

# St George's Catholic Voluntary Academy

"Grow in Faith and have Faith and Growing"

## Preparations

Our Big Question

*Do we need to prepare?*



### Key Knowledge

- In **Advent** we prepare for **Christmas**, Jesus' birthday.
- Isaiah wrote about God's promise to send a son.
- We can show love to others to prepare for Christmas.
- The **Advent Wreath** is an evergreen circle with 3 purple candles and 1 pink candle. A candle is lit each week to represent the 4 weeks of Advent.
- The **Angel Gabriel** visited **Mary** and told her not to be afraid, God had blessed her and she would have a baby called Jesus.
- Mary** loved God so much, she agreed to God's plan.
- Mary** visited her cousin **Elizabeth** to help her prepare for having her baby, John.
- Elizabeth's** baby jumped with gladness when she heard Mary's voice.
- Mary was so happy she sang a song of praise to God.
- Mary and Joseph had to travel Joseph's home town of Bethlehem. Jesus was born in a stable there.
- God gave us his only Son because He loved us and wanted us to know more about His love.



### Key Vocabulary and Definitions

<b>Advent</b>	The time of waiting and preparing for Christmas.
<b>Annunciation</b>	The story of the Angel Gabriel giving Mary the message that she would have a baby named Jesus.
<b>Christmas</b>	The time when we remember the birthday of Jesus.
<b>Nativity</b>	The birth of Jesus.
<b>preparing</b>	To get ready.
<b>Visitation</b>	The story of Mary visiting her cousin, Elizabeth.
<b>waiting</b>	To look forward to something and be ready for it.

### Advent



### The Annunciation



### The Visitation



### Key Skills



- I can **retell** some key elements from the Annunciation, Visitation and Nativity. AT1 (i)
- I can begin to use religious words and phrases to **describe** the Advent Wreath. AT1 (ii)
- I can begin to **describe** and give some examples of how Christians follow Jesus and the light of the world. AT1 (iii)



- I can begin to **answer** questions about how preparing well makes me feel AT2 (i)
- I can say what I **wonder** about Jesus, God and Advent. AT2 (ii)



- I can **listen and respond** to points of view about sources linked to preparing. AT3

### Scripture

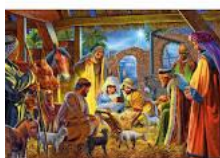
- Isaiah 9: 2, 6 (Someone is coming)
- Luke 1: 26-31, 38 (The Annunciation – An angel visits Mary)
- Luke 1: 39-45 (The Visitation – Mary visits Elizabeth)
- Luke 1: 45-55 (Mary's Song of Praise)
- Luke 2: 1-7 (The Nativity Story)



In this topic, we will revisit:



The Advent Wreath



The Christmas Story

*We are in Advent*

The colour for Advent is purple. It is a time when wait and get ready for Christmas – Jesus' birthday.

