

Introduction: to be repeated before the lighting of the candle(s) each week

Reader: This is week 2 of 5

Advent is a time of promise, when we look forward to what God is going to do in the world

both the coming of the baby Jesus on Christmas Day and on the Day of Judgement at the second coming.

Advent is also a time of celebration when we acknowledge and rejoice at what God has done, is doing (and will do) in the world.

Sing StF 165, verse 1-2 (During the singing light the first and second candle.)

ALL SING

**Advent Candles tell their story as we watch and pray
Longing for the day of glory, 'come Lord soon' we say
Pain and sorrow, tears and sadness changed for gladness,
on that day.**

**Prophet voices loudly crying, Making pathways clear.
Glimpsing glory, self denying, calling all to hear
through their message.- challenged, shaken, hearts
awaken; God is near**

CONGREGATION

"Are we there yet?"

**Lord Jesus, the prophets told us that
you are coming and to make the pathways clear.
Help us to see the signs of your light and life
breaking through into the world. Amen.**

NORMANBY METHODIST CHURCH



Come in to worship, Go out to serve

**To LOVE Christ, To GROW in Christ,
To SHOW Christ's Love, To MAKE Christ Known**

SUNDAY SERVICES

9.30 am. Morning Service

(1st Sunday in the month, the morning service starts at 11am)

6.00 pm. Evening Service - 1st Sunday in the month only.

If you are a regular worshipper at this Church, or worshipping with us for the first time, we bid you a warm welcome & hope that you will feel at home among us.

If you are interested in any information about the Church, please ask a church steward or the minister.

Baptisms & weddings take place by arrangement with the minister.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Church again.

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

www.memc.uk/normanby.html

Sunday 10th December 2017 2nd Sunday in Advent

9.30am Mr. R. Mapplebeck Christingle

Wednesday 13th December 2017

9.30am Midweek Service: Mr. R. Mapplebeck

Sunday 17th December 2017 3rd Sunday in Advent

**9.30am Mrs. C. Shires: 6.00pm Rev. C. Wood-Archer
Carol Service**

Introit Be still ! For the presence of the Lord, the Holy one, is here.

Advent Liturgy - see back page****

Prayers: For Margaret Richardson: for Gerald Cooke; for Reg Lawrence for those fleeing war and oppression: for refugees and asylum seekers

Advent Courses – Tuesday 12th December 2017 – 10 a.m. at Ormesby studying 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 and Let earth and heaven combine (StF208)

Tuesday 19th December 2017 – 10 a.m. at Normanby studying Luke 1:68-79 and Christ whose glory fills the skies (StF134)

MAP Nativity:MAP Carols and Nativity on Thursday 14th December at 6.30pm at Avenue Church. All welcome

Keith wishes to thank all the people who supported him during the Autumn when he was doing the marathons. He has raised £740 for Motor Neurone Disease Association.

The Ways and Means Committee wish to thank all those who gave baked, served, washed up and bought things at the recent Christmas Fair which raised a magnificent sum of £1910.53p

Carol Singing -Monday 18th December 6.30pm from Normanby Church - You are all welcome to come along! We will be carol singing to the elderly and housebound in the local area If you know anyone who would like us to call and have given you their permission, please supply Keith Johnson with their name and address by Sunday 17th

December so that the route can be planned There will be refreshments when we arrive back at Church. An invitation has been sent to Eston Grange to join us Thank you. Keith Johnson

Normanby Primary School Chnstingle. 13th December 1.00pm

Christmas Coffee Morning-Saturday 16th December 2017 from 10am Stalls include:- Chocolate Tombola, Cake Stall, Toiletries, Raffle, Books, Handicrafts & lots more Entry by donation, come along & have a coffee & a chat with friends, old & new All are welcome

Christmas Card Hunt– Friday 12th January 2018 from 7pm Adult £5.00 – Child £2.50 includes supper. Come along for a night of fun & fellowship, not too energetic, an opportunity to chat about your Christmas with friends & take a closer look at some of the greeting cards received. Tickets available from Ways and Means Committee members.

Message from Cella: I will not be giving out Christmas Cards this year but will give a donation to Tees-side Hospice instead. I hope you all have a lovely Christmas

Important Notice Sunday 31st December service is no longer at Ormesby but now at Eston Grange 11.00am

Offertory : Don't ask" what do I need to give?" But "how do I give reflecting God's love for me?" Thank you for your support in God's continuing work in the Church. As a sign of the offering of ourselves, please stand as the Stewards bring forward today's offering.

Dates for your Diary

Pop In – Monday's 1.30pm – 3.00pm. All welcome

Wives Club Monday 7.30pm 11th December Carol Service and Supper

Bowls Club Thursday 2.00pm

Knit and Natter Craft group Thursday 1-3pm

Any items to be included on the notice sheet need to be with Cella Shires by Wednesday evening - continued overleaf