

## Y6 Knowledge Organiser

### RE Autumn 2

How do Christians prepare for Christmas?

Key vocabulary	Definition
Advent	A season observed in many Christian churches as a time of waiting and preparation for both the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas and the return of Jesus at the Second Coming.
Prophet	A person who relays a message from God to humans.
Prophecy	A message brought by a prophet from God.
John the Baptist	A prophet who spoke about the coming of Jesus.
Messiah	Another name for Jesus meaning the saviour of people.
Annunciation	Angel Gabrielle's announcement to Mary that she would have a baby.
Incarnation	God in human form - Jesus.
Mary	The woman, who was chosen by God to give birth to Jesus.

Four candles are put around the wreath and often a fifth candle is put in the middle. A candle is lit each Sunday before Christmas Day.



**Advent Wreath**

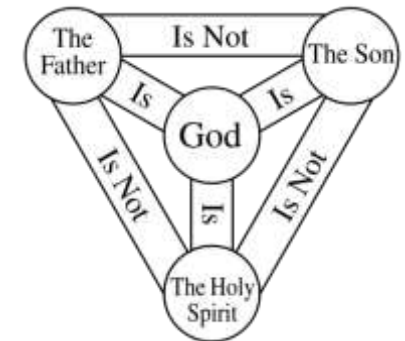
**Week 1** - a purple candle is lit. This symbolises hope with the 'Prophet's Candle' reminding people that Jesus is coming.

**Week 2** - a purple candle is lit. This symbolises faith with the 'Bethlehem Candle' and remembers Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

**Week 3** - a pink candle is lit. This is known as the Candle of Joy or the 'Shepherd's Candle' and represents the joy the world experience at the coming birth of Jesus.

**Week 4** - a purple candle is lit. This symbolises peace and is called the 'Angel's Candle'. It reminds us of the message of the angels, 'Peace on earth, good will toward men'.

**Christmas Day** - the white candle is lit. This is known as the Christ Candle.



**God came in human form, as Jesus.**

Christians believe that Jesus will come back to earth again - this is known as The Second Coming.