

FAMILY RESOURCES

ADVENT CANDLES

THE GOSPEL READING FOR THIS WEEK IS: Be prepared (Matthew 24: 36-44)

Core extract from the Gospel (Matthew 24: 42-44; for reflection throughout the week)

Jesus spoke to his disciples:
‘Keep awake, therefore,
for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.
But understand this:
if the owner of the house had known
in what part of the night the thief was coming,
he would have stayed awake
and would not have let his house be broken into.
Therefore you also must be ready,
for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’

Gospel prayer (for use throughout the week)

Lord Jesus Christ,
we look forward to your birth at Christmas.
Let your light shine in our hearts
and drive away all darkness from our lives,
so that we are ready to welcome you;
for your name’s sake.
Amen.

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Things to think about

- Do you light an Advent candle each day during Advent?
- Have you seen an Advent wreath with 5 candles?
- Do you know whom the five candles represent?

Things to do

- Decorate a tall pillar candle with numbers 1-14 and light it every day.
- Why not make a collection of 24 battery tea lights and light one more each day until all 25 are lit?
- bead advent wreath

You will need: green and yellow pipe-cleaners, purple, pink and white pony beads, green ribbon or foliage to decorate (optional)



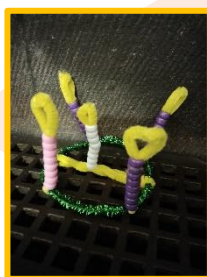
Shape the green pipe-cleaner into a circle and twist the ends together.

Use half a yellow pipe-cleaner and twist vertically round the green pipe-cleaner.



Thread the purple beads onto the “candle” pressing hard to keep them upright.

Twist the remaining yellow pipe-cleaner into a flame shape.



Repeat with the remaining purple and pink beads so that you have four candles.

As an extra, you may want to use a long yellow pipe-cleaner twisted across the middle of the circle to make a central white candle.



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Why not twist green ribbon, tissue paper or foliage around the base for added decoration?

Remember – children should not play with matches or candles. Lit candles should never be left unattended.

Why not share your creations with us? We would love to see what you have been up to! Please email any photos to education@liverpoolcathedral.org.uk or tag @LivCathedral on social media.

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