

Christmas Message

The season of Advent is a time of preparation and anticipation for the coming of God in the form of an infant child born in a stable. Though this year Christmas for many of us is going to be much different, the message has not changed.



The first Christmas, celebrated over 2000 years ago, was an earth shattering experience for all those who witnessed and encountered God in the frailty of a baby. It was a moment in history when God intervened in a way that was completely beyond expectation and utterly beyond imagination.

Advent is a time for us to look back at the events that unfolded, in the way that the child was formed in Mary's womb which united God completely with all humanity. This reminds us that Christmas is about God's love and commitment to the world.

As we recount the familiar story, let us not forget that Christ did not just come into this world as a Saviour and Redeemer for humankind in general, but he came as the Saviour of individuals; people like you and me!

Advent is also a time for looking forward and to be encouraged, that Christ came for individual people, not just Mary, Joseph and those other characters that we hear so much about in the nativity story. More significantly, it's about God descending into a broken world, to transform lives, that focuses upon the people rather than principles.

I warmly invite you this Christmas to join us on Zoom. Details of how to can be found on our website: <https://www.abbotsroadurc.com>, to recapture the true meaning of Advent and the Christmas story.

May this Christmas be a true blessing and season of good will from all at Abbot's Road United Reformed Church

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