

Advent 2019

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This year we will focus on the traditional themes of Hope, Joy, Peace and Love. We are drawing from an Advent candle liturgy Angela has written and resources from A Sanctified Art www.sanctifiedart.org

For the whole church we will have:

- Art panels outside church (painting by Nanette)
- Advent station with candles, new symbol every week
- Colour-themed flower arrangements
- Candle lighting liturgy including theme and symbols
- Weekly Advent reflection booklet with prayers, art, poems, colouring and prompts for reflection.



In addition our Intergenerational service will include stations as part of worship:

- Stone painting
- Creation of a Advent candle (different one every week)
- Colouring inspired by the theme (drawn by Gabriella)
- Reflective Art station (from A Sanctified Art)
- Scripture reflection

Text



Week 1 - Hope

Colour - Green

Symbol - Koru/New life

Hope can't wait/God's promised day can't wait

Scripture Isaiah 2:1-5, Psalm 122

- the vision of hope and change made possible through the Messiah
- Hope and despair
- Alternative to what is present now (swords into ploughshares, what would that look like now)
- How can we be hope bringers, what brings us hope, how do we hope in despair.

Week 2 - Peace

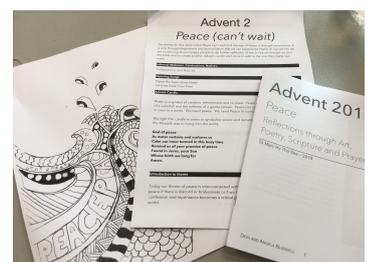
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Symbol - Water

Peace can't wait/Repentance can't wait

Scripture Isaiah 11:1-10, Matthew 3:1-12

- a vision of peace
- First we must repent in the ways that we turn away from God and do harm
- Once reconciled we become vessels of God's peace



- Repent comes from the word Metanoia which refers to a change of heart, the word shalom speaks to completeness, wholeness and restoration
- Connection between repentance and peace.

Week 3 - Joy

Colour - Red

Symbol - Pohutakawa

Joy can't wait/Delight can't wait

Scripture Isaiah 35:1-10, Luke 1:46b-55

- vision of abundance and joy (desert blooming)
- Mary was so joyful in her response to startling news - and prophetic
- How can we be bringers of joy, how do we experience joy, what brings us joy.



Week 4 - Love

Colour - Purple

Symbol - Paua

Love can't wait/Courage can't wait

Scripture - Mathew 1:18-25

- courage required of Joseph and Mary to go through what they did
- Choosing the way of justice and love rather than law
- The root of the word courage is cor, the latin word for heart, it used to mean "to speak ones mind by telling all ones heart".
- Courage is about putting vulnerability on the line

