

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT and the start of LITURGICAL YEAR C

Next Sunday 28th November is the First Sunday of Advent and the start of the new Liturgical Year, when we move from the current Year B to Year C, which means the Sunday Readings will be from Year C. This is a very exciting time in the church's calendar when we start our spiritual preparation for the Joyous and Holy Celebration of Christmas, the Birth of Jesus Christ.

THIS YEAR'S ADVENT CHARITY - HOPE HEALTH ACTION

This Advent we are supporting a small Christian Charity - HOPE HEALTH ACTION (HHA) - who are passionate about providing life-saving health and disability care for the world's most vulnerable, without any discrimination. Their appeal will focus mainly on bringing some hope and joy to the world's most vulnerable, at Christmas. We are having speakers at all Masses the weekend of . . . to tell us more about the work of the charity, but in the meantime, please see below for more information directly from the organisation:

Give a gift to those who need it most this Christmas - *At Christmas time, we often focus our fundraising on the infant health side of our work in Haiti. This has been a large part of our mission since Hope Health Action was founded. This year, it's on our hearts to spread some festive joy to our beneficiaries across the world that our projects benefit, including maternal health, disability rehabilitation, malnutrition relief, community and refugee education.*

The story of Jesus's birth in a dirty stable is now over 2000 years old, however, mothers are still having to bring their children into the world in equally poor conditions around the globe today.

Since 2006, Hope Health Action has strived to provide life-saving healthcare to mothers and babies at our partner hospital in Haiti, Hospital Convention Baptiste d'Haiti. Alongside this, we started up a respite centre for children with disabilities and founded the first leading spinal cord injury rehabilitation unit. More recently, we have expanded our healthcare and disability care across East Africa, HEALTH, and are currently responding to the growing refugee crisis in Uganda as a result of the conflict in South Sudan. But with so many that are still in need of urgent care, the need for improved healthcare services and equipment is clear.

This Christmas, we are launching a new #GreatestGift appeal to provide gifts of hope for those who otherwise will not be receiving anything to unwrap this festive season. These Gifts of Hope will enable our beneficiaries across the world to receive the very best care available and will provide a better working environment for the staff, more privacy for our patients at our partner hospital and life-saving treatment to refugees who are malnourished.

*This Christmas, you can spread some festive joy to the world's most vulnerable across Haiti and East Africa. Our Gifts of Hope catalogue offers a large selection of items and services our beneficiaries are most in need of. Each gift you purchase will facilitate sustainable, innovative and life-saving health and disability care to the most vulnerable in some of the world's poorest countries. **Whatever gift you choose, you will be spreading a little extra cheer this Christmas.***

Your donation will provide HHA supported families and children with a gift they really need. When you give a gift to someone in need through HHA, you can trust that your gift will be hand-delivered by a local staff member who knows and loves them.


On behalf of everyone at Hope Health Action, please accept our deep thanks for your continued support and may we wish you and your members a very Happy Christmas. May you all know the peace and hope of this special time of year, and be encouraged by the incredible difference we can make together in 2022.


Please visit our [website](#) for a poster and more information.

CELEBRATE - is running a **Parenting for Faith** course on Zoom, helping you guide your children find God in everyday life. Whether you're a parent, guardian, grandparent, family member, friend, or catechist, you can help the young people in your life develop a vibrant and connected relationship with God - whatever their age! For dates and more details and to book your free place, please visit www.celebratetrust.org/parentingforfaith.

WINTERSHALL - Walk with Mary, Joseph and the donkey on the winding steep road to Bethlehem. This is an unforgettable experience, bringing the true meaning of Christmas to light for the whole family. December dates: 5pm Thur 16th; 2pm & 5pm Sat 18th & Sun 19th; Mon 20th @ 11am, 2pm & 5pm. For more details see poster, and to book, call 01483 892167 or visit: www.wintershall.org.uk.

MAKING A DONATION ONLINE

Please access [our new donation page here](#), from our website or this QR Code  When you donate you will be given an option to add a note, so please state there what the donation is for, eg. church donation, Mass Intention, Christmas Offering etc.

You can also donate by Bank Transfer if you prefer - Bank Details here
(NB. The details may come up as RCAOS or Southwark - these options are also correct) 

Please email agnesvella@rcaos.org.uk or call 07488 241753 if you have any queries.

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