

# Advent resources and events 2022

*Ellen Teague has compiled this list of Advent resources, retreats and talks. The ICN Listings page is updated each day - so please also check there for information about further events for Advent.*

## Digital Advent Calendar

Archbishop Eamon Martin has launched this year's interactive digital Advent calendar. Behind the 28 virtual doors, it offers resources for schools, parishes and the home with short inspirational video messages, some seasonal crafts for children and prayers to help us keep Christ at the centre of our Christmas preparations. See: [www.indcatholicnews.com/news/45962](http://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/45962)

## Advent Reflection Resources for 2022 from Anne O'Connor.

Prepared for the National Justice and Peace Network of England and Wales. An A4 sheet for each week of Advent on the themes: living in harmony with nature; inviting Christ into our lives; waiting with joyful expectation; and bringing hope. <https://paxchristi.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/ADVENT-REFLECTIONS-2022.pdf>

**An Advent Journey:** 'Daily actions and reflections based on the scripture reading for each day'. <https://paxchristi.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/AN-ADVENT-JOURNEY-A4.pdf>

## Ss Alban and Stephen parish in St Albans

Ss Alban and Stephen parish in St Albans, Westminster Diocese, offers weekly reflections. The parish is currently considering whether, as a parish community, they should commit to living simply, sustainably and in solidarity with the poor. Reflecting on the Sunday readings for each week during this season of Advent is part of that discernment. See: [www.albanstephen.org/advent\\_2022\\_live\\_simply/](http://www.albanstephen.org/advent_2022_live_simply/)

## CAFOD Advent prayers and resources

CAFOD 'Pray this Advent' and 'Prayers for Christmas' Daily Advent calendar reflections

straight to your inbox if you sign up. Eee: <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources>

## Southwark Archdiocese Advent Reflections 2022

Daily emails from the first Sunday of Advent. Produced by the Southwark Diocesan Spirituality Commission. See: [www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/](http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/)

## National Catholic Reporter- Spend Advent with Saint Francis

Central to St. Francis of Assisi's spirituality is the Incarnation: God becoming one of us. He understood that God so loved the world that he sent his only son to walk among us. We at Franciscan Media are following that example. As Advent nears, the NCR is offering a daily dose of inspiration in the true spirit of St. Francis of Assisi. Sign up [HERE](#)

## Webinars

### Scottish Laity Network - Advent Journey 2022 - Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees -

Thursday 1 December -The Extreme Suffering of the People of Tigray. Alistair Dutton: Chief Executive of SCIAF will explain the background to the conflict in Tigray and SCIAF's response to the letter of + Abune Tesfaselassie Medhin, Bishop of Adigrat Eparchy, Tigray-Ethiopia. He will also share on the recent agreement on a 'permanent cessation of hostilities' and the role the Church can play in peace building.

### Thursday 8 December

#### People from the Border

Fiona Kendall: Mission co-worker with Mediterranean Hope will share with us on Mediterranean Hope, a project based in Italy, and how it has developed since 2013 when it began welcoming migrants who landed at Lampedusa. It will be an opportunity to hear the stories of migrants and refugees and those who have sought to welcome and integrate them into their country and the challenges in doing this.

### Thursday 15 December

Forced to Flee - Alison Phipps: Co-Convener of

Glasgow Refugee, Asylum and Migration Network will share stories of those who are forced to flee - their journey, their challenges, their hopes and how with people and networks of solidarity they are together building the future.

#### Thursday 22 December

Liturgy of Solidarity and Hope. With Alison Phipps and Friends. An opportunity to pray and reflect together as we seek to welcome the Christ-child by being a people who Build the Future with Migrants and Refugees.

*To register for these SLN online events see:*

<https://forms.gle/b7t2iK2z76GS4KTJ6>

#### **EVENTS:**

#### **Sunday 27 November 5.30pm**

#### **London: LGBT+ Westminster First Advent Sunday Mass**

At Farm Street Church: With music from the 5.30 Music group followed by refreshments in Arrupe Hall.

The LGBT+ Westminster Pastoral Council AGM and elections takes place after Mass.

#### **Sunday 27 November, 4-5pm**

#### **London: Prof Maria Ubiali to speak on: The Beautiful Bridge between the Infinitely Big and the Infinitesimally Small**

If you are planning on attending in person please email the Parish Administrator at [hampstead@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:hampstead@rcdow.org.uk) to book your place. You are welcome to livestream the lecture by visiting

[www.churchservices.tv/hampstead](http://www.churchservices.tv/hampstead)

#### **Thursday 1 December 7.30pm Mary Ward Loreto UK Carol Service at Westminster Cathedral**

The choristers from the Cathedral Choir school will lead singing. Readings by special guests: Julie Etchingam, ITV news presenter, Ed Stourton, BBC presenter, Sir Christian Sweeting from the world of business and the CEO of Mary Ward Loreto Albania, Ana Stakaj.

#### **Thursday 1 December 7.30 - 8.30pm - Scripture Talk for Advent with Fr John Deehan**

Unfinished Business: Paul & James: The New Testament Readings for Year A.

Please click **HERE** to register by Eventbrite.

#### **Saturday 3 December 2pm Pax Christi Advent Peace Service**

At Church of the Holy Apostles, 47 Cumberland Street, Pimlico, London. Music will be led by Julie McCann. Singers and instrumentalists will gather to rehearse at 10am in the church. The service will be followed by a Christmas market with Fairtrade and Palestinian goods, crafts and gifts, books, cards, refreshments and children's activities. See: <https://paxchristi.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/2022-Advent-service-flyer.pdf>

#### **Tuesday 6 December 7pm - London: Pact's London Christmas Carol Service 2022 at Farm Street Church**

See: [www.prisonadvice.org.uk/Event/pacts-christmas-carol-service-2022](http://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/Event/pacts-christmas-carol-service-2022)

#### **Thursday 8 December 7pm - Nottingham: Pact Christmas Carol Service at Sacred Heart Carlton**

See: [www.prisonadvice.org.uk/Event/pacts-nottingham-christmas-carol-service-2022](http://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/Event/pacts-nottingham-christmas-carol-service-2022)

#### **Thursday 8 December 7.30 - 8.30pm Scripture Talk for Advent with Fr John Deehan - Waiting in Expectation: The Gospel Readings**

Please click **HERE** to register by Eventbrite.

#### **Thursday 8 December 7pm - 8pm - Guided Prayer for Advent from London Jesuit Centre.**

An hour of prayer online. See:

<https://londonjesuitcentre.churchsuite.com/events/cap9lwpk>

#### **Monday, 12 December 7 - 8pm. Catholicism under King Charles III**

At London Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street. With Mary Kenny, Peter Stanford, Jon Cruddas MP

For more details and booking information see:

<https://londonjesuitcentre.churchsuite.com/events/hl8mglvm>

**Tuesday 13 December 6pm London: Carol Concert in aid of the Douai Foundation**

At Corpus Christi Church, Covent Garden.

For more information see:

<https://douaifoundation.org/events/carolservice/>