**To           :              Headteachers; Chairs of Governors; Ex-Officio Clergy; Foundation Governors; Deputy HTs; RE coordinators                      : for forwarding widely**

**From     :               Jeff Williams**

**Date      :              18th November 2020**

**Re           :             Class worship and Advent resources from The Diocesan Education Team**

Dear colleagues

Thanks for your positive feedback and affirmation for the quality and wealth of resources we’ve been providing. Many teachers are contacting us direct as the email and resources isn’t always being forwarded – so can I ask Heads please to forward to teachers? Equally, ex-officios and Foundation Governors are more than welcome to forward these to Children & Youth leaders in churches.

A big bundle to see you through Advent, which I hope you enjoy and find useful and educational.  Headteachers also have details of the Winchester Cathedral Poetry Burst with prizes up to £80 for children and adults. Do join in!

Thanks for all you are doing and for just being at this time.

Best wishes

**Jeff**

**Reverse Advent Calendar** : a practical way of thinking of others this Advent. Why not do this as a class, whole school, church or at home? I’ve attached two versions – one that can be used daily, the other as a once-a-week focus.

**Week 1 : w/c 23rd November** (leads up to Advent Sunday 1 on 29th) – Theme : God’s People / The Candle of Hope

**Week 2 : w/c 30th November** (leads up to Advent Sunday 2 on 6th December) – Theme : The Old Testament Prophets / The Candle of Peace

**Week 3 : w/c 7th December** (leads up to Advent Sunday 3 on 13th December) –  Theme : John The Baptist / The Candle of Love

**Week 4 : w/c 14th December** (leads up to Advent Sunday 4 on20th December) – Theme : Mary, Jesus’ mother / The Candle of Joy

**More free advent resources** from The Archbishop of York Youth Trust and Prayer Spaces in Schools : <https://www.archbishopofyorkyouthtrust.co.uk/>

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