

Countdown to Christmas

Christmas is coming, Christmas is coming!

Yes I know, it's only just November, but since this edition covers advent Sunday I wanted to tell you about our Advent readings this year.

Each year as we approach Christmas it seems that we get busier and busier. Too much needs doing and sorting, and I guess that there is no escaping that. Yet as well as all the things we 'need to do' we also should be preparing spiritually.

So this year I want to invite you to join with me in a church advent calendar.

I have prepared a series of bible readings and reflections, one for each day of Advent (excluding Sundays when the Sunday service counts as our reflection instead!).

I have taken a narrative telling of the Christmas story as a basis for the series, then selected an appropriate bible reading and added a comment.

The result is a kind of Commentary on the Christmas story which I hope you find informative and thought provoking.

I encourage you not only to read the passage but also to think about the things you read. Then join us each Wednesday evening as we share our thoughts and inspirations that we can encourage each other too. (Since we are all following the same readings, if you cant make the Wednesdays, you could still share your thoughts with someone else!)

So I hope you will enjoy this experience as we 'prepare for Christmas' together.

Rev Rick