

Advent: *** Darkness into Light

WORD OF THE WEEK Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

The People walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The seal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

Prayer for the Week

Son of God, You are the light of the world.

This Advent shine your light on all our choices this day. Create in us the ability to let your light shine forth for others.

We ask this in the name of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen



Something to think about...



During the season of Advent, we are called to seek the light of Christ, even in the midst of darkness. We are invited to face the darkness in our own lives and in the world around us. We are called to watch for the light. We are called to wait, to hope, to trust in promises made.

As we make this Advent journey in faith, we invite God's light to dispel the darkness. We ask for the grace to set down all those burdens that darken our heart as we search for the light.

For a moment in quiet think about a situation which you are struggling with and where there seems to be little or no light to guide us through.

In the silence of your hearts ask God to light up that situation, make clear the path you need to take.



Something to talk about...

Again like last week, I invite you to talk to God instead, rather than the person next to you. We talk to God like we would a friend, sharing our joy and sorrows and asking for help or advice.

Therefore I invite you in a minute of silence to ask God to speak to you now. Sit in silence and listen to what Jesus' answer is. We might not hear it straight away, but God will give you a sign, it might be in a day or a week or even longer. It might not be a booming voice from heaven but it might be in the words or actions of a friend or even a stranger. Listen!



Something to do...

This Advent we can be the ones to bring light into the lives of others, inspired by Jesus, the Light of the World.

As you will already know this Advent we are collecting items to help The Whitechapel Cnetre who look after over 4000 people every year. This centre is open 365 days a year and is especially busy at Christmas time. They service Christmas breakfast and lunches and help to bring light into the lives of those who are in difficulty, either because they are homeless or are isolated and on their own at this time of year.

This week why not try to bring in an extra item for the collection or encourage someone in your form to bring something if they haven't already. We have the potential to make a real difference to the lives of others this Christmas, can you be a shining light of hope for someone this Advent/Christmas time?

