



The traditional themes associated with Advent are hope, peace, joy, love or The Prophets, John the Baptist, Mary and God's people. However, themes do vary. As each candle of the Advent wreath is lit one of the themes is explored.



God - Creation - Fall - PEOPLE OF GOD - Incarnation - GOSPEL - Salvation - KINGDOM OF GOD

Advent is a time when the church focusses prayer on the second coming of Christ.

Different denominations within Christianity hold differing beliefs about the importance and status of Mary.

The themes of Advent tell the 'big story' of God's salvation plan.

Christians believe that Jesus is the promised Messiah, but Jewish people do not.

John was a spokesman for God and, as a new prophet, he caused great excitement and expectation.

His task was to call people to repent, turn back to God, and be ready for the coming Messiah. He was preparing the way for Jesus.



Advent-the first season of the Church year, leading up to Christmas and including the four preceding Sundays.

Prophet-a person regarded as an inspired teacher or proclaimer of the will of God.

Prophecy-say that (a specified thing) will happen in the future.

John the Baptist- Jesus's cousin.

Messiah- We (Christians) believe that Jesus was the Messiah who delivered human kind from sin.

Annunciation-the announcement of the Incarnation by the Angel Gabriel to Mary (Luke 1:26-38)

Incarnation- God in human form.