



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 fourth Advent candle - The candle of Joy, or the “Angels’ Candle”, which symbolises the joy found in the good news the Angels brought.

Collect

God faithful and true,
Make us eager with expectation,
As we look for the fulfilment of you promise
In Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

Reflection questions:

- How do you understand the incarnation?
- What does the Saviour mean to you?
- Does the Old Testament become more relevant as you read the birth narrative of Jesus?
- How do we incarnate the gospel ourselves and as a church?

