



Advent Season 2025 in the Diocese of Coventry

There is an Advent resource to help us all join in with Bishop Sophie's next phase which is called **Watching and Waiting** together. We have had a listening phase, and we are currently in an immersive phase which includes day visits to every deanery and the cathedral.

Bishop Sophie's hope for this next phase is that the whole diocese, every person, has the opportunity to seek God and help to discern the future of our diocese.

Throughout the Advent season, and in response to the Watching and Waiting resources, the question will be asked:

What can you see, as we look for signs of the kingdom?

Watching & Waiting Resources

The resources will be suitable for use within families or households, in small groups or individually. Each week will have its own theme, featuring a bible passage, a reflection video from Bishop Sophie, discussion questions, the Advent Collects, prayers and a craft activity; exploring the Biblical figures Abraham & Sarah, the prophet Isaiah, Elizabeth and John the Baptist, and Mary the mother of Jesus.

The resources were launched by +Sophie at the Learning Together Day, in Kenilworth, on 4 November. They are available to view on our website at coventry.anglican.org/advent (with options to download and print the resource in booklet form).

AD = Area Dean; C = Clergy; Assoc = Associate; Cur: Curate; HT = Headteacher; HoS = Head of School; EH = Executive Head; All schools CoFE;

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ADVENT SUNDAY	NUNEATON DEANERY 1	2	3	4	5	6
30 th November	AD – Dave Poultney Lay Chair – David Spiers	Ansley & Arley C: Steve Medley (Assoc)	Fillongley & Corley C: Steve Medley (Assoc);	Horeston Grange LEP	<i>What can you see, as we look for signs of the kingdom?</i>	Atherstone C: Vacancy; R: John Stock
ADVENT 2 7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Attleborough C: Alison Evans	Bedworth Team: All Saints/Camp Hill and Bedworth Mission Hub C: Dave Poultney	All Saints CoFE Primary & Nursery, Nuneaton HoS: Kerry O'Grady	St Michael's CoFE Academy, Nursery & Children & Family Centre H: Chris Errington	The Canons CoFE Primary School H: Michaela Fallon	<i>What can you see, as we look for signs of the kingdom?</i>	Hartshill & Galley Common C: Heather Barnes; R: Nick Miles, Sally Young
ADVENT 3 14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Bulkington, Burton Hastings C: Charles Higgins; Assoc: Emma Higgins; Cur. Rob Griffiths	St James CoFE Academy (Junior) H: Jane Cook Anstey/Shilton: Vacancy	Chilvers Coton w Astley C (Assoc): Rupert Allen, Jonathan Fryer; R: Peter Wrigley	All Saints, Nuneaton CoFE Primary & Nursery H: Lisa Harrison	St Giles, Exhall C: Gail Phillip; R(PTO): John Owen; R: Chris Wilson	<i>What can you see, as we look for signs of the kingdom?</i>	St Mary the Virgin, Nuneaton C: Fr Roger Butcher
ADVENT 4 21	22	23	CHRISTMAS EVE 24	CHRISTMAS DAY 25	26	27
Bournebrook CoFE Primary H: Nicola Smith	Wolvey, Copston Magna & Withybrook C: Jonny Vaughan; R(PTO) David Hopkins	Wolvey CoFE Primary HoS: Matthew Parker	St Peter's, Mancetter C: Vacancy	Christ is born to be our Saviour and Lord!	<i>What can you see, as we look for signs of the kingdom?</i>	Abbey CoFE Infant: H: Rachel Horton; Queen's CoFE Academy: EH: Hannah Carvell; HoS Daniel Chadwick
CHRISTMAS 1 28 St Nicolas, Nuneaton C: Chris Routledge; Adrian Guthrie; R (PTO) John Hitchcock, Terry Lenton	29 St Nicolas CoFE Academy H: Ian Meikle	30 St Paul's, Stockingford C: Vacancy; R: Emma Kennedy	31 St Paul's CoFE Primary H: Lindsay Eardley	What can you see? See Front Page.		

PRAYER DIARY

Seasonal Prayers, from The St Hilda Community (1996)

Advent – I open this season of Advent by lighting the first of the Advent candles. May it be for us a time of waiting, in peace and hope, for the joy that our faith promises us in the new life of Jesus.

Christmas – We stand at the turning of the year, the time of death and birth, of darkness and light, of sadness and joy, and we remember the baby born in a stable who pours glory upon our lives. As we give presents to one another we recognize the love present in our world, a love that redeems the cruelty, pain and fear.

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For each other, that like Mary we might say “yes” to God, first, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” (Luke 1.5-17)

For our churches and closest communities, that whatever the specific needs we see, we might know God loosing the bonds of injustice and we share our bread with the hungry (Isaiah 58.6-12)

SPECIFIC DAYS IN DECEMBER 2025

1- Nuneaton Deanery Prayer for Camp Hill as it celebrates being re-opened for a year and as it works with TFC on a £1.2m building project to bring the fabric of the church up to scratch. **Vacancies at Atherstone/ Mancetter/ Stockingford/ Shilton/ Anstey.** For our chaplains Marcel at Bramcote Barracks, Kay at The Canon's School, Janelle and team at George Eliot Hospital.

2 – Ansley –

3 – Fillongley & Corley –

6 – Atherstone –

7 – Holy Trinity, Attleborough – Prayer – We give thanks for the growth in our after-school Family Fun. Pray that families would be drawn closer to Jesus and become his disciples. Pray for Trinity Drop In that God will give us wisdom as we look to bring it back to its original vision of reaching those who are lonely or elderly. PTO Denise Burgess, Lydia Humphreys

8 - All Saints, Bedworth – Prayer - For our new worshipping communities connected to our church schools that they would continue to grow and thrive. Thanksgiving - For our youth work team who are doing an incredible job connecting with the young people who live in Bedworth. For Lantern Church as it works with St Andrews to reach the largely deprived community on the 'Jock Estate' C: Anne Poultny; Assoc: Paul Foster; Cur: Tris Peattie; Dee Badland;; R (PTO): Kathleen Farmer; R: Ruth Ison **Link Schools:** The Canon's School – For their great Ofsted and SIAMS results and as they continue to work with an especially needy cohort in Year 1. All Saints – For the new Enhanced Provision they are providing to children in Bedworth. St Michael's – For the building of an Alternative Provision facility within the school

13 – Holy Trinity, Hartshill & St Peter, Galley Common – We give thanks for growing discipleship opportunities and renewed links with the local high school. We would value prayers for the building project at Hartshill as we seek to make the church more accessible for the wider community.

14 – Bulkington, St James, with Burton Hastings, Anstey and Shilton –

16 – Chilvers Coton with Asley–

18 – St Giles, Exhall - We give thanks for: Those recently confirmed and those following our Start! Course exploring faith. For John Owen one of our Readers for over 40 years who is now taking well-earned retirement and for others on our Ministry Leadership Team. For new openings at 2 more of our local care homes and at the Warwickshire Academy, in addition to existing links with 6 schools in the parish. Pray for: New visitors to the church to find a place of belonging. For all our Christmas events and outreach, particularly with schools and care homes. Pray for those currently in the vocation discernment process and following leadership Pathways.

20 – St Mary the Virgin, Nuneaton -

22 – Wolvey We give thanks for our faithful congregations and the new families that we have seen come in over the last six months. We would like prayer for the growth of God's kingdom in all three of our villages.

24 – St Peter's, Mancetter – We thank Almighty God, for the dedication and service, of our now retired incumbent Rev. Linda Mudd. Pray with us, that the Holy Spirit will continue to inspire and guide all the members of our church family, during our time of vacancy. May the Lord bless us, and all our events in the season of advent.

28 – St Nicolas, Nuneaton – Curate: Dave Jones

30 – St Paul's, Stockingford –

A Prayer our Parish

Heavenly Father, we hold before you all who live and work in our Parish of Stockingford and all who gather to worship you at St. Paul's.

Lord Jesus, we know you have plans for our parish and we trust those plans are good.

Wise and Holy Spirit, guide those who are seeking the right priest to be our next vicar,

and those who are seeking the right next step in their ministry.

Together, we may discern your way for the future and be further equipped to grow your kingdom in this place.

Watching & Waiting

Diocese of Coventry Advent 2025
Prayer Resource

We have designed this Watching & Waiting Advent prayer resource to be used in families and households, over the dinner table, in small groups, with a friend over coffee, or in personal prayer and reflection. We hope this is a gift to you as we watch and wait for signs of God's kingdom during this Advent season.



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- Each month this year **we have focused on a different Deanery**; *in December we are praying for Nuneaton Deanery. It is expected there will be changes in the format and content of the Prayer Diary from February 2026.*
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