

# Year 3: How and why is Advent important to Christians?

## What is Advent?

**Advent** is an important part of the Christian calendar.

It means 'coming' and it's the period before Christmas, which celebrates the birth of Jesus.

It is all about preparing for Christmas Day.

**Advent** starts on the Sunday nearest to the 30th of November.

December 2021							
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	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	26	27	28	29	30	31	

## Vocabulary

<b>Advent</b>	A time to prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus.
<b>altar</b>	The table in a Christian church at which the bread and wine are consecrated in communion services.
<b>Bible passages</b>	Stories about God.
<b>Chapters</b>	Chapters divide books.
<b>cloth</b>	Fabric.
<b>Isaiah</b>	A prophet after whom the Book of Isaiah is named after.
<b>preparations</b>	The process of preparing (getting ready).
<b>prophets</b>	Special messengers.
<b>solemn</b>	Formal, dignified and serious.
<b>stole</b>	A band of coloured cloth worn by bishops and priests.
<b>verses</b>	Passages of text within a Chapter.

## How is Advent celebrated?

Some ways that Christians prepare during Advent:

- Churches are decorated in purple. Purple is colour for Lent and **Advent** because it is seen as a **solemn** colour and the colour for God.
- **Passages** are read from the Bible about Mary being visited by the Angel and the birth story.
- Advent services take place from the first Sunday in Advent.
- Carols are sung.
- Collections for particular charities take place.
- There is Carol singing within the community.
- There are Carol Services on the Sunday before Christmas.



stole



altar



Isaiah

Prophet

Take time  
to reflect

How do you prepare for Christmas?

CRC Article 14: All children have the right to their own religion.