



The Advent Wreath.

The circle of the wreath reminds us of God, who is eternity and endless mercy; the green speaks of the hope we have in God, of renewal, newness and eternal life; the candles symbolise the light of God coming into the world through the birth of Jesus and our continued journey towards Christmas; the four outer candles represent the four weeks of waiting and preparation, which in turn symbolise the four centuries between the prophet Malachi and the Birth of Christ.

The third candle - The candle of Love, or the “Shepherds candle”, reminds us that birth of Jesus represents the goodnews of God’s love for all.

Collect

God for whom we wait and watch,
you sent John the Baptist
to prepare for the coming of your Son;
give us courage to speak the truth
even to the point of suffering.

Amen.

Reflection questions:

- What areas of your life do you need to experience wholeness in?
- What do you think might be some links between wholeness and holiness?
- What expectations do you have of Jesus?
- How are they/are they not met?
- What would you like to ask Jesus for right now?

