



Welcome Words

We have gathered in the name of
God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
to worship together
and to think about the value peace.

Can you remember
what church season we are in?



What does the word 'advent' mean?



Advent lasts for four weeks just before Christmas.
It starts the Sunday after St Andrew's day and finishes on
Christmas Eve.

Last week we thought about the advent wreath and what the different parts symbolise.



Do you remember?

The circular shape
represents God's eternal loving presence; it has
no beginning and no end.

The evergreen leaves, which never fade
in colour,
signify God's constancy.



Do you remember?

Three of the candles on the wreath are purple.



In the church what does the colour purple symbolise?

Purple symbolises new beginnings and times of change.

Last week we lit the first candle on our Advent wreath.
What did that candle represent?



The first candle represents hope.

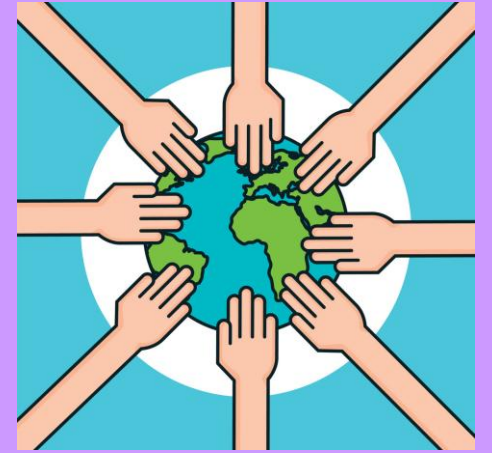
On the second week of Advent
we light the next purple candle,
representing peace.



Peace

The English word **peace**, comes from the ancient Sanskrit word **pasa** which means cord or bond.

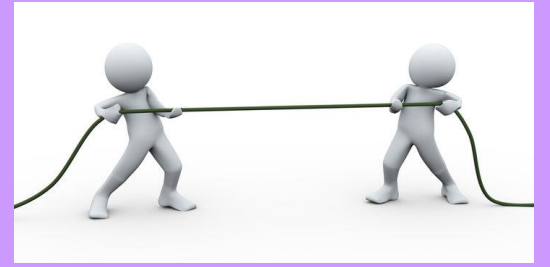
In addition our word peace is also a translation of the Hebrew word **shalom** which means to restore.



This ribbon represents peace between people.



If we cut the ribbon the peace or bond is broken. It will remain broken unless we do what?



Unless we take action, unless we tie it back together. When we restore broken bonds. We create peace.



When we make the effort to restore broken bonds and forgive each other we are drawn closer together, through our shared desire to work through difficulties and live in peace.



We will now join together to sing

Peace Perfect Peace.



Peace, perfect peace

Peace, perfect peace, is the gift of Christ our Lord,
Peace, perfect peace, is the gift of Christ our Lord.
Thus, says the Lord, will the world know my friends,
Peace, perfect peace, is the gift of Christ our Lord.

Hope, perfect hope, is the gift of Christ our Lord,
Hope, perfect hope, is the gift of Christ our Lord.
Thus, says the Lord, will the world know my friends,
Hope, perfect hope, is the gift of Christ our Lord.

Joy, perfect joy, is the gift of Christ our Lord,
Joy, perfect joy, is the gift of Christ our Lord.
Thus, says the Lord, will the world know my friends,
Joy, perfect joy, is the gift of Christ our Lord.



I'll now lead a prayer, listen and if you wish to make the prayer your own join in with the *Amen* at the end.

Dear God,



Thank you for sending Jesus into the world to bring us light and peace.

Teach us how to live in peace with each other and to forgive when things go wrong.

Amen.





Shalom





Dear God

Thank you for our amazing school
and all the opportunities we have to shine.



Thank you God

Thank you for the church and school community that helps us to anchor
our lives in faith and our confidence to shine brighter.

Thank you God

Help us to show the light of Christ in everything we think, say and do.

Help us God

Help us to have the strength to be positive and
spread happiness to everyone we meet.

Help us God

Let your light shine through us.

Amen





