



# Children's Activity Sheet

The Cathedral Church of St Marie  
welcomes

.....  
to Mass today.

## Waiting & Watching

### *1st Sunday of Advent. Year C.*

Today is the first Sunday of Advent. Advent means "to come"... But what's coming? Christmas, of course! Have you seen any signs yet that Christmas is on it's way? If you haven't so far, you will soon. Advent is a time when the shops are full of decorations and presents to buy, and when we hear Christmas songs on the radio and TV. It is also the time of carol concerts, meeting Father Christmas, and eating delicious food in celebration!

There are plenty of signs that Christmas is coming, but 2000 years ago when Jesus was born, there were no big signs to announce that it was going to happen. There were no adverts on the radio or TV saying "Coming soon! A Saviour will be born in a stable near you!" When Jesus was born, many people were surprised! But as word of his birth spread, some people remembered that prophets had told them that God was going to send a Saviour. They knew that this baby, born in a manger, was God keeping His promise.

Christmas is a not only a wonderful time to celebrate the birth of Jesus. It is also a time to remember that Jesus promised that he would come again. We don't read much about that in the newspapers and we don't hear much talk about it on the radio or television, but Jesus told us to be prepared and to watch for his return.

As we look forward to Christmas day, we also look forward to the day when Jesus will come again. Today we light the candle of hope on our advent wreath. Just as the people of Israel found hope in the promises of God, we find hope in Jesus' promise that he will come again.



***Jesus' BIRTHday is coming soon!***

# Word Search

Today's Word Search is based on Luke 21: 25-36.

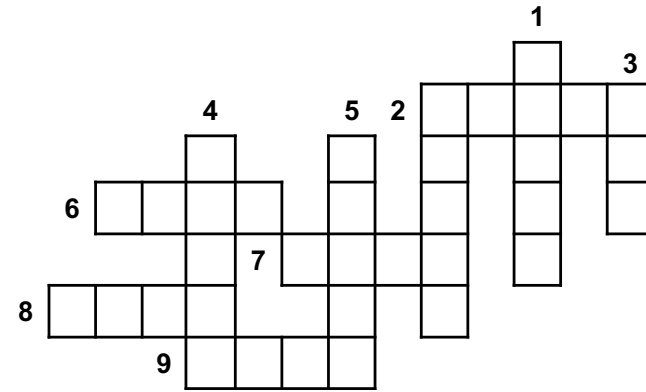
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GLORY	STARS	POWER
ESCAPE	HEADS	STAND
HEAVEN	NATIONS	MOON
SEA	EARTH	REDEMPTION
CLOUD	SUN	SIGNS
WATCH	CAREFUL	PRAY

**Christmas!**  
*Celebrating the birth of Jesus,  
 and waiting for his return...*



# Crossword Puzzle



## ACROSS

- Twinkling points of light in the sky at night
- To make a request to God
- The large heavenly body visible in the night sky
- To raise from a lower to a higher position
- The part of the body containing the brain, eyes, ears, nose, mouth

## DOWN

- To observe very carefully
- To rise to an upright position on your feet
- The Earth's source of heat and light
- The planet on which we live
- Large, white, fluffy things floating in the sky

Pray	Stars	Earth	Stand	Moon
Watch	Cloud	Lift	Head	Sun

# Children's Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for keeping your promise to send us a Saviour! We also thank you for the promise that he will return again to take us to our home in heaven. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

