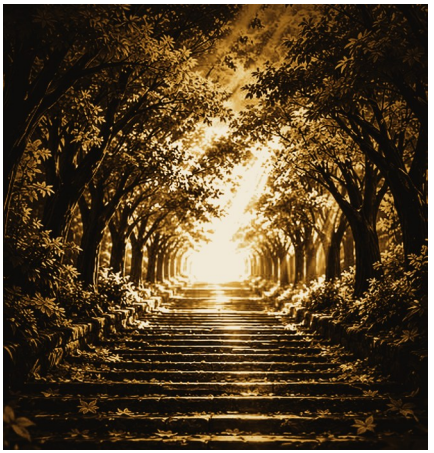
ADVENT RESOURCES



If Jesus did not come and will not come again, the longings of our beings are left wanting. Advent is a season in which we recognize the longings and acknowledge how difficult the waiting is. However, it is not a waiting in despair. It is a waiting in hope. Jesus did come and will come again—as unlikely as that may seem. We wait for the dawn to come—for the miracle to happen. We wait for Jesus to come both as a baby and as a king.

The resources listed below have been collected to provide companions with whom to hope as we wait for Jesus together.

ADVENT RETREAT—IF JESUS NEVER LIVED? (NOV 27-28)

As Advent starts, come away for a few hours of guided retreat with Fr. Louis who will introduce us to Woodbine Willie (G.A. Studdert Kennedy). A priest who came through World War I with hope.

ONLINE:

1. The Anglican Compass provides some introductory information about what Advent is and suggests daily practices, Advent prayers/collects, and Advent music to listen to and even sing in your own home. (https://anglicancompass.com/advent)
2. 24-7 Prayer (Lectio 365) offers access to a daily prayer app which follows the church seasons and many other prayerful opportunities. (https://lectio365.com/resource/share-advent-together/)
3. Kate Bowler offers a blessing-filled set of options with several Advent daily devotionals to choose from. (https://katebowler.com/advent)
4. The Bible Project provides a guide to Advent with compelling visuals and narration. These concise insights are deeply rooted. (https://bibleproject.com/guides/advent)
5. The Homely Hours is great for families including young children: daily practices, rich resources, excellent printable Advent Wreath order of service, etc. (https://thehomelyhours.com/welcome-2/advent)
6. The Advent Project 2026 is a thoughtful daily offering that includes artwork, reflections and poetry throughout the Advent season. (https://ccca.biola.edu/advent/2026)

BOOKS: *Our parish resource centre is a good place to browse for some options.*

Various Authors, *Watch for the Light: Readings for Advent and Christmas* [Insights from across the ages that invite a slowing in anticipation of the Light]

Steve Bell, *Pilgrim Year Series: Advent* [A thoughtful, engaging book providing background and insight on the first season of the church year]

Gayle Boss, *All Creation Waits* (adult and children versions) [A book of beautiful illustrations and daily reflections that invite us into the dark in hope of the light—printable resources here https://allcreationwaits.com/free-gifts/]

Stephen Cherry, *Barefoot Ways: Praying through Advent, Christmas and Epiphany* [A collection of wonderful daily short poem prayers and meditations]

Stephen Cottrell, *Walking Backwards to Christmas* [Imaginative accounts of biblical characters' experiences that invite engagement in the stories]

Stephen Cottrell, *The Sleepy Shepherd* [An enchanting retelling of the Christmas story with beautiful illustrations for children and adults]

Jostein Gaarder, *The Christmas Mystery* [For those wanting an enchanting story to read together as a family or amongst friends from 1-24 December]

Tish Harrison Warren, *Advent: The Season of Hope* [A helpful reorientation to what is hopeful about Advent—audio book available on Hoopla (MJ library)]

Rachel Mann, *Do Not Be Afraid: The Joy of Waiting in a Time of Fear* [Meditations to explore God's gift of waiting and companionship in distress]

Greg Pennoyer, *God With Us: Rediscovering the Meaning of Christmas* [Devotionals for Advent to Epiphany illuminating the seasons beautifully]

Madeleine L'Engle and Luci Shaw, *WinterSong* [Great companions for a poetic journey through Advent]

Ashley Tumlin Wallace, *The Liturgical Home: Advent* [A thoughtful way to integrate Advent into your household practices]

Robin Wrigley-Carr, *Music of Eternity: Meditations for Advent with Evelyn Underhill* [Warm and encouraging meditations set with Psalms and prayers]

Brian Zahnd, *The* Anticipated *Christ: A Journey Through Advent and Christmas* [A highly recommended collection to help you slow down and wait when our secular world invites us to frenzy]

MUSIC:

Before plunging into the avalanche of Christmas music, spend some time in the expectant music of Advent. A few specific suggestions (explore playlists):

Lowana Wallace [Porter – our friend!] – *Hymns & Carols*

Steve Bell – Feast *of Seasons* and *Keening for the Dawn*

Choir of Clare College, Cambridge – *Veni Emmanuel: Music for Advent*