



**Week beginning November 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Come Lord Jesus, and restore all things**

### **Opening Questions**

- The first Sunday in Advent is marked as the beginning of the church year. What are your hopes for the church (worldwide and here in West Howe) as this new year begins?
- How will you mark Advent this year?

### **Getting into the text**

**Read Matthew 24:36-44**

- Who is the Son of Man?
- When the Son of Man comes how will society be similar to the time of Noah and the flood?
- Why do you think Jesus emphasized that the hour of the coming of the Son of Man is only known by the Father?

- What do you think Jesus means by telling his listeners to keep awake and be ready? How might they be living if they are awake and ready?

### Applying the Bible to your life

- What do you think is the key message for you to take away from this passage?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- What small things can you do during this Advent season to keep close to Jesus and be ready for when he returns?

### Something to pray about

In the Old Testament reading for this week Isaiah prophesied that, '**Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war any more.**' (Isaiah 2:4)

- Pray for the areas of the world where war is happening today. Ask God's blessing on the innocent people caught up in the conflict and ask him to strengthen those who are working for peace.
  
- Ask God to show you how you can follow the path of peace in your relationships with family, friends, neighbours or colleagues.
  
- Pray for those you know who need to come to know Jesus for themselves during this Advent season.