

North Kent Methodist Circuit Service
The First Sunday of Advent: 29th November 2020 at 10.30am
Revd David Hinchliffe (Methodist Church South East District Chair)

Call to Worshipⁱ

Lord of the light, Lord of the darkness,
Lord of the day, Lord of the night,
CALL US TO YOU.
Whether we are happy or sad,
whether we are ready or not,
CALL US TO YOU.
Amen.

Lighting the First Advent Candleⁱⁱ

Gathered here today,
we light a candle of hope,
knowing that in dark times
there is always a light that can be lit.
Let us, people in dusk and dawn,
light the light of vigilance,
knowing that God is always calling us
to justice, mercy and humility –
at this time of year,
and all times of the year.
Amen.

Those who wish to are invited to light a candle in their own homes

Prayerⁱⁱⁱ

Come, Lord, come down, come in, come among us.
Enter into our darkness with your light.
Come fill our emptiness with your presence.
Dispel the clouds and reveal your glory.
COME, REFRESH, RENEW, RESTORE US
COME LORD, COME DOWN, COME IN, COME AMONG US. AMEN.

HYMN STF 169 – Come, Thou long-expected Jesus

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pkZFhzNbp8k>

Prayers

Bible Readings: Isaiah 64. 1-9 *Harriet Ackunson*

 Mark 13. 24-37 *Deacon Elizabeth Harfleet*

HYMN STF 706 – Longing for light, we wait in darkness

Ruth and Joy Everingham

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ITDS5B218g>

Sermon

Prayers of Intercession

Revd Naomi Oates

The Lord's Prayer

HYMN STF 177 – Lo, he comes with clouds descending

Chet Valley Churches (South Norfolk)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BlshvHjBxQ>

The Blessing

The music before and after the service is played by Brian Davies, Heather Gallagher and Derek Gallagher of Hartlip Methodist Church

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ⁱⁱ Ibid.

ⁱⁱⁱ David Adam, *Radiance of His Glory*, (London: SPCK, 2009), Book II, 5.