





## Call to worship

come.

So always be

## First hymn





the families of the world are the most diverse and beautiful. They are the heart of our community and the foundation of our future. We are proud to support and celebrate the many ways in which families come together to love, care, and nurture their children.





**Talk** *Take out bag number 4* The tin cans are shiny and come from far away. And there are three tiny parcels too. Wise ones shiny, exotic, bearing gifts

and thoughtfulness. And what can we give to God? Are we ready to give?  
*Place the tins and stock cubes on the table.*

**Offertory and offertory prayer,** As the offertory is taken, each person should write or draw on their gift tag something that they want to give this Advent maybe an act of kindness, a donation to charity, a smile, a change in how they behave, more time in prayer etc. Bring them up and tie them onto twigs to make a prayer tree. God, you shower us with your gifts today and every day. Accept our pledges and our offerings and use them to spread your love far and wide. Amen.

**Hymn** Come and join the celebration

**Talk** *Take out bag number 5* Marmite - you love it or you hate it. Shepherds were a bit like that. A bit smelly, strange tastes, not universally liked it was to the outcasts that the angels came with their message and these uneducated folk dropped everything, left behind their sheep even though they might lose their jobs! *Place the marmite and marshmallows on the table then take out bag number 6, spread shreddies on the table and place the jelly baby on them*

Jesus. They gathered around the manger not a special baby crib but an animal trough filled with hay - and saw



## Prayer

ready. Presents to buy, houses to clean, school productions to practise for,

us get ready to meet Jesus, as we say yes, welcome, celebrate, give and gather together. Amen

## Lord's Prayer and notices

Hymn Sing we the king who is coming to reign

## Blessing and grace

