


Watching and waiting

Our Advent calendar this year takes us on a journey with the Gospel readings for the four Sundays of Advent: through the wilderness; through puzzling encounters with John the Baptist; to the uncompromising 'yes' of Mary.

Use this calendar together with the separate **Things to spot, find or hear** sheet. On the Sundays in Advent, read the Gospel passage. During the week keep awake and alert to the Gospel writer's message about the coming of the Saviour. Do this by spotting, finding, or hearing things which relate to the reading. Use the Things to spot sheet for ideas, then make notes on the calendar or cut out the item you found and stick it on that day's space. Write the name of someone you're going to pray for on each day of the calendar.

Week 1	Sunday 3 December Advent 1 Keep awake <i>'What I say to you, I say to all: Keep awake.'</i> Mark 13.37	Monday 4 December Today we pray for...	Tuesday 5 December Today we pray for...	Wednesday 6 December Today we pray for...	Thursday 7 December Today we pray for...	Friday 8 December Today we pray for...	Saturday 9 December Today we pray for...			
	Week 2	Sunday 10 December Advent 2 The voice of the messenger <i>'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way.'</i> Mark 1.2	Monday 11 December Today we pray for...	Tuesday 12 December Today we pray for...	Wednesday 13 December Today we pray for...	Thursday 14 December Today we pray for...	Friday 15 December Today we pray for...	Saturday 16 December Today we pray for...		
		Week 3	Sunday 17 December Advent 3 Who are you? <i>Then they said to him, 'Who are you? What do you say about yourself?'</i> John 1.22	Monday 18 December Today we pray for...	Tuesday 19 December Today we pray for...	Wednesday 20 December Today we pray for...	Thursday 21 December Today we pray for...	Friday 22 December Today we pray for...	Saturday 23 December Today we pray for...	
			Week 4	Sunday 24 December Advent 4 Here am I <i>Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord.'</i> Luke 1.38	Monday 25 December - Christmas Day  <i>She laid him in a manger because there was no place for them in the inn.</i> (Luke 2.7)					