

Angel Festival

in All Saints' during December.

Please help decorate the church with angels.



What size? Big enough to see,
but no larger than 2' 6" - 75 cm.



Please bring to church on 30 November
between 10-12

Phone Leslye on 0113 281 2488
to make a different arrangement.

Recently, there has been great demand for
tins of formula baby milk.

The milk comes in various formulas depending on the age
and stage of the infant, and cost from
£10.50 to more than £15.99 per tin.

For this special appeal there is a
collecting box for cash donations
on the sidepersons' table, which will enable the
volunteers at the food bank to buy exactly
the tins that they know are needed.

Please donate if you are able.

Thank you to everyone who has already made a donation.
The money will be going to the FOOD BANK on Tues 3 Dec.



Sunday 1st December 2024

ADVENT 1

8.00 Holy Communion

10.30 Morning Worship

Readings - Jeremiah 33:14-16 and Luke 21:25-36



Jonathan's December letter

Advent: A Journey of Hope, Preparation, Joy, and Love

Advent is a season of anticipation and reflection, a sacred time when Christians prepare their hearts for the celebration of Christ's birth and look forward to His return. Each of the four weeks of Advent carries a unique theme, guiding us through the unfolding story of God's salvation plan. These themes - Hope, Preparation, Joy, and Love - are represented by the lighting of candles, each one shedding light on God's promises fulfilled in Christ.

The first candle, known as the Candle of Hope, is often associated with the Patriarchs. Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob remind us of God's covenantal faithfulness. God's promise to Abraham - that through his descendants all nations would be blessed - finds its ultimate fulfil-

ment in Jesus. This hope is not wishful thinking, but a confident expectation rooted in God's unchanging nature. As we reflect on the faith of the Patriarchs, we are invited to trust God's promises, even in seasons of waiting.

The second candle, symbolising Preparation, points to the Prophets who foretold the coming of the Messiah. Figures like Isaiah called God's people to prepare their hearts and lives for the arrival of the Saviour. Isaiah declared, "A voice of one calling: 'In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God'" (Isaiah 40:3). Advent reminds us that preparation isn't merely about external readiness but about making space in our hearts for Christ's reign.

The third candle, the Candle of Joy, is linked to John the Baptist, the forerunner of Jesus. John leapt for joy in his mother Elizabeth's womb at the sound of Mary's greeting, even before he was born (Luke 1:41). Later, John's ministry would be marked by his joy in pointing others to the Lamb of God. This joy is a hallmark of Advent - it is the deep gladness that comes from knowing the Saviour is near.

The fourth candle, representing Love, honours Mary, the mother of Jesus. Mary's response to God's call was one of extraordinary faith and love: "I am the Lord's servant," she declared (Luke 1:38). Her life demonstrates the self-giving love that is at the heart of the Christmas story. Through Mary, we see the ultimate expression of God's love in sending His Son to dwell among us.

As we journey through Advent, may these themes of Hope, Preparation, Joy, and Love shape our hearts and draw us closer to the One who has come and will come again.

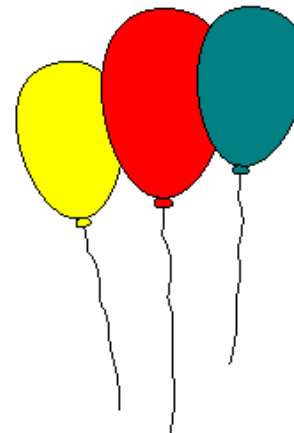
Revd Jonathan

BARWICK MONDAY FELLOWSHIP

**MONDAY DECEMBER 9th
2024**

**2.15 pm at
All Saints Church**

MONDAY FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS PARTY



**£3 to Include
Refreshments**

**Please come and join
with us to have an
enjoyable and fun
afternoon.**

All welcome (including gentlemen)