

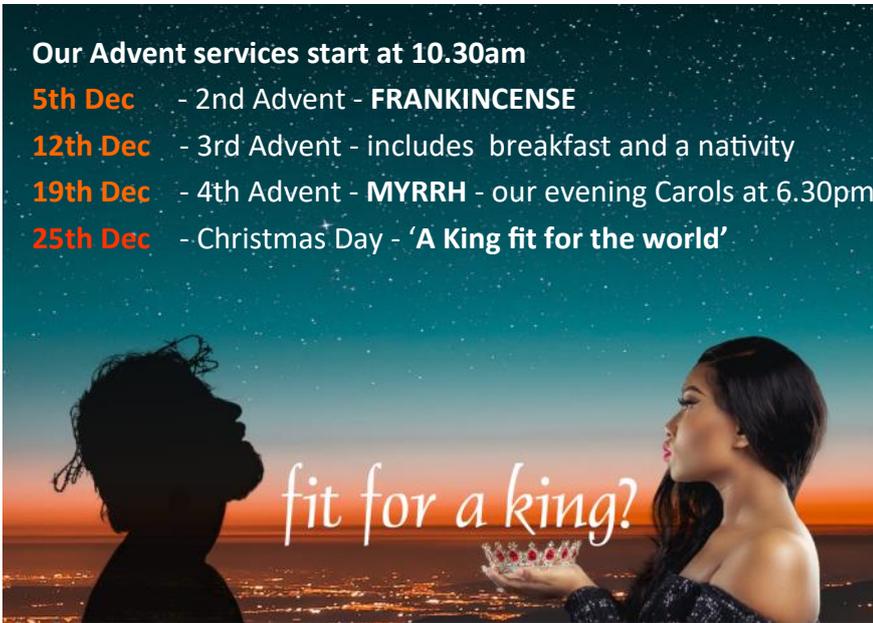
Gordano Valley Church

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

Sunday 5th December 2021

Our Advent services start at 10.30am

- 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 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...

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...)



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

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.



GVC Christmas Giving

Keysteps- a large and effective homelessness charity that houses people throughout North Somerset our very own Martin Knight is the Chair of Trustee's.

Haven Community- provides a stimulating environment, offering a variety of activities to adults with additional needs, such as restricted mobility, sensory impairment, and other disabilities. Our very own Simon David is chief executive.

GVC community fund - this helps fund Gordano school Chaplaincy, drive-in services, Cludo etc..

Please prayerfully consider how much you can give...

*Make a pledge by email to John Storey: js@gvc.org.uk along the lines – “I intend to make a gift of £N towards the GVC Christmas Giving. I confirm that this will / will not be covered by my existing Gift Aid declaration”

*The gift should be made directly to the GVC bank Ac: Sort Code 089299. No. 65654718. ref “Christmas Giving”

Or anyone wishing to make a donation by cheque (made payable to Gordano Valley Church) or cash, please put in an envelope marked “Christmas Giving” and dropped into the church office at No 4 Combe Rd.

This will be open till 16th Jan and will be divided equally.

Pray for GVC Christmas Services:

- **Our Advent series** - see other side of newsletter for more details.
- **Carols in the Car Park** this Sunday evening. Good weather, great crowd, no gremlins in the live streaming and sound department.
- **Good conversations** on the High Street next Sunday at the Victorian Evening
- **Restored Lives Course** – pray for a social gathering on Wednesday this week.

Pray for church family:

- **Lisa Hill** – surgery went well last Monday – pray for her foot to heal up quickly and for a good outcome.
- **Ollie** - had a slightly better week. His next chemotherapy is booked for Friday this week, the second of 3 treatments. Pray that he will be well enough for this to go ahead. He will have scans in January, depending on the outcome he may be offered 3 more cycles of chemotherapy. The family are very grateful for the meals provided by GVC. Please continue to pray for Ollie and his wife and children.

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”.



For any items you would like me to put in the newsletter please send to Lois by Friday 11am at: admin@gvc.org.uk

The Way Christian Book Shop 86 High Street

07790 862121

Tues & Thurs 10-2 , Wed & Sat 10-12

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.



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



You are fearfully and wonderfully made.
Psalm 139:14

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>

