

ADVENT

Joy



Word of the Week

Luke 2:1-20

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. And everyone went to their own town to register.

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you:

You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests."

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

Prayer for the Week

Lord Jesus, in this Advent season we wait eagerly for your arrival.
Come fill us with your hope, your peace, your love, and your joy.
Come, Lord Jesus, come! Amen.

The rose colour candle is now lit on our Advent wreaths around school. This candle is the candle of JOY, and reflects the joy felt at Jesus' arrival.

What brings you joy?

Lost of things in our lives can bring us joy but the joy to hear about in the bible, the joy that we receive from God is a joy that stays with us no matter what is happening in our lives. Even when things go wrong we can still experience a joy in knowing that God loves us and find the good in that situation. That is true joy!



Bring the JOY!!!

Your challenge is to bring as much JOY as you can this week. What can you do to bring joy to you form, to your friendship group, to your teachers?

Challenge yourself to bring joy every day this week!



Let Every Heart (Mark 10 Mission) [CLICK HERE](#)

The Joy of Advent - Ep14: The Third Week of Advent
[CLICK HERE](#) (3:48-8:42)

Share a Prayer

A great way to pray together is to share with each other things that you would like to pray for. Go round the class and allow every person to say something that they would like everyone to pray for as we prepare to celebrate Christmas. You might want to pray for peace in the world, or for a family member who is sick, or for people who are homeless this Christmas time. Whatever your prayer share it with the class quietly and reflectively. You could also put on this quiet music in the background as your pray together.

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The Candle Of Joy

The candle is burning, its flame so bright and joy floods the soul to our delight. For the Light of Life has shone upon us bringing joy so perfect and marvellous.

Joy unspeakable and full of glory as we remember the Christmas story. How The Almighty God had come to earth born as a baby through a virgin birth

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Advent Appeal 2023

Thank you all so much for all your donations towards our Advent Appeal. As you can see by the growing pile by the general office you have all done an incredible job.

Take a moment to pray for all the people who will receive your donations this Christmas.

