

What 3 Words

Those with mobile phones may recognise the logo. This app on your phone could be a life-saver. Wherever you are, if you open the app it gives you 3 words which are unique to the square footage in which you are standing. If you are lost, or injured, give those three words to 999 and they will be able to find you. As a piece of GPS technology it is one of the simplest and most useful apps in your phone.



When it comes to life-saving words the gospel offers us plenty. Jesus said... 'I am **the Way, the Truth, the Life**' / '**Love one another**'. You may also think of **Father, Son & Holy Spirit** (aka **Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer**) and many more.

When we listen to the 'Word of the Lord', maybe we could wonder – what three words stand out for us – what three words might we remember? What might God be saying to us in those three words? Try it this Sunday. See them as your '**Take Away Words**' to nourish your wondering in the days to come.

The second week of Advent gives us readings about John the Baptist (Matthew 3.1-12) and also from Isaiah (11.1-10) and St Paul (Romans 15.4-13). **Repentance, Mercy & Acceptance** are 3 words which might stand out (though your 'take away words' may be different). The 16 Days of Activism against GBV (Gender Based Violence) falls at the beginning of Advent: and, appropriately, '**Justice**' is also a take-away word from these readings.

What 3 Words can we carry with us this Advent, as we await the coming of God's kingdom of justice, mercy and love?

And if you ever get stuck and need to resort to 'What3Words' for help, let the words '**Faith, Hope and Love**' abide in your waiting!

*Put peace into each other's hands
and like a treasure hold it;
protect it like a candle flame,
with tenderness enfold it.*

*Put peace into each other's hands
with loving expectation.
Be gentle in your words and ways,
in touch with God's creation.*