

**The Church of England Parishes of  
Winscombe, Sandford & Churchill**



**Advent Parish Praise**  
*A Service of the Word*

**St James' Church, Winscombe  
All Saints Church, Sandford  
St John's Church, Churchill**

## *Welcome*

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

*A Hymn may be sung*

### *Lighting of the Advent Candles*

*When the first candle is lit, we respond:*

**Lord Jesus, Light of the World  
Born in David's city of Bethlehem  
Born like him to be king:  
Be born in our hearts  
And King of our lives today**

*When the second candle is lit, we respond:*

**Lord Jesus, Light of the World  
The prophets said you would bring peace  
And save your people in trouble.  
Give peace in our hearts  
And show all the world God's Love. Amen**

*When the third candle is lit, we respond:*

**Lord Jesus, Light of the World  
John told the people to prepare,  
For you were very near  
As Christmas grows closer day by day  
Help us to be ready to welcome you. Amen.**

*When the fourth candle is lit, we respond:*

**Lord Jesus, Light of the World**

**Blessed is Gabriel, who brought good news**

**Blessed is Mary, your mother and ours**

**Bless your church preparing for Christmas**

**And bless your children, who long for your return. Amen.**

*Prayer of confession:*

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations  
into the peace of your kingdom:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

You come in word and sacrament  
to strengthen us in holiness:

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

You will come in glory  
with salvation for your people:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*We hear that God has forgiven us*

*A Collect may follow*

## ***Readings***

*One or more readings from the Bible follow*

*A Hymn may be sung*

***Address, presentation or activity***

*We declare our faith in God*

**All: We believe in God the Father,  
From whom every family  
In heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son  
Who lives in our hearts through faith,  
And fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
Who strengthens us  
With power from on high.**

**We believe in God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

## ***Intercessions***

*A time of prayer follows.*

*Our prayers conclude with the Lord's Prayer:*

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

*A Hymn may be played*

*The service concludes with a **Blessing** or the **Grace**.*

*Thank you for joining us today for worship, it's been great to have you with us, and we look forward to seeing you again soon.*