



Gordano Valley Church

*“releasing us to release
Jesus’ love into our
community...”*

Sunday 28th November 2021

Our Advent services start at 10.30am

28th Nov - 1st Advent - **GOLD**

5th Dec - 2nd Advent - **FRANKINCENSE**

12th Dec - 3rd Advent - includes breakfast and a nativity

19th Dec - 4th Advent - **MYRRH** - our evening Carols at 6.30pm

25th Dec - Christmas Day - ‘A King fit for the world’



We have been praying for Ollie, who has bowel cancer and providing some meals for the family, which have been very gratefully appreciated. Ollie's condition has worsened and he needs more cycles of chemotherapy, Emma said they couldn't have coped without support from family and friends and the wider community. A member of GVC suggested we make up an Advent hamper to bless the family during this very difficult time. If you would like to make a small monetary contribution, I will buy a selection of items to make up the hamper. Many thanks, Lyn Reading.

We will be Live Streaming our service this Sunday so you can watch at 10.30am on YouTube or the GVC website. You can also watch it later in the week...

As part of our service this Sunday we will light the first candle on our Advent wreath.



SAVE THE DATE

‘Pints of View’ at The Poacher 7pm 28th November. Subject up for discussion: “There are too many Celebrities-Get me out of Here!”

Moved to 23rd January



Men’s Breakfast “Christmas Celebration” at Heaven on the Hill 8.45am December 4th.

Carols in the Car park is in Sainsbury’s carpark on Sunday 5th December at 6pm. See overleaf for booking details.

inHope.
For those who need us most

Victorian Evening - Portishead High Street Sunday 12th Dec 3-7pm. We don’t have a stand this year but would like to have some folks dressed up in Victorian Costume in pairs giving out a small gift with our Carol service invite.

GVC Evening Carol Service is on Sunday 19th December at 6.30pm followed by mince pies, cake and mulled wine and punch.



Evening Carols 19th December

It would be lovely to have a good sized group of musicians and singers to help lead our carols.

There will be a rehearsal during the morning (10-12am), as there is no morning service that day.

If you would like to sing or play, please could you contact Alison John (alisonjohn1@yahoo.co.uk) by December 12th.

Please say which instrument, and for singers, if you like to sing harmonies, which 'voice' you sing (e.g. tenor, alto...)



**An everlasting city awaits you, for I am not
ashamed to be called your God.
Hebrews 11:16**

Pray for GVC Christmas Services:

Christmas services and events in December – that through these we will make known the true meaning of Christmas in our community. A time when we remember Light coming into the Darkness.

Pray for church family:

- **Ian Bonner** –who is in temporary care in W-s-M. Pray that he will respond to physiotherapy to help him become more active.
- **Ann Cope** – in care in W-s-M, especially as she grapples with advancing loss of memory.
- **Lisa Hill** having outpatient surgery on her foot this Monday – pray for a successful outcome.
- **Philippa Boyland** who is suffering with a lingering cough and periodic loss of voice.
- **Ollie** has been in and out of hospital this week with infections. Pray that the next round of chemo will still be able to go ahead in early December. Pray also for his wife and children at this difficult time.

We really want to encourage you throughout the advent season to use the Sat7 advent prayer guide “Watch and wait” which you will be receiving in the post as a special gift.

Lets join and journey together through Advent using “Watch and Wait”.



After careful consideration, with the weather getting colder, it has been decided to close the outer doors during our services at the school. Please can we ask you to still wear a mask especially while singing. You may still need to dress up warm!



NO GVC post box this year



Please use the opportunity to hand deliver your cards with a word of encouragement and a cheery Happy Christmas...

All GVC addresses can be found on ‘My Church Suite’ let Lois know if you can’t access them.



For electronic banking the account details are:
Account name: **Gordano Valley Church**
Sort code: **08-92-99** Account No: **65654718**
Reference: **your initials or name**

You are invited to start this year’s advent by joining with Christians from other churches within the town to share in advent hymns, readings and reflections. Dave is speaking.



A ticket will be needed for each car not for each person attending. This year, we will be charging £5 per car, so feel free to fill them up! No money will be going to the organisers of this event. All monies collected will be given to the work of In Hope, a Bristol charity working alongside the homeless and those in need.

For more information visit:

<https://inhope.uk/>

We hope you will join us to celebrate Christmas in this fun way!

Tickets will be made available from 27th November at 7pm

via: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/carols-in-the-car-parktickets-209778070857>

