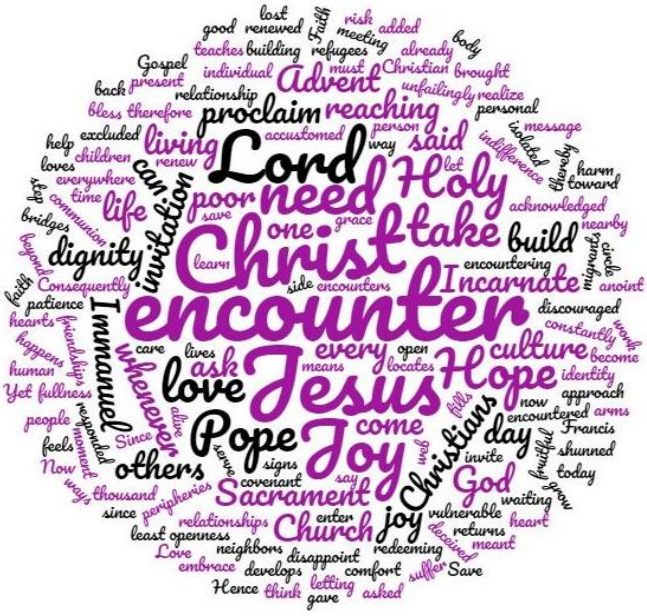
Encountering Christ in Advent

A series of Four Sessions for Advent
Exploring our Encounter with Jesus in Word & Sacrament

I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them.
Pope Francis**,** The Joy of the Gospel



Thursday 28th November
– Stay Awake! Keep Watch!
Thursday 5th December
– Encountering Hope
Thursday 12th December
– Encountering Joy
Thursday 19th December
– Encountering Christ

Sessions begin at 7pm and finish by 8:30pm
at English Martyrs Parish Hall, Hollis Street, Derby DE24 8QU

Bishop Patrick has invited us to reflect on our encounter with Christ. In response, during Advent, you are invited to join in four evening sessions offering opportunities to pray, reflect, question and discuss our own experience of Jesus Christ as we prepare to encounter the Word made flesh at Christmas. Each session will focus on the Gospel readings for the following Sunday and explore a part of the Mass.

No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her, since 'no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord.' The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk; whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realize that he is already there, waiting with open arms.
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Share this with your Parish…

We need courageous volunteers, who would like to go to these sessions, to bring back what you've learned and share this in a short commentary on the part of Mass that you've explored that week? We need a person, or pair of people, at each Mass at Oakwood, St Hugh's & St Alban's? Have a chat to Fr David if you'd be up for this.