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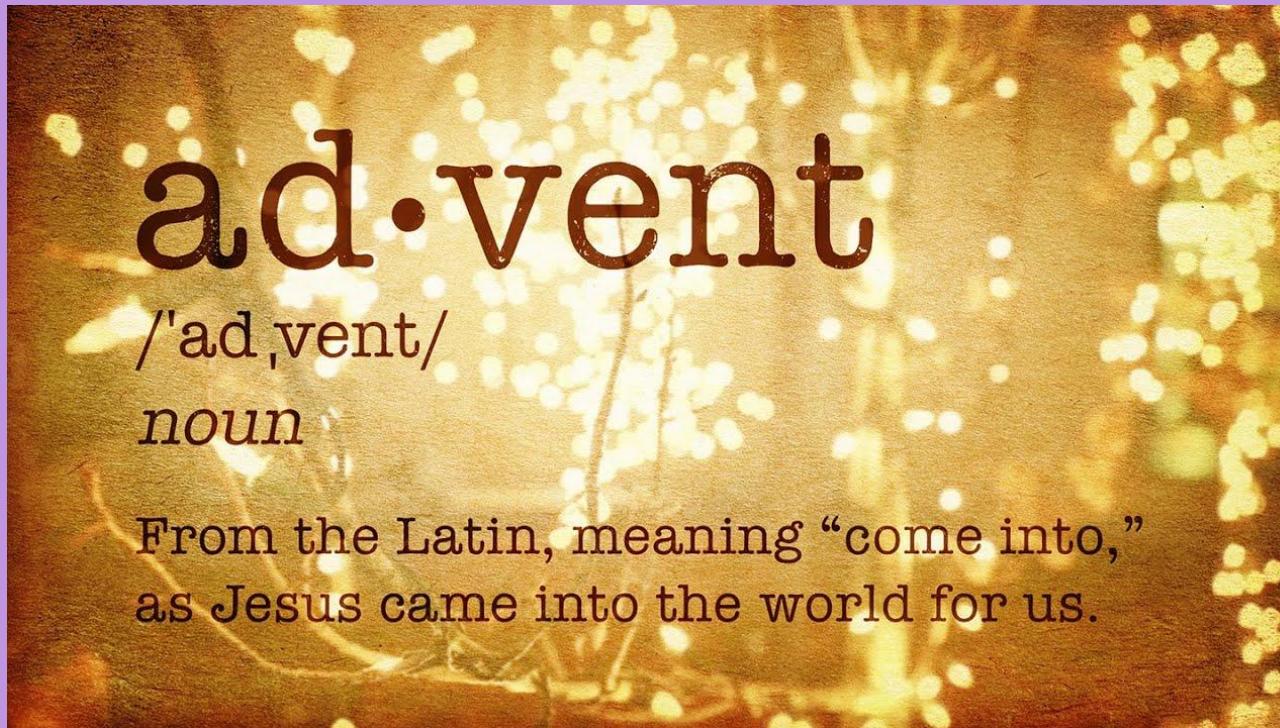
Welcome Words

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

What church season have we entered?



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.

In the four weeks leading up to Christmas, Christians wait in hope for the arrival of Jesus. Throughout the season of Advent, the Church uses many symbols to help us understand the significance of God becoming one of us, through the birth of Jesus.

One of the most recognised symbols is the **Advent wreath**.

The Advent wreath is an ancient symbol of the Christian's journey towards Christmas. Every element of the wreath communicates something special about this journey.



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



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

The candles represent **hope, peace, joy, love**, and the **light of Christ**, which shatters all darkness.

Three of the candles on the wreath are purple. In the Church the colour purple symbolises new beginnings and times of change.

The birth of Jesus was to bring about enormous change across the world, over time, and in our lives.

bring about change for the better when we chose to follow God and help deliver hope to the world.



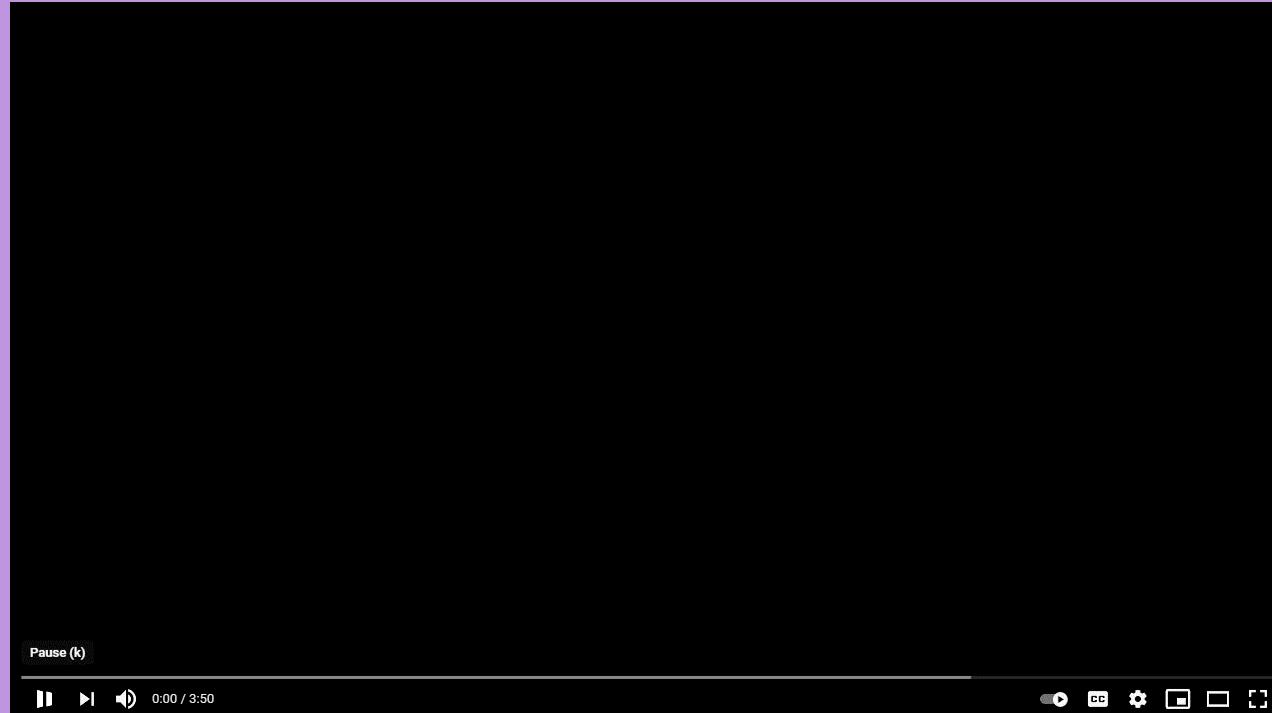
On the first week of Advent
we light one purple candle,
representing hope.





May the God of hope
fill you with all joy
and peace as you trust
in him, so that you may
overflow with hope
by the power of the
Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13





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.

Jesus, you are light even in the darkest places.

Help us to trust in you when we are lost or lonely.

Shine hope into our hearts we pray

And help us to let our light shine brightly in this world.

Amen.





Week 1

Hope

Reminds us...

Jesus is coming

Bible verse

Romans 15:
12-13

Bible verse

Luke 2:10

Reminds us...

The joy at the coming
birth of Jesus



Week 3

Joy

Week 2

Faith

Reminds us...

To prepare the way of
the Lord

Bible verse

Luke 3:4-6

Bible verse

Luke 2:14

Reminds us...

"Glory to God in the highest
heaven, and on earth
peace for those he favours"



Week 4

Peace



What do we
remember each
week of
Advent?



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



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