

2. ADVENT resource: 'Little Liturgies'

Note: These are for use in church (**see Diocesan and CofE guidelines!**) but could be useful in developing **online** services.

2.1 Blue Christmas service

2.2 'Little liturgies' for Advent Wreath lighting

Can form basis of service of the Word.

All have responses

All have short prayers

All have suggestion for music

Each with a different emphasis: eg Signposts through Advent
Journeying
Darkness to Light

2.3 Advent Carol Service

Darkness to Light

Lighting of candle

Readings

Hymns

Prayers

2.4 Advent Readings and Carols (service)

Different readings: emphasis on coming of the Light

Light of promise, Light of life, Light of hope, etc

2.5 Service incorporating the O Antiphons

(see fabulous banners used at Salisbury Cathedral Advent service)

For those not familiar with the O Antiphons –

**They are familiar to us in the hymn O come, O come Emmanuel.
Each verse parallels one of the antiphons.**

Wisdom, Ruler of the house of Israel, Root of Jesse, Key of David, Rising Dawn, King of the Gentiles, and Emmanuel.

...a magnificent command of the Bible's wealth of motifs.

Actually a collage of Old Testament types of Christ.

Jesus is invoked by various titles, mainly taken from the prophet Isaiah.

The sequence progresses historically, from the beginning, before creation, to the very gates of Bethlehem.