

## ADVENT COLLECTS

### *First Sunday in Advent, Revd Dr Lucas Mix*

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Alpha and the Omega, the order and end of the universe;  
Grant that our study of nature may reveal your abiding Word, and that our study of your Word may reveal the structure of your creation;  
In times of peace, may we seek your purpose, and in times of trial, may we find your wisdom.  
Imprint your name upon our hearts and guide us into all truth through your Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

### *Second Sunday in Advent, Prof Tom McLeish*

Creator of all time and space  
Who saw it in all its beauty and complexity,  
and called it good,  
And who took on flesh and blood to overcome decay and death,  
Give to your people an image of that same insight into and love of your world,  
That those who are called to be scientists might be enabled to understand and to turn aside the  
agents of diseases that maim and destroy.  
For the good of all your people,  
and in the name of your incarnate Son, Jesus, Messiah.  
Amen.

### *Third Sunday in Advent, Despina Katsidou*

Almighty God, whose faithfulness continues through all generations,  
We lift to you this time of great uncertainty,  
That we may feel your presence in this extraordinary period of waiting this Advent, particularly those  
who have suffered loss;  
We pray that you bless scientists and doctors, and all those involved in the creation and distribution  
of life-saving vaccines.  
We thank you for the gift of science – may we use it with wisdom and discover with awe the world  
you have created,  
As we await the return of your Son, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

**Fourth Sunday in Advent, *Dr Alex Fry***

O Emmanuel, our light in the darkness and the hope of the world;  
On that first Christmas, you came to us in the form of a human babe  
And so revealed power in vulnerability.  
At this vulnerable hour, prosper the work of all scientists seeking to safeguard human life and all  
creation,  
That, through them, you would bring healing from Coronavirus and all our strife with the world.  
Grant us also that we would receive this work as a gift and as a signpost to your presence in nature,  
Reminding us always of our fragility and our ability to heal;  
Be with us in the midst of this storm;  
So that, with you beside us and by your gifts, we may join you in that new kingdom,  
Where all Creation sings with one accord; in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy  
Spirit.  
Amen.