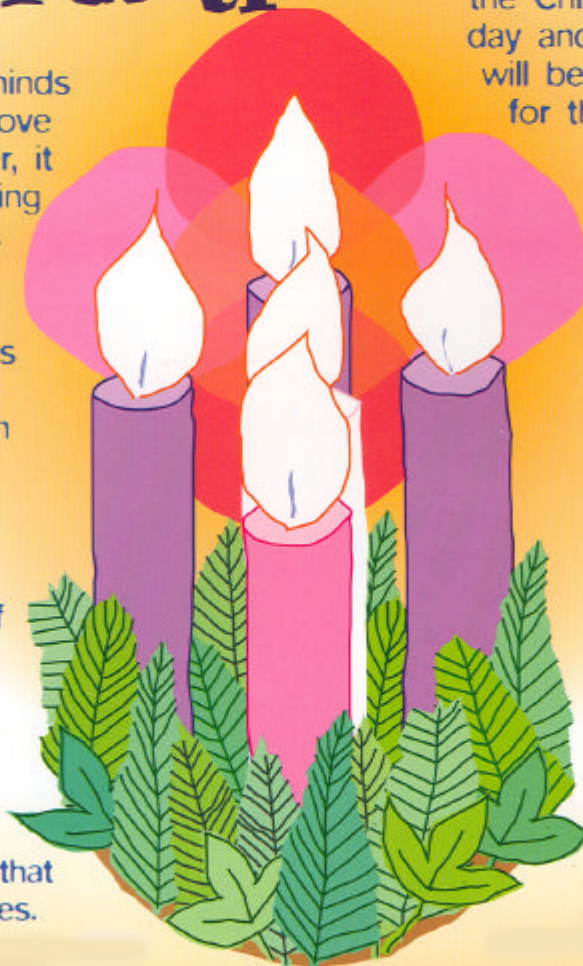


# The Advent Wreath

The **circle** reminds us that God's love goes on forever, it has no beginning and no end.

The colour **purple** represents sorrow. Three of our candles are in this colour to represent our sorrow for our failure to love in so many parts of our lives.

The **evergreen** leaves of the wreath remind us that God never changes.



The **white** candle, which is placed in the middle of the wreath on Christmas Day, represents the Christ child born that day and whose teachings will be our guiding light for the coming year.

One candle is **pink** and this represents our joy and happiness at the coming of Christ. We light this candle on the third Sunday of Advent.

## Instructions for making an Advent Wreath.

You will need **some kind of circular base** (an oasis ring, approx. 9 inches wide, from a flower or craft shop is best but a small circular tray or large, shallow dish will do if you have something to anchor the candles on it), **some evergreen foliage, three purple candles, one pink and one white one**. Assemble as on picture above. Say a prayer and light one purple candle on the First Sunday of Advent, two on the Second Sunday etc., gradually building up the light as Jesus' coming draws near. For other instructions see the writing around the picture.