

## An opportunity this **Advent** to explore **faith, hope and love** and to **live a little differently**.

Sign up to receive an email or text each day, or follow [@live\\_challenge](#).

Take time to **read** and **think**

Make time to **pray** and then **act**  
Bring a bit of purpose to your **Christmas** preparations

**Encounters** is the Live the Challenge initiative for Advent 2013 from the Diocese of St Albans. It begins on Sunday 1st December.



Sign up at <http://www.livethechallenge.co.uk/home/> to receive a verse, a brief reflection, an image and a challenge each day.

Download **publicity materials** to spread the word in your parish and community.

The verses and reflections will be also be published on **weekly sheets** which can be downloaded for printing and distributing. Previous reflections can be viewed by using the **calendar**.

When the Challenge has started you can join the conversation by posting your comments and uploading images and videos. Just click on Today's Verse.

### Please note

To receive the daily Live the Challenge emails or texts sign **up** at <http://www.livethechallenge.co.uk/home/>. If you've registered for the Challenge in the past, you will receive the daily email unless you've chosen to unsubscribe.

Once registered, sign **in** to access your own private area and journal, or to post comments.

## December 1<sup>st</sup> Advent Sunday

Please make sure you can join us at the **10.00 Family Service**. We are looking forward to this, our **Christingle Service**, during which we remember the light of Christ coming into our world by making the lovely oranges and candles and sweets into Christingles. Our loose collection will go to the work of the **Children's Society**.

We will be **blessing the cribs** which travel around the parish from family to family - returning on Christmas Eve.

We will also be bringing our **pledges of stewardship of our money and the time and talents form** so that we will be able to maintain our beautiful Church and these will be blessed and dedicated after the collection during the 10.00am service. *(If you have already filled and given in the pledge forms, these will already be on the offertory plate).*

In the evening at **6.30pm** we will be holding our wonderful **Advent Carol Service**, a wonderful way of beginning our Advent journey of expectation with music and readings to enable us to reflect more deeply on the coming of Christ. A glass of mulled wine, juice and mince pies will be served afterwards.

I look forward to seeing you all at these great services!

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