



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

JOY

Today we light our third candle.

Colour in this candle red or pink, cut it out and attach it to your Advent wreath.

Why do we have a Joy candle?

This third candle, which is pink or red, symbolizes joy. It is sometimes called the “Shepherd Candle” reminding us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, and the Joy of salvation he has given us. It is also called the “Shepherd’s Candle” because of the joy of the shepherds in the field who were told by the angels the good news of the birth of Jesus Christ.



The joy of the shepherds in the field who were told by the angel, “Behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a saviour has been born for you who is Rescuer and Lord” *Lk 2:11*).

Colour in this Advent Wreath, and each week add your coloured candles as we prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ.

