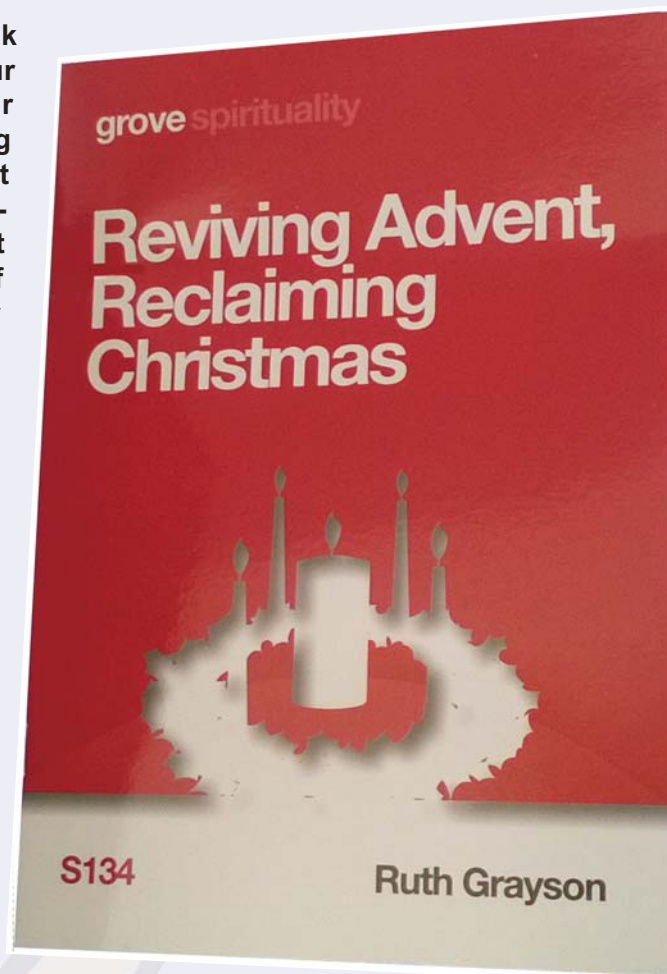


REVIVAL, NOT SURVIVAL!

If you're beginning to think about Christmas, your diary is filling up and your bank account is slimming down, why not treat yourself to a pre-Christmas present that could make a world of difference? In fact, why not treat your family, your friends and your church contacts too - and do it well in advance of the festive season? Before Advent, in fact...

CAScaid's founder/co-ordinator Ruth Grayson has just published a booklet *Reviving Advent, Reclaiming Christmas* (S134, Grove Books Ltd). It suggests that while Advent is one of the most important seasons of the church year, our approach to it tends to be largely influenced by our various Christmas preparations. This study attempts to unravel some of the confusion over the purpose of Advent and to indicate ways in which a different understanding of it could actually alleviate much of the commercialism of



the season, while at the same time helping to increase our enjoyment of Christmas as a Christian festival.

The study is intended to help fill a gap in the seasonal literature available to individuals, groups and churches - unlike Lent, for which a great deal is usually available. It encourages people to embark on it well before the start of Advent itself, in order not to be trying to embrace new ideas just before Christmas, when time is usually at a premium. Depending on the group, it could take 2 or 3 sessions. It could also be used as the basis for a one-day retreat or quiet day at the start of Advent.

The booklet retails at £3.95 per copy, including UK postage. Discounts are available for multiple orders.

Further information, and online ordering forms, may be found at <http://grovebooks.co.uk/products/s-134-reviving-advent-reclaiming-christmas>



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