

# St Elizabeth's Catholic Voluntary Academy

"Be like Jesus. Be your best. Be safe. Be caring"



## 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 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

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### Key Vocabulary and Definitions

<b>hopeful</b>	Feeling positive and optimistic about something that will happen in the future.
<b>Messiah</b>	The anointed one who will come and save his people, expected to descend from King David.
<b>promised one</b>	Isaiah promised that God would send a wise and just leader for his people.
<b>prophet</b>	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

Psalms 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 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...'

### 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

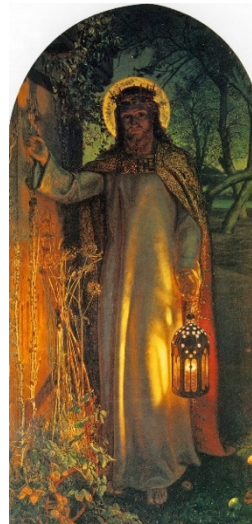
Prayer after 'Our Father'

Hail Mary

Magnificat

Creed

### 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.

