

St Elizabeth's Catholic Voluntary Academy

"To provide a high-quality Christian education for all children, enabling them to achieve their full potential in a safe and caring environment."



Hope

Our Big Question

What does it mean to live in hope?

Key Knowledge

- **Advent** is a time to remember God's promise to send a Messiah (Jesus). This is the belief in the **Incarnation**.
- The Advent Wreath: Evergreens: continuous life; Holly: the crown of thorns; Circle: everlasting life found in Jesus; Purple Candles: prayer, penance, good works; Pink Candle: Gaudete Sunday, a time of rejoicing. Progressive Lighting: hope and Christ coming nearer.
- **Isaiah** told of the Messiah God would send who would bring peace and justice on earth.
- **Isaiah** describe the one who was waited for as being like a light in the darkness.
- **John** described Jesus as a light in his Gospel.
- The first two **Joyful Mysteries** tell us of waiting in hope: The Annunciation and The Visitation.
- The Nativity story is a message of hope and joy brought to the poor and marginalised of society (the shepherds).
- We wait in hope for the **second coming**, when Jesus will come again in glory.



Key Vocabulary and Definitions

hopeful	Feeling positive and optimistic about something that will happen in the future.
Messiah	The anointed one who will come and save his people, expected to descend from King David.
promised one	Isaiah promised that God would send a wise and just leader for his people.
prophet	Someone who spoke God's word to the people. They encouraged people, told them when they were doing wrong and called them back to love God.

Scripture

Psalm 27: 13-14 'Wait for the Lord...'
 1 Samuel 16: 4-13 The choosing of David
 Isaiah 9: 2-3, 6-7 'The people walking in darkness...'
 Isaiah 25: 8-9 '... we are happy and joyful because he has saved us...'
 Isaiah 40: 9-11 'The glory of the Lord will be revealed...'
 Jeremiah 33: 14-16 '...a king from the family of King David...'
 John 1: 5 'The light shines in the darkness...'
 Matthew 1: 1-17 The genealogy of Jesus
 Matthew 1: 18-25; Luke 2: 1-7 The Birth of Christ
 Mark 13: 33 '...Be on your guard...'
 Luke 1: 38-57 The Annunciation and Visitation
 James 5: 7-8 'The Lord's coming is near...'

Key Skills



- I can **make specific links** between Scripture and how Christians wait in hope for the coming of Jesus. AT1 (i)
- I can use developing religious vocabulary to **give reasons** for the actions and symbols used during Advent. AT1 (ii)
- I can **give reasons** why Christians show love and service as they wait hopefully for the coming of Christ. AT1 (iii)
- I can **make links** to show how feelings and beliefs about waiting and hoping affect behaviour. AT2 (i)
- I can **compare** most of my own and others' ideas about questions that are difficult to answer concerning waiting and hoping. AT2 (ii)
- I can make a link that supports a point of view. AT3

Other Sources

Hymns

Come Lord Jesus, Come
 Maranatha
 Wait for the Lord (Taize)
 Glory (Matt Maher)
 Ready the Way (Curtis Stephan)
 Are you ready for the light?
 Christ Be Our Light

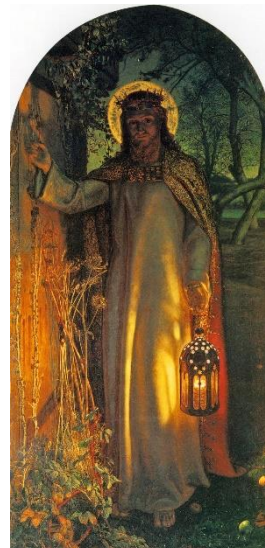
Prayers/Tradition

Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary
 Advent Wreath
 Jesse Tree
 Prayer after 'Our Father'
 Hail Mary
 Magnificat
 Creed

Prior Knowledge and Skills

- **Advent** is a season when we think about God's great **gift** of love: Jesus. This is called the Incarnation.
- **Isaiah** was a prophet from the Old Testament who was waiting for the coming of the Messiah.
- The **Advent Wreath** and the **Jesse Tree** (family tree of Jesus).
- The 3rd Sunday of Advent is called '**Gaudete Sunday**', which means 'joy'. We are halfway through Advent.
- The **Annunciation**, The **Visitation** and '**The Magnificat**'.
- God gave us his only Son because He loved us and wanted us to know more about His love.
- The shepherds (the poorest and least important) were chosen first to visit Jesus. This shows that Jesus came to serve the poor.
- The Wise Men also came to visit Jesus. They were not Jewish. This shows that God's love is for everyone.
- Gold: a symbol of a king. Frankincense: a symbol of being God. Myrrh: a symbol he would die.

The Light of the World By William Holman Hunt



We are in Advent

The colour for Advent is purple. It is a time when wait and get ready for Christmas – Jesus' birthday.

