

Date	Day	Colour	Theme
25 December 2020	Christmas Day	White or Gold	The birth of Jesus
Bible readings: - Isaiah 9.2-7, Isaiah 62.6-12, Isaiah 52.7-10; Psalms 96, 97, 98; Titus 2.11-14, Titus 3.4-8a, Hebrews 1.1-4(5-12); Luke 2.1-14(15-20), John 1.1-14			
<p>Well, no more sleeps! Merry Christmas! May you have a happy and holy celebration. All the candles on around the Advent wreath in Church will be lit including the white candle in the middle of the wreath. I do not know about you, but I love Christmas, many people do, but it is a good time to spare a thought for those who don't have family or friends to share it with or cannot celebrate the day in the way they would like to. For some, Christmas can be a lonely time.</p> <p>Remember also, that Christmas Day is the beginning of the Christmas season, not the end. There are 12 days of Christmas which takes us to the Epiphany of Our Lord. Epiphany is when we remember the visit of the wise men to a very young Jesus. The wise men of course brought gifts to Jesus of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The gold stands for Jesus who was born king, frankincense to show his holiness and myrrh which points towards the way Jesus would die many years later. The gifts that the wise men brought to Jesus is why we give gifts at Christmas. Although it is lovely to give and receive gifts, we should also remember that they are not the only reason for Christmas. The greatest gift we can give Jesus, God, is the gift of ourselves and what we can do for others.</p>			
<p><u>Further Activities</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Watch the Children's Church video for this week. Read the stories from the Bible. 2) Colouring sheets and stars for prayers. There are many other activities online. Ask your grown ups to help you get them. 3) Have you made a prayer corner yet? 			

Is there anyone you know who might need some prayers over Christmas? How about using the stars below to write the names of the people on them and you can pray for them each day.









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