

### The Advent Wreath

The four candles, three purple and one pink, represent the four weeks of Advent.

Each week a purple candle is lit. On the Sunday of the third week of Advent, the pink candle is lit to remind us to rejoice because Jesus is near and we are preparing for his birthday.

The white candle is lit on Christmas Day. This is to celebrate that God has come to earth in human form. His name is Jesus.

The evergreens symbolise everlasting life.  
The circle symbolises eternity and also that the presence of God will go on for ever and ever.



### Key Vocabulary

Spelling	Definition/Sentence
Writing tablet	A wax tablet used in Roman times instead of writing paper
Angel	A messenger from God
Greeting	The first thing that is said when two people meet, like 'Hello' or at the annunciation, 'Hail, Mary'.
Favour	God's kindness and blessing
Engaged	When two people promise that they will marry each other
Handmaid	A servant, ready to do whatever God wants
Swaddling clothes	Strips of cloth used to wrap new babies in
Roman governor	The person sent by the Roman Emperor to rule a part of the empire

### The Trinity

In order to understand why God came to earth, we must first think about the mystery of the Trinity – three persons in one God – The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit.

The Father created a beautiful world for us to enjoy and to look after.



The Son loved us so much that he came down to earth so that he could show us what God is like and we could share his life and love.



The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God living in our hearts and guiding us to do the right thing.



### What does the birth of Jesus teach us?

Jesus looks for those with an open heart to receive him.

Jesus finds those who are looking for him.

If you truly seek Jesus, he will find you.

Jesus is looking for everyone - no matter who they are.

### What does the birth of Jesus mean for us?

Jesus, truly God and truly human has come down to earth.

He brings peace, love and true freedom to those who seek him.

He opens the way to heaven for us.

He has come to save all people.