

## Advent 2011 - Images of Eternity.

Every year at Church on the Corner we like to mark the season of Advent. All too often our preparation for Christmas is purely practical, but Advent is an important preparation. It is a fast before the great feast of Christmas. The season of Advent points forwards to the future hope of the Christian Faith; Christ's return, the fulfilling of the promise of the kingdom of justice and peace, and the renewal of Creation.

Traditionally people have decorated their homes with evergreen in Advent; holly and ivy and conifer trees which act as a reminder of life even in the midst of the darkness of winter.

We want to take that imagery a step further. Our advent calendar this year will be made up of images of eternity - glimpses of the new creation. Your task is to let your imagination wander, to look at the city through the eyes of eternity. Imagine a world with no more suffering, no more tears, to more of the corruption of sin and the decay of death. We catch glimpses of eternity all the time. This year we aim to try and capture some of them. You can take a photograph, draw or even make something, and images of these will be posted on our online Advent calendar one each day of advent.



*Some reading for inspiration.*

*Isaiah 11. They will beat their swords into ploughshares.*

*Matthew 5:1-11 The Beatitudes.*

*1 Corinthians 13 When the perfect comes.*

*1 Corinthians 15:35-58 The Resurrection*

*Revelation 21:1-5 "The old order of things has passed away."*

1st December – Chelsea Purvis

2nd December – Anna Jones

3rd December – Stephanie Manson

4th December – Jessica Swift

5th December – Mary Beth

6th December – Ruth Crease

7th December – Greg Mileham

8th December – Sarah Perrin

9th December – Anna Shultz

10th December – Barry Dunnage

11th December – Molly Stephenson

12th December – Heidi Aho

13th December – Luke Bowers

14th December – Sarah Hedges

15th December – Kate Monaghan

16th December – Tom Crease

17th December – Will Groat

18th December – Jayne Cookson

19th December – Dave Masom

20th December – Catherine Osborne

21st December – Sarah Hulcoop

22nd December – Ellie Welsh

23rd December – Bevan Goldswain

24th December – Mark Fletcher