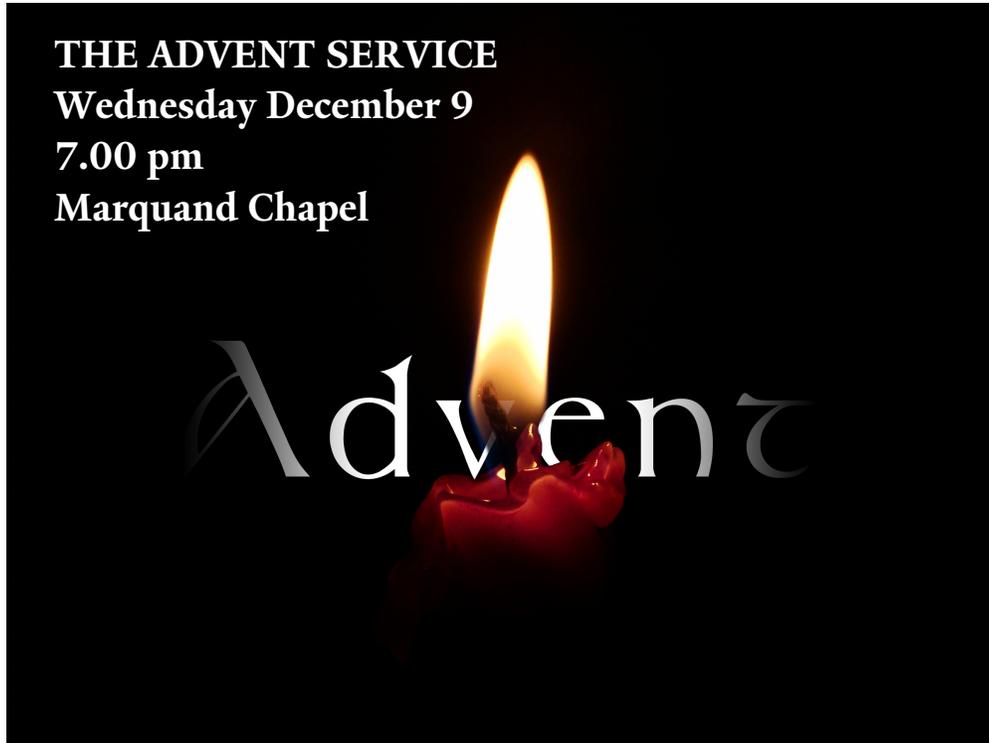


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Sunday November 29 marked the beginning of Advent 2015. Advent means arrival, emergence, appearance, or the arrival of a notable person, thing or event. In many Christian churches, Advent is kept from the fourth Sunday before Christmas until the afternoon of Christmas Eve. Historically it was a longer period—six full weeks—and was kept as a fast in the Western church in much the same way as Lent, after which Christmas Day was the first of twelve full days of celebration and feasting.

Our consumer society has reversed this order: now we feast and celebrate in the days leading up to Christmas, and retailers have adopted the idea of “twelve days” to add urgency to the last twelve shopping days before Christmas. It is futile to try and turn the clock back, but it is still worthwhile to dig into the traditions of Advent. For some, Advent focuses entirely on waiting for the celebration of Christ’s incarnation, and looking forward to His coming again. But other Advent themes can also capture the imagination. Anticipation, hope for a better future, learning to live joyfully through days of darkness – all of these Advent themes continue to find resonance in our contemporary world.

Every day this week and through til December 9th, we will mark Advent in some way. The final service of the year is The Advent Service - one of the unmissable Marquand moments each year – make sure you arrive early to get a seat!

Overleaf: This week in Marquand

THIS WEEK IN MARQUAND

Monday November 30: St Andrew's Day – Call and Creation.

Graduating student Rachel Field will preach, exploring the links between creation and the call of St Andrew. With bagpiped introit from Wesley Hall.



Tuesday December 1: World AIDS Day. Today we will focus not only on the needs of those individuals and communities affected by HIV/AIDS, but also on the hope of a cure. Neil Shaw will speak, and Brandon Ashcraft lead us in prayer.

Wednesday December 2: A Service of the Word. Graduating student Tony Coleman preaching.

Thursday December 3: Sung Morning Prayer for Advent, with a reflection by graduating student Caitlin Brock.

Friday December 4: Community Eucharist with special guests: watch this space for announcements...

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