

We start each Sacred Time with the sign of the cross.

Sign of the cross: In the name of the Father,
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



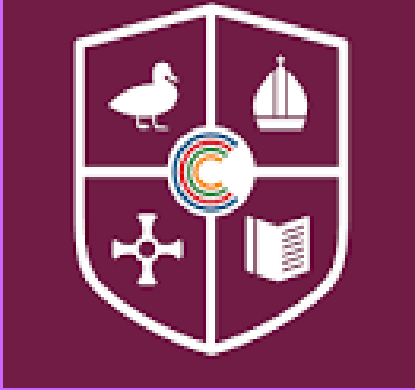
- This prayer is calling to mind God - who is the Father, Son and Spirit.
- We reminding ourselves to remember God in our **thoughts**, in our **hearts** and in the **work** we do.
- The actions make a cross to remind us about Jesus.
- The sign of the cross marks that this is a special time.

Let us make the sign of the cross together.

Autumn Term 2- Week 6

Season: Advent week 2

Liturgical Colour: purple



Sacred Time Theme:

Advent - Prepare the
way for the Lord



Day 1

Prepare the way of the Lord!

Last week, we talked about how we would prepare for a special guest in our house. This week, we can look at how people at his time were prepared for Jesus.

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Many people had made predictions about a Messiah (someone the Jewish people were waiting for to lead them.)

This week's gospel tells us how John the Baptist (Jesus' cousin) helped prepare people for him.

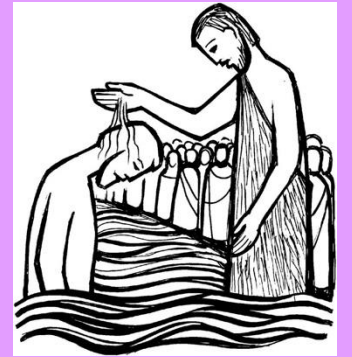
[God's Story: John the Baptist](#)

How did John prepare us for Jesus?

Day 1

It is important that Christians prepare spiritually for Jesus and prepare their lives for his arrival.

John encouraged people to repent and turn themselves onto a new path.



What could you do during Advent to put yourself on the right path? Are there any changes you could make to improve yours and others lives?

Let us pray...

Dear Lord,

Lord, help us prepare our hearts for Your arrival.
Guide us to remove obstacles that keep us from
You.

Strengthen our love and faith as we journey
together.

Amen.

Advent Appeal

**SPREAD JOY THIS
CHRISTMAS**

ST. CUTHBERT'S YOUTH SVP GROUP ARE MAKING CHRISTMAS
HAMPERS FOR LOCAL PEOPLE IN NEED.

WE NEED...

- CHOCOLATE
- SHOWER GEL
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- SOAP
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compassion.

Bring items to
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at reception.

Day 2 - Choices

Monday 9th was the Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception.

This day remembers Jesus' mother Mary and how she was born and lived without sin.

"Immaculate" means pure or clean.



It might be impossible for us to live up to Mary's example of such a life without sin, but we can try to make the right choices.

Day 2 - Choices

What choices will you make this



week?



How will they affect others?

Can you set yourself a target for this week?

Let us pray...

Dear Lord,

Be with us as we try to make the right choices this week. Give us courage and compassion when we make decisions in our life.

May we make decisions that help those most in need.

Amen.

Day 3 - Peace

An Advent wreath helps us to count down the 4 Sundays to Christmas. A candle is lit every Sunday at church. There is a white candle in the center that is lit on Christmas day.

The candles and the wreath are very symbolic.



4. The fourth candle represents love. This candle reminds us that God loved the world that he sent Jesus to us.

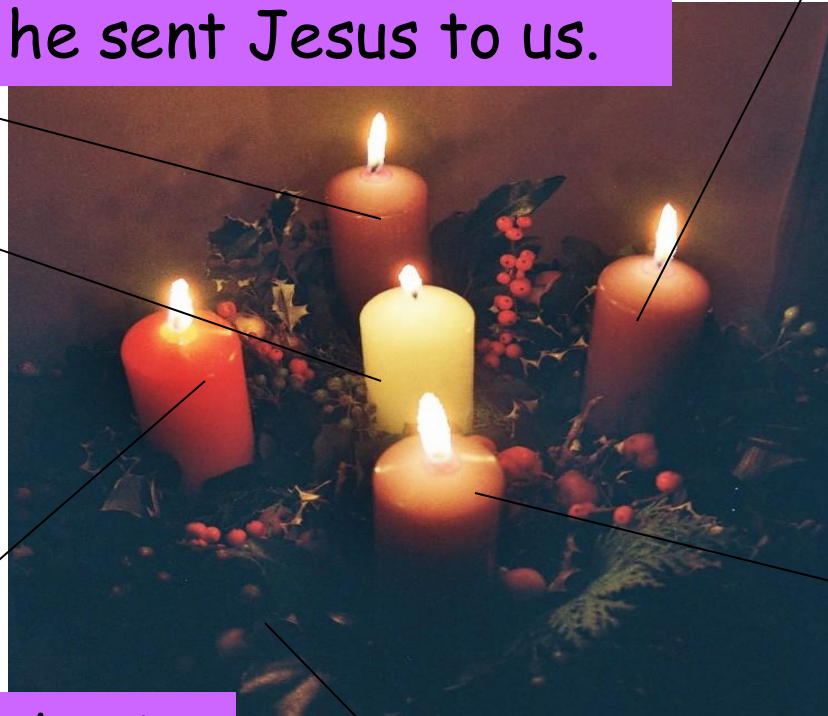
5. Christmas day = Jesus is the light of the World

3. The third Sunday is known as Gaudete Sunday, which means 'rejoice'. We are rejoicing because Jesus is nearly here. The third candle is pink.

The Circle of the wreath represents that God's love never ends.

1. Hope candle. This reminds us of the hope that Jesus brings. It is also the candle of the prophets who predicted Jesus' arrival and hoped for him.

2. The second candle represents peace. Jesus is known as the King of Peace.



Day 3 - Peace

This week's candle is for **peace**.

What does peace mean to you?

Is there peace in the world?

How can we help to create peace?



Let us pray...

Dear Lord,

Your Son is known as the Prince of Peace.

Help to find peace in our own lives, and to bring it to others.
Give world leaders courage to make bold choices and to bring
peace to countries suffering because of war and conflict.

Amen.

Day 4 - School Prayer

St. Cuthbert's school prayer was written from the ideas of students.

Why is our prayer important?



- **Brings us together as a community**
- **Reminds us about what is important to our school**
- **Reminds us that we are a family rooted in God's love and care**
- **Asking God to be with us and to help us live out our values and mission**
- **Asking St. Cuthbert, our patron Saint, to pray for us**

Let us pray our school prayer together slowly and really think about the words and meaning.

Dear God,

We ask for the compassion to care for each other, the commitment to strive for excellence, and the courage to do the right thing. Help us to build a community where everyone can live life to the full.

Amen.

St. Cuthbert, pray for us.



Reminder
about our
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