

ECB NOTICE BOARD

3rd December	10:30am	Mark 13:24-37 - Lookup (1st Advent) Leader: Geoffrey Saunders Preacher: Ian Biscoe Reader: Tom Mitchell Intercessions: Katie Jenkinson
	6:30pm	Evening Service Series: Safe? The gift of assurance Romans 8:9-11 Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Roger Winson
4th December	3:10-4:15pm	After School Club (school years 4-6)
5th December	9:00am	Prayers in Church
	10-noon	Rock of Ages Café
	7pm	Prayers in church
7th December	7-8:30pm	Youth group (Years 7-11)
8th December	7:30pm	Contemplative Compline Seeing Beyond the Veil - Matthew 6:19-34
9th December	4-6pm	Christmas Party
10th December	10:30am	Cafe Church Leader: Autumn Hunt Preacher: Chris Hunt Reader: Sue White Intercessions: Liz Winson
	6:30pm	Evening Service (Lessons & Carols) 2nd Advent Leader: Robert Jackson

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3rd December, 2017

WELCOME!

To the church at the heart of the
community.

A warm welcome to regulars & visitors
alike!

If you are new to ECB, or visiting, please
do come introduce yourself to our
Welcome Team...



*A message from our
contributing writer...*

The idea of slowing down, of pausing at the time of year that our hectic lives become even more so, can seem daunting and is definitely counter cultural. Yet Advent is as season of waiting, as Simeon did, we eagerly wait for the Messiah to come (Luke 2:25).

We have a choice this advent:

To make our lives busy, filling them with noise and distraction preparing for the outward festivities.

Or

To slow down, and spend some time preparing our heart.

The reality is that as with everything in life balance is required. We do need to make outward preparations, but finding time to slow down and enables us to prepare our

hearts; to invite Jesus into our lives a bit more fully than before.

However we prepare for Christmas over the next few weeks, let us take time to ask God, 'What do you want to say to me this advent to prepare my heart?' and 'what do you want me to do and say this advent to help others prepare their hearts?'

Jesus is coming soon! (Rev 22:20), so let us pray:

Lord Jesus,

Master of both light and darkness, send Your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear Your voice each day. We who are anxious over many things look forward to Your coming among us. We who are blessed in so many ways long

for the complete joy of our kingdom. We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of Your presence. We are Your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.

To You we say 'Come Lord Jesus' ...Amen.

*Blessings,
Jo Withers*

