

Schools Worship
for Advent

Hope in
Justice



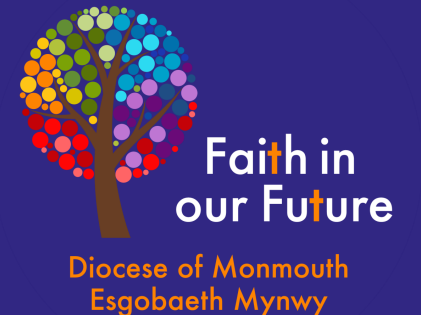
As we light
our candle let
us be still and
prepare for
this special
time of year.



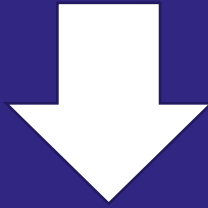
Let's start with
some
questions...



Have you ever said “It’s not fair”?
Why?



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[BBC teach video - What is Fair](#)

Watch, think
and discuss...



What does the Bible say?



Thinking about fairness can help us understand justice. Sometimes we think of justice as something that happens when a crime has been committed or someone has been blamed for something they haven't done and set free. For many Christians justice is about mercy and love. In the Bible (Isaiah 58) God calls us to "remove the chains of oppression and the yoke of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Share your food with the hungry and open your homes to the homeless and poor. Give clothes to those who have nothing to wear, and do not refuse to help your own relatives." God is asking us to act justly by thinking first and foremost about other people.



How does this link to Advent?

Advent is about preparing for the birth of Jesus and the incarnation of God among us – God being with us in the everyday lives.

This reminds us of what's really important – people.

If we start with people, and build our sense of justice around God's love then we can start on a common ground.

Some things that are going on the world today don't seem fair. Can we use this time of waiting to think about how we can build towards a hopeful future?



Let us pray

Heavenly Father,
You taught us to seek justice by
speaking up for and defending others
who may not be able to help
themselves.

Give us the courage to speak out when
we see that something is not fair and
the wisdom to know how to take
action.

Amen

Take Action

Talk to your friends, class, family and teachers about fairness and justice. Think about some things that you would like to change.

