

Colouring In



Advent Calendar:

Colour in the picture of Mary, Joseph and Jesus. Then, starting on Thursday 1st December, colour in one star each day until Christmas!

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Children's Activity Sheet

The Cathedral Church of St Marie
welcomes

.....
to Mass today.

Waiting For Jesus

1st Sunday of Advent. Year B.

Today is the first Sunday of Advent. Advent means "to come"... But what's coming? Christmas, of course! Advent tends to be an exciting time, but it may also be a difficult time of waiting - especially for children who are looking forward to opening up their Christmas presents! I don't particularly like waiting, do you? But I don't know of any way to avoid it. However, 'waiting' doesn't have to be boring and a waste of time – while we are waiting, life goes on, and we must make good use of our time.

So what can we do while we wait for Christmas? Well, we can think about the true meaning of Christmas. We can think about Jesus and his love. We can think about giving instead of receiving. We can enjoy all of beautiful music and the decorations of the season. And when we do those things, we will find joy in 'waiting'!

We may be waiting for Christmas, but we are also waiting for something else; we are waiting for Jesus to return. He told us that he would come again and he told us to watch and be ready for him. So what should we do while we are waiting, and how can we watch and be ready? We should worship and praise him, love and serve him, and share his love with others... When we are doing those things, we will be ready for his return, and we will also find joy in our lives while we wait!

Decoder Puzzle

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words:

Z	Q	X	D	N	K	F	O	U	W	R	T	C
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13

G	E	M	Y	S	J	P	H	A	V	L	B	I
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

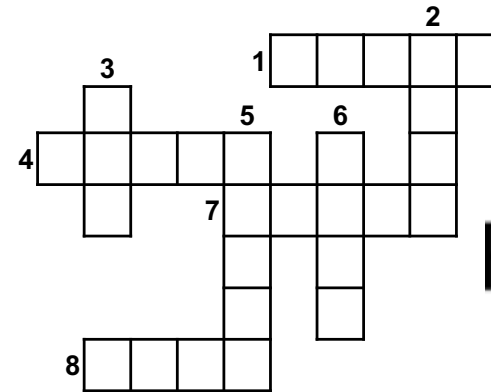
- 10-22-12-13-21 _____
- 12-21-26-15-7 _____
- 5-26-14-21-12 _____
- 11-15-22-4-17 _____
- 6-5-8-10 _____
- 24-8-11-4 _____
- 13-8-16-15 _____
- 4-22-17 _____

Ready	Come	Thief	Lord	Watch
Night	Day	Know		

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



Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- The time of day when it is dark
- To keep an eye on; to guard
- The person who has something such as property
- A particular moment in the day, such as eight o'clock

DOWN

- A period of sixty minutes
- To period of 24 hours
- The place where a person or family lives
- To have information about something; to be aware of something

Time	Owner	Watch	Hour
Know	House	Day	Night

Children's Prayer

Dear Jesus. We are really looking forward to celebrating your birth. Please help us to be patient and to be giving and loving to others, and help us to always be ready for you. Amen.

