



Christmas outreach resources



Christmas is not only a wonderful celebration for the church, but an annual opportunity to share the **good news of God's coming to earth** with our communities. It's one of the **best opportunities** of the year, when many non-church people are open to attend events put on by the church. If you haven't planned your **Church's Christmas outreach** yet, there are lots of **good resources** available.

Take a look at the following and be inspired.



Christingle Celebrations

By taking part in Christingle, you help Children's Society run hundreds of services for the most vulnerable young people, and campaign to bring about essential changes for children and their families. Christingle celebrations inspire children to reflect on their faith and take practical action to support others. The Children's Society has a free Christingle Organiser's Pack including a guide to organising an event, invitation poster and donation form. **Click here for more information.**



Christmas with Bible Society

Bible Society has produced a host of resources to help you bring the Christmas story to life. Check out their nativity booklets, short films and festive gifts as you celebrate the journey that changed the world. **See what's available this year** on the Bible Society's website.



Scripture Union Christmas Party Pack

Amongst Scripture Union's resources for Christmas this year is a new Christmas Party Pack with crafts, games and prayer ideas - along with an all-age service and assembly plans. It's a great way to share the good news of Jesus with children and young people this Christmas. **Download a copy free of charge** from Scripture Union's website.



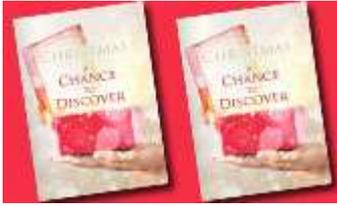
Shine like a star this Christmas

Spurgeons has released its free Christmas resources to encourage churches around the country to support children and families affected by social disadvantage. The Star's Tale is a fresh new Christmas nativity that follows Illiana and Luke as they tell their story and light the way to the birth of Jesus. Share our starry sky-view of Christmas with your community this year as you follow the journey of kings, shepherds and hosts of angels to the stable where Jesus is born. Be the light and love of Jesus in your community this year and help Spurgeons give hope to every child. **Click here to download your copy.**



Ensure no one spends Christmas Alone

Christmas should be one of the happiest times of the year for everyone; yet for millions of people across the UK it can be the gloomiest. They experience Christmas as one of the most lonely times as businesses around the country shut their shops, leaving them with no place to go. Premier is aiming to help people across the UK to go to places so that they can spend their Christmas with others. **If you're running a Christmas Day event for people who might be on their own**, then make sure you let Premier know about it to add to their national listing of all the Christmas day events happening across the UK.



Christmas 'Chance to Discover'

With church attendance high at Christmas it's good to have a high-quality resource to give to visitors. Elim Pentecostal churches have written 'Christmas - A Chance to Discover' with this in mind. This 20-page booklet points out the surprises and the discoveries which are there at this special time of year, but especially the surprising joy that there is in discovering Jesus Christ! Booklets are 50p each or buy 100 copies for £45. **Order copies from the Elim online shop.**



The Real Advent Calendar - Assembly and Worship Resources

This year's fairtrade chocolate Advent calendar has a completely fresh design with a line from the Christmas story behind every door and a Christmas story-activity book free with every calendar. A charitable donation from every sale is used to help equip a clinic in Kenya. **The Real Advent Calendar** is a great way to share and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. And this year, the company behind the calendars has produced four **assembly resources, including an all age worship idea** for schools and churches to help you to explore Advent.