

Worthing Deanery Prayer

The theme of this week 5th December 2016.



Mary

Reflection

The Gospel from the Second Sunday of Advent is about repentance and seeking forgiveness for our sins. In his Gospel, Matthew tells us that John the Baptist appears in the wilderness of Judaea, he calls on us to turn back to God through right living and prayer because the Kingdom of God is close at hand. The 8th December is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, the Mother of Jesus. God chose Mary to bring the Saviour into the world, to bring light, hope and love to humankind. Mary responded to God in total faithfulness when the Angel Gabriel told her of God's plan for the salvation of the world. Advent is a time for us to prepare and respond to God's call of love in action within our lives, our homes, our school and with our friends. **Please join all the Deanery Schools at the Advent Celebration on Wednesday 7th December at 6.30pm in Arundel Cathedral to PREPARE for Christ.**

Prayer

God of light, Jesus came to be a light to the world. Many people, then and now, cannot see his light. In preparation for his birth, we ask you to lighten our darkness as we await the arrival of the Son of Light into our world. We ask you to hear all our prayers this Advent through Christ our Light. Amen.

From the bible

“A voice cries in the wilderness: ‘Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.’”

Matthew 3: 3