

BCUC Advent Wreath for socially isolated times.

Doing Advent together, apart.

This year some people may not be able to be in the same building or even meeting with each other for Sunday worship. But we can still be the church community together during Advent. One symbol of this can be the lighting of our own Advent Wreaths in our homes on Sundays, and during every weekday meal as well.

Advent is the season beginning the fourth Sunday before Christmas celebration on Christmas day. It is a season of preparation and anticipation of the coming of Christ into the world.



The candles of the advent wreath represent:

Hope: the first Sunday, this year 29th November, purple candle

Peace: the second Sunday 6th Dec, purple

Joy: represented by a pink candle, Dec 13th

Love: 20th Dec, purple



Some wreaths include a fifth candle, the Christ candle, to light on Christmas Day.

You can be as creative as you like. You can make it round, or not.



For a long-lasting lasting fresh-flower wreath start with several blocks of floral foam (oasis) cut to size with a kitchen knife. Soak in water and then push flowers and leaves in. Or you may find a circular one to buy from a florist or craft shop.



Start with a round tray, a large plate or platter such as an old microwave glass plate (op-shops are open again hooray).

Coloured candles can be hard to buy but it doesn't matter if yours are plain white, tall or short, tea-light or battery-powered. If you use tall candles then anchor them down with plenty of blutack, playdoh or plasticine.

If you want to try a bowl of water then I discovered that the blutack and candles needs to be put in before you pour water in, not after.





Traditional European wreaths are made with holly or fir branches but here in Australia our gardens are prolific in their summer bounty so we can use flowers, fruit, green leaves. Or you may choose stones, shells or lego blocks. Anything special to you.



Making your own advent wreath is easy. Please send a photo of yours to Sabine at admin@bcuc.org.au so it can go on the church website and facebook pages or be used during the online services.

We look forward to seeing what you come up with.

