

St Michaels Catholic Church,

Tetbury

Advent and Christmas Services 2012

*Everyone is welcome to attend these celebrations to
celebrate the Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ
We wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas
and our very Best wishes and Peace for the New Year*



THE ADVENT WREATH

The circle of the wreath reminds Christians of God, His eternity and endless mercy, which has no beginning and no end. The green of the wreath speaks of the hope that Christians have in God, the hope of newness, of renewal, of eternal life. Candles symbolise the light of God coming into the world through the birth of his son, Jesus.

The four traditional advent themes for the four advent Sundays are:

God's people – The Candle of Hope

Hope is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle we celebrate the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

The Old Testament Prophets – The Candle of Peace

Peace is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle we celebrate the peace we find in Jesus Christ.

John the Baptist – The Candle of Love

Love is like a candle shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle we celebrate the love we have in Christ.

Mary the mother of Jesus – The Candle of Joy

Joy is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle we celebrate the joy we find in Jesus Christ.

The fifth candle represents the Birth of Christ.

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.

Sunday 9th December 2012

**Deanery Penitential Service @ 3.00pm
The Church of the Immaculate Conception, Stroud**

Sunday 16th December 2012

**Parish Carol Service @ 3.00pm
Followed by Refreshments including Mince Pies**

Monday 24th December 2012 - Christmas Eve

Carols – 5.30pm

**First Mass of Christmas and Blessing of the Crib
6.00pm**

Tuesday 25th December 2012 – Christmas Day

Mass – 9.00am