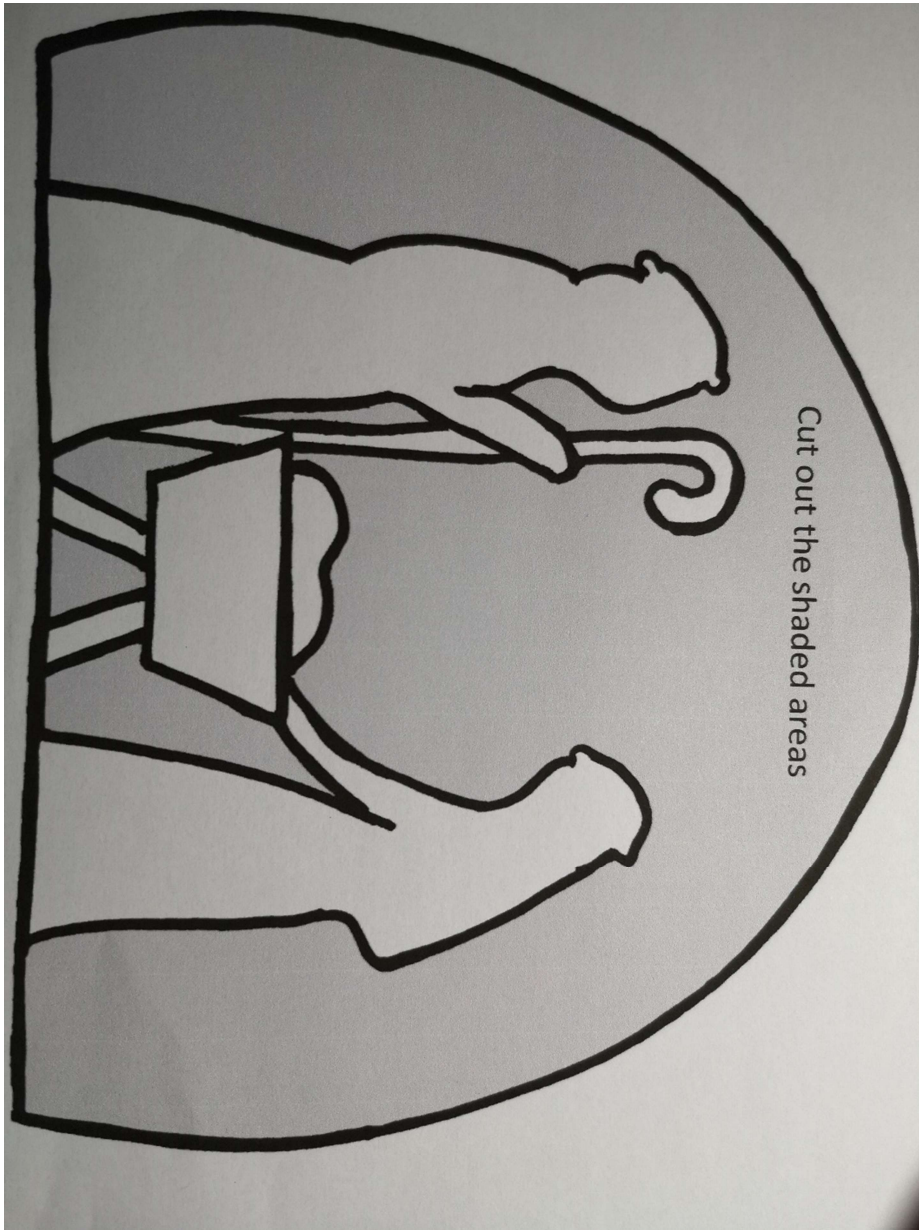
to them in early December so that the goods can be distributed in time for Christmas.

An activity to try

Why not tell your neighbours what it is you are waiting for? Put up a picture in your window with a message. You can use the nativity on the next page as a template. Secure it over two pieces of black paper. Cut out the darker areas between the shape and the figures. Then stick some strips of coloured tissue paper on the back to fill the gaps. Attach the other black sheet to the back. Then put it in the



window facing outwards with your message, such as "Watch this space! Or "Worth waiting for!" Don't forget to take a picture of your window and email, What's App or post it to Reuben and we'll put it on our OoF pages.



An SEC Collect Prayer for Advent

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the amour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility: that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge he living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen

Your prayer to offer



It is traditional to light a candle for each week of Advent to prepare the coming of Jesus.

Advent 1 Pray for hope

Advent 2 Pray for peace

Advent 3 Pray for joy

Advent 4 Pray for love

You will also find prayers for each day of Advent in the prayer booklet.

Next leaflets: Christmas Eve, Christmas

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