

Advent 2020 – Isaiah 9

As One at 10 Intro

Good Morning and a very warm welcome to our Advent Service here at St Swithin's. It's a pleasure to have you joining us today.

It's been a tumultuous year, a year like no other. As we approach our journey to Christmas, let's take a breath today and consider how we'll celebrate Christmas. This year, more than ever, people are desperate for light and life, but where will they find it?

In the Christmas lights, in the food, in the family gathering, in the Christmas film, in the Christmas presents. All of these things can bring flickers, can bring momentary sparks of light and hope, can make us smile, but Christians celebrate something far greater and bigger than all these sparks. A bright light that shines for eternity, that can never be put out.

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life" (John 8:12). As we journey through this Advent, let us pray that, not only will we find a little light on our path, but find the LIGHT, the true light that can never be extinguished, and that LIGHT will bring light for others.

We would love you to join us in sharing that life with the Parish this Advent, so please look for Fran's notice today.

Let's Pray

Christ our light, scatter our present darkness, with the light of your presence, that we may see Jesus. **Amen**