

Christmas Service Times

Berwick

Christmas Eve Mass at 6pm
Christmas day Mass at 10am

Duns

Christmas Eve at 8pm
Christmas Day at 9am

Eyemouth

Christmas Day at 11am

Seahouses

Christmas day Mass 11:30am

For other times at Northumberland churches please see the notice board

We hope you can join us for one of these.



School Activities for Advent

Our 'Travelling crib' will be shared throughout Advent with families.

Monday 3rd December

Advent fun day marks the start of the Church's new year in school. Purple symbolises the liturgical colour for the season.

Wednesday 5th December

Our choir perform at the Christmas Big Sing 6:30pm St Andrews church

Friday 7th December

1:30pm Our Christmas Fair—Any donations gratefully received...

Wednesday 12th December

Early Years children perform "Mary's Knitting" 9:15am

Thursday 13th December

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Class 2 & 3 perform "Hosanna Rock!" at 1:30pm

Friday 14th December

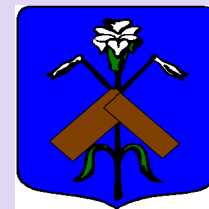
Class 2 & 3 perform "Hosanna Rock!" at 9:15pm

Please stay for a cuppa & cake after these performances—all money raised will go to CAFOD

Friday 21st December

Whole school Christingle service in school 1pm after which children may go home

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Dear Parents

Welcome to Advent!

Advent is a time when we prepare for the coming of Jesus into our world. It is such a busy time of year that we can all get caught up in the shopping, decorations and baking that we forget what Advent really means.

This leaflet is to help us think about Advent in our school, in our Church and in our homes.

We invite you to join our Advent journey by using the prayers and suggestions in this leaflet at home and by joining our school and parish community whenever you can. You will be very welcome!

Happy Advent!

From all the staff at St Cuthbert's First School



*Journeying as a Family
Through Advent to Christmas*



A family prayer:

*Dear God,
We thank you for our family and we thank
you for this time of Advent.
Help us to be happy together and to love
each other.
Help us to get ready for Christmas as you
would want us to.
Amen.*

Our Advent prayer in school;
*The world was in darkness and
nobody knew the way to the Father
as you and I do
they needed a light that would show
them the way and the great light
shone on Christmas day.*



Something fun to make:

Advent wreaths!

You will need:

- Pipe Cleaners (1 Green and 2 Yellow per wreath)
- Beads (24 purple and 8 pink per wreath)
- Green tulle (you could substitute ribbon, fabric scraps, or evergreen)

Start by making your green pipe cleaner into a circle, and twisting it together

Take a yellow pipe cleaner, and cut it in half. Then fold one piece in half again, and pinch it over your green circle. This will be your first "candle".

Take a bead, and put it over both ends of the yellow pipe cleaner. Push it down firmly. The force of the beads will hold your candle upright.

Put 7 more pony beads on, so 8 total for each candle. Push all the beads down firmly, then open the pipe cleaner. Then shape the top like a flame on a candle, bring the 2 ends together, and give them a twist ends to hold them on.

Repeat until you have an Advent wreath with 3 purple candles, and 1 pink one.

Now add "greenery" around your wreath. We first did this by tying little pieces of tulle all the way around, ~~tu-tu~~ style.

To do this, I'd say you need to cut your ~~tulle~~ in pieces about 3 inches long. If they're a little wider, the wreath gets full faster.



The wreath is round, with no beginning or ending, reminding us that God is everlasting. The greens are a sign of hope and life. They come from outside where the earth is resting, and suggest the continuation of life.

We light one candle for each week as we get ready to celebrate Jesus' birthday on Christmas Day. The Wreath reminds us that life comes around and goes around: Through it all God remains with us.



**Prayer for the Blessing of the
Advent Wreath**

Bless our Advent Wreath
Help us to get ready for Christmas
May we give happiness to others each day
until Christmas comes.