



## LATE AUTUMN 2021

To keep up to date with any changes regarding on-line and in-person gatherings please read Focus and visit the Belmont website regularly.



The word Advent means 'coming'. When we believe that something is coming, we live in an in-between state. When friends or family are about to arrive at our home for a celebration we might run around tidying up, glancing at the clock or out the window. We are not yet experiencing the fullness of our guest's presence, and at the same time we act in anticipation of their appearance. How have you approached Advent in the past? Has it centered around chocolate or perhaps the lighting of an Advent candle? What if, this year, we decide to dedicate Advent to waiting? What would it look like to not rush ahead but to pause, to anticipate and to be expectant? The Psalmist writes, 'I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits.' (Psalm 130:5a). Join us during this Advent season as we wait expectantly for Jesus to appear and as we Worship in the Waiting.



Jesus, at the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount, calls upon His followers to be peacemakers (Matthew 5:9). In a conflicted and hurting world, we long for our faith to have a positive impact, but in the messiness of life it can be hard to know where to start. But we believe that God is in the business of restoring brokenness and

transforming relationships, and that we are called to take our part in that mission. As part of our Sunday afternoon programme this term there will be the opportunity to think more about what it means to be 'salt and light' to those we come into contact with. **Difference starts on Sunday 31st October.** The sessions draw on Jesus' encounters in the gospels as examples for us to follow and offer practical insight from expert peacemakers about how we too can make a difference. You can find out more about the series [here](#) and you can sign up to attend one or more sessions by following this [link](#).

Date	Sunday Morning at 10:00am in-person and available on-line	Sunday Afternoon at 4:00pm in-person	Sunday Afternoon at 5:00pm in-person	Sunday Evening at 7:00pm in-person
7th November	<b>All-Together Worship</b> Psalm 100 everyone praising and experiencing God together	<b>Communion</b> a quiet and reflective service of remembrance	<b>Difference Crossing Divides</b> John 4:1-30	
14th November	<b>Freedom</b> Jonny Baker <b>Free to Love</b> Galatians 6:1-18	<b>Remembrance Sunday Service</b> starts at 3:00pm with refreshments at the close	<b>Difference Disagreeing Well</b> Luke 7:36-50	
21st November	<b>Worship in the Waiting</b> Nick Goldsworthy <b>Waiting for a King</b> Colossians 1:15-20	<b>INSPIRE (Care for the Family seminar)</b> with Kid's Café - see FOCUS for more details	<b>Difference Practicing Forgiveness</b> John 21:1-19	
28th November	<b>Worship in the Waiting</b> Andrew Trezise <b>Holy Suspense</b> Luke 21:25-36		<b>Difference Risking Hope</b> John 13:1-17	
5th December	<b>Worship in the Waiting</b> All-Together Worship <b>Active Patience</b> Psalm 40			<b>The BIG Belmont Quiz</b> look out for more details in FOCUS
12th December	<b>Worship in the Waiting</b> Simon Richards <b>Hope-filled Expectation</b> Matthew 11:2-11	<b>Communion</b> a quiet and reflective service of remembrance	<b>Carols around Newtown</b> a great opportunity to bless our neighbours!	
19th December	<b>All-Together Carol Service</b> <b>Awe-struck Anticipation</b> Luke 1:26-38			<b>Carol Service</b> a traditional service of carols and readings
25th December	<b>Christmas Day Service</b> a short service to celebrate the arrival of Jesus			
26th December	<b>Communion</b> a quiet and reflective service of remembrance			



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But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

1 Peter 2:9

Links to the **Sunday Morning Service** and all other Belmont activities can be found on the Belmont website at [www.belmontexeter.church/news/](http://www.belmontexeter.church/news/).

Look out for more details in Focus and on MyChurchSuite to connect with other events going on during the week

For **Young Families** please check out this [Facebook page](#).

If you would like to be connected with a local Belmont Home Group then please contact the Office at [office@belmontchapel.org.uk](mailto:office@belmontchapel.org.uk). **All these links** are available through MyChurchSuite for those with access.