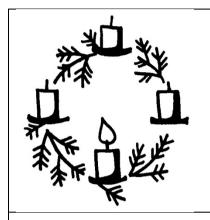
Advent Sunday at St Andrew's Psalter Lane

These are the pictures we are using to tell our story this morning.

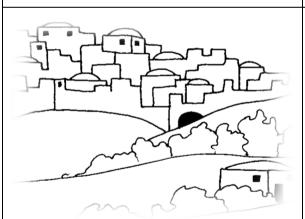
You can colour them in if you like or watch to see when they happen in the service.



This morning we light the first candle on our Advent wreath. There are four Sundays till Christmas and each week we will light another candle



Our story this morning starts in the Temple in Jerusalem, a very holy place. There is a priest called Zechariah. The angel Gabriel tells him his wife Elizabeth is going to have a baby



Zechariah goes home to his house in the hills, but he has lost the power of speech



The angel comes to tell Mary that she is going to have a very special baby: God's son.
Mary says Yes.



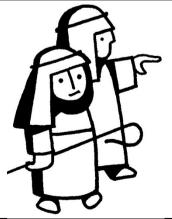
Mary goes to see Elizabeth who is her cousin.



Elizabeth's baby is born and they call him John, like the angel told them. Zechariah can speak again!



Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem and try to find a place to stay where the baby can be born



Angels come to tell the shepherds on the hills near Bethlehem that the baby has been born.



The shepherds leave their sheep and come to see the baby.



Mary and Joseph take the baby to the Temple and give him the name Jesus. They take two pigeons as a sacrifice of thanks because that is what the law says.



They meet Simeon and Anna, both very lod. They tell them that the baby will be very special.



Jesus grows up in Nazareth and his father Joseph teaches him to be a carpenter



Mary and Joseph go to Jerusalem for a festival and take Jesus with them. But they lose him in the crowds.



They find him in the Temple, talking to the scholars. Everyone is amazed by his wise words.