

Advent

Advent is a time of waiting and preparing for the birth of Jesus.



We use the Advent Wreath for **four weeks before Christmas**. The candles remind us that **Jesus is the light of the world**. As we light the candles each week, we are made aware of our journey through this season.

There are four, sometimes five candles on

the Wreath. We light one candle each Sunday of Advent.

Three candles are purple. One candle is pink in colour. This candle symbolising joy, is lit on the Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday. It reminds us that Christmas is very near. The fifth candle is white and is lit when Jesus is born.

The use of evergreen leaves around the candles reminds us that God's love is everlasting.