

Ministry @Home



These resources are to help equip & enable worship together as "family". They are intentionally intergenerational to allow space, conversation, activity & response together as the family of God. We encourage all ages to be participative & open, being responsive to God and each other.

Gather.....

- As you gather find a place that is comfortable and have the resources ready for the activities, prayer or response times ready.
- Choose 3 members to light the 3 candles (engage all ages)

Opening words of praise with lighting of 3 candles -

I will light a light
in the name of the Maker,
who lit the world
and gave everything life.

I will light a light
in the name of the Son,
who saved the world
and stretched out his hand to me.

I will light a light
in the name of the Spirit,
who is present everywhere in the
world
and gives me strength.

Together:

**We will light three lights
for the trinity of love:
God above us,
God beside us,
God beneath us;
The beginning,
The end
and the Everlasting one.**

Welcome.....

Song: The First Nowell

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UniMXpApyFo>

(can be sung or listened to)

Reflection time: God sent his Son to be our King and Saviour. We remember Jesus birth and celebrate him as our King & Saviour. For many years Jesus' birth had been predicted and it had finally arrived, everything that had been told would happen was becoming a reality, a very special thing was occurring. Share together how you feel when something you have been looking forward to actually happens. Was it better than you had expected? Perhaps when it had finished you felt a little sad. As you share, write the experience and how you felt on a heart shaped piece of paper. Over the Christmas season we will experience many emotions – some sad and some happy; we will also make some lovely memories and receive and give presents we have carefully chosen for those who we are fond of.

Bible passage: Read Together **Luke 2.1-14, 15-20**

AND/OR Watch

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dbp24wZQa3Y>

The whole video can be watched or the clip 4min20sec – 6min15sec.

Mary treasured all that happened on that first Christmas night, she held all that had happened close to her heart. This will be a memory treasured for ever just like the memories you have in and on your heart.

Now is the time to light the first, second, third, fourth & fifth candle on an advent wreath if you have one; or colour the 1st, 2nd 3rd 4th & 5th candle below. The 5th candle is usually white and reminds us of the birth of Jesus. The flame of this candle reminds us that He is the light of the world and that if we follow Him, we will never walk in darkness, but will have the true light of life.

Interactive Learning.....



Christmas Magic.....

Watch the following magic tricks together

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jpgDV RMD0qc>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z7UYiFT1YaY>

Share together Do you want to receive the gift of Jesus this Christmas? If so, open your heart now and receive Him.

Our thanks to Rev Tim Saiet for producing these videos

Closing Responses.....

Song: Hark the Herald

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mmf7q-dur4>

(can be sung/read aloud or listened to)

From where we are
to where you need us.

Jesus, now lead on!

From the security of what we know
to the adventure of what you reveal.

Jesus, now lead on!

To make this world
look more like your kingdom,

Jesus, now lead on!

**Ask different members to blow out the
candles.....until you meet again**

Reflection & Prayer Time.....

Song: O Holy Night

(can be sung/read aloud or listened to)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=17kiIxsdc0>

Encourage members to read silently or aloud their prayers. Other prayers can be said at this time, concluding with the Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Celebration....

Over the months we have sung happy birthday to each other in our gatherings, this is the time to praise God for his gift to us by remembering Jesus' birthday. Praise God in your own way by singing, dancing, or praying.

**Whilst creating chat about the
following questions & share stories....**

- **Choose your favourite Christmas card from the ones you have been sent this Christmas time and share why it is your favourite?**
- **Could Jesus be your best present ever? How can you share the gift of Jesus with other people?**