

**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.