

# Daily Advent Devotional

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## Welcome

We are so pleased that you have chosen to journey deeper into the Christmas story this year.

Our journey through advent starts at the beginning of creation and will tell the story of God's love for his people and the amazing birth of his son Jesus, through 24 readings spanning the whole of the Bible.

This devotional is designed to accompany our online advent calendar.

On the church website you can open a door every day of advent and join with different members of our church family who are reflecting on the same readings that you will find here.

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## 1st December

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**Reading:** Genesis 1:31

**Reflection:** In what way do you see creation reflecting God's glory?

Are we too busy to see?

**Prayer:**

O glorious God, your whole creation sings your marvellous work, may heaven's praise so echo in our hearts that we may be good stewards of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## 2nd December

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**Reading:** Genesis 1:27

**Reflection:** How can we see the image of God in people?

Do we reflect it ourselves?

**Prayer:**

Lord God, our protector and guide, who made us knowing both good and evil, help us to desire all that is good, that the offering of our lives may be acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## 3rd December

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**Reading:** Genesis 3

**Reflection:** What does God want us to do about our disobedience?

What has he promised?

**Prayer:**

Blessed and holy God, ever merciful and forgiving, may we turn from what is evil and do what is good in your sight, for you have saved us by the cross of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

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## 4th December

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**Reading:** Genesis 15:1,6

**Reflection:** If righteousness is about total trust in God, how do we accept the challenge?

**Prayer:**

Give to us, Lord Christ, the fullness of grace, your presence and your very self, for you are our portion and our delight, now and for ever.

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## 5th December


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**Reading:** Exodus 3:14

**Reflection:** How can we help those who still feel bound by their sins?

**Prayer:**

God of our pilgrimage, you sent your Son to our strange land to bring us home to you; give us your songs to sing, that even in our exile we may be filled with the breath of the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord.



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## 6th December

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**Reading:** Malachi 4:2

**Reflection:** In what way is your heart lifted by knowing Jesus as your Lord?

**Prayer:**

God of life and love, whose Son was victorious over sin and death, make us alive with his life, that the whole world may resound with your praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## 7th December

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**Reading:** Isaiah 9:7

**Reflection:** How easy is it to see the eternal Lordship of Jesus in the world today?

**Prayer:**

Lord, you are just and your commandments are eternal; teach us to love you with all our heart and our neighbour as ourselves, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## 8th December

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**Reading:** Daniel 4:3

**Reflection:** In what way do we see the God's signs and wonders today?

**Prayer:**

O glorious God, your whole creation sings your marvellous work; may heaven's praise so echo in our hearts that we may be good stewards of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## 9th December

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**Reading:** Isaiah 11:1-10

**Reflection:** How do we hold the banner of Christ high for others to see?

**Prayer:**

Grant to your people, good Lord, the spirit of unity, that they may dwell together in your love, and so bear to the world the ointment of your healing and the dew of your blessing; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## 10th December

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**Reading:** Isaiah 52:7-9

**Reflection:** Where do you see Jesus visible in your life, in others and in the town?

**Prayer:**

God, our light and our salvation, illuminate our lives, that we may see your goodness in the land of the living, and, looking on your beauty, may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord.



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## 11th December

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**Reading:** Micah 5:2-3

**Reflection:** Do we sometimes feel small and insignificant, forgetting that we are chosen?

**Prayer:**

Lord our God, supreme over all things, look upon the humble and lowly and put new strength into our souls to complete your purpose for us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## 12th December

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**Reading:** Zechariah 6:12-13

**Reflection:** How can we share the amazing fact that Jesus' sacrifice on the cross was as King of all?

**Prayer:**

Lord Jesus, divine Son and eternal priest, inspire us with the confidence of your final conquest of evil, and grant that daily on our way we may drink of the brook of your eternal life and so find courage against all adversities; for your mercy's sake.

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## 13th December

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**Reading:** Isaiah 7:14

**Reflection:** If God is with us, where do we see him in our lives today?

**Prayer:**

Christ, the sun of righteousness, rise in our hearts this day, enfold us in the brightness of your love and bear us at the last to heaven's horizon; for your love's sake.

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## 14th December

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**Reading:** Isaiah 9:6

**Reflection:** How often do we reflect on the awesomeness of Jesus?

How does it help us pray?

**Prayer:**

Lord God, you draw us by your beauty and transform us by your holiness; let our worship echo all creation's praise and declare your glory to the nations; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## 15th December

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**Reading:** Mark 1:11

**Reflection:** In what ways can we see our heavenly Father in Jesus?

**Prayer:**

Most high and holy God, lift our eyes to your Son enthroned on Calvary; and as we behold his meekness, shatter our earthly pride; for he is Lord for ever and ever.



## 16th December

**Reading:** Revelation 22:13

**Reflection:** Does knowing that Jesus was there at the beginning of creation and will be at the end give comfort?

**Prayer:**

Creator God, may every breath we take be for your glory, may every footstep show you as our way, that, trusting in your presence in this world, we may, beyond this life, still be with you where you are alive and reign for ever and ever.

## 17th December

**Reading:** John 1:41

**Reflection:** In what way is Jesus' life visible in us and in other Christians?

**Prayer:**

God of our pilgrimage, you sent your Son to our strange land to bring us home to you; give us your songs to sing, that even in our exile we may be filled with the breath of the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## 18th December

**Reading:** Luke 2:11

**Reflection:** Do we ever reflect on the cost of saving us from eternal death?

**Prayer:**

O God, maker of heaven and earth, by the suffering of your Son you set us free; help us to put our trust in his victory and to know the salvation won for us by Jesus Christ our Lord.

## 19th December

**Reading:** John 11:25

**Reflection:** How often do we reflect on the awesomeness of Jesus?

How does it help us pray?

**Prayer:**

From your royal throne, O God, you sent your living Word to pierce the gloom of oppression; come with your saving help and penetrate our darkness with the rays of your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## 20th December

**Reading:** Luke 1:26-3

**Reflection:** Mary trusted God when fear of the unknown might have said 'No'. What made that possible?

How can that help us?

**Prayer:**

Crown us, O God, but with humility, that, as you call us into the kingdom of your Son, we may strive to overcome all evil by the power of good and so walk gently on the earth with you, our God, for ever.



## 21st December

**Reading:** Luke 2:4

**Reflection:** Can we see God's hand at work even through the uncomfortable laws of our land?

**Prayer:**

Creator God, may every breath we take be for your glory, may every footstep show you as our way, that, trusting in your presence in this world, we may, beyond this life, still be with you where you are alive and reign for ever and ever.

## 22nd December

**Reading:** Luke 2:7

**Reflection:** Our Lord is born to a homeless couple in an animal shelter.

Can we still see him in the poorest and the dispossessed today?

**Prayer:**

To you we come, radiant Lord, the goal of all our desiring, beyond all earthly beauty; gentle protector, strong deliverer, in the night you are our confidence; from first light be our joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## 23rd December

**Reading:** Luke 2:8-20

**Reflection:** Has the wonder and the glory of this birth been lost in commercialism?

**Prayer:**

O God, our Sovereign and Shepherd, who brought again your Son Jesus Christ from the valley of death, comfort us with your protecting presence and your angels of goodness and love, that we also may come home and dwell with him in your house for ever.

## 24th December

**Reading:** Matthew 2:1-2

**Reflection:** Does the awesomeness of this Christmas event lead you to worship?

**Prayer:**

May the richness of your creation, Lord, and the mystery of your providence lead us to that heavenly city where all peoples will bring their wealth, forsake their sins and find their true joy, Jesus Christ our Lord.





# Happy Christmas

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May the joy of the angels,  
the eagerness of the shepherds,  
the perseverance of the wise men,  
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,  
and the peace of the Christ child  
be yours this Christmas;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you  
and remain with you always.

Amen\*

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# Christmas with Holy Trinity on Zoom

**Advent Carol Service** ✧ Sun 29th Nov 6.30pm

**Online Advent Calendar** ✧ Tues 1st Dec

**Christingle Service** ✧ Sun 13th Dec 4pm

**Contemporary Carols** ✧ Sat 19th Dec 8pm

**Nativity Service** ✧ Thurs 24th Dec 5.30pm

**Communion Service** ✧ Christmas Day 8.30am

**All Age Service** ✧ Christmas Day 10.30am

**All Age Service** ✧ Sunday 27 Dec 10.30am

For the zoom links for these Christmas services please email  
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