



# ADVENT

THE COMING OF JESUS

## What is the series about?

Over 2000 years ago a baby was born who would change the course of human history for ever. In this series we will be exploring the hope, light, joy and peace that Jesus brings.

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## **Title: The Saviour to come**

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### **Overview**

Advent marks the start of the Church year. Happy New Year! It's part of a rhythm of seasons through the year, leading to Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost, Ascension, and so back to Advent.

At Advent the church lights a fresh candle each week over the four weeks, symbolising the approaching light of the world, whose birth we will celebrate at Christmas.

Advent is a time for reflection, for hearing the voice of God, and responding in faith. It's a busy time naturally in the lead up to Christmas, but a time when we should make space to hear from God, intentionally seeking Him, hearing His voice in the Word and in prayer and worship, refreshing our faith and strength for the next season.

### **Finding time to hear from God**

There are less than 3 weeks to go until Christmas. No doubt you will be busy in the next few weeks, but:

- If you were going to make some time to hear from God, when would that be?
- What is your preferred way of hearing from God?

### **The Grace of God**

God's grace is freely given but was purchased at the immense, unimaginable cost of the life of his Son, Jesus. Jesus' death on the Cross paid the price for our sin. We are therefore able to be forgiven, we're born again, we'll be presented blameless on the day when Jesus returns. Let's not abuse that freely given grace, but let's live acknowledging God's continuing grace to us.

- Is there anything in your life which you know God wants to deal with, e.g. habitual sin?
- What are you going to do about it?

### **Sharing the Gospel**

Christmas is a great time to share the Gospel, i.e. to tell others about the grace of God, and what Jesus did on the Cross. Christmas is everywhere, and people are receptive to invitations to carol services and other church services.

- Who are you planning to invite to City West events on 11 and 18 December?
- Who might you invite to an Alpha course?