

Christmas

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GREETINGS!

Christmas is a time of remarkable generosity. God gave the most generous gift of all when he sent Jesus to us as a baby. In this one-off newsletter, you'll find suggestions, along with signposts to resources, to help visitors experience the joy of generosity this year, whether that is in giving, receiving, or both.

Christmas music and a Christmas card template are just two of the free items available on the [Resource Hub](#) within A Church Near You.

This year's [Christmas video](#) tells the story of a woman's life supported by the local church. It begins with her starring role in the village nativity play to childhood and teenage years; joining church youth groups; later getting married; parenthood and then facing bereavement. The message is that wherever you are on life's journey, you're invited to church this Christmas.

Do you wonder if your imposing building is putting visitors off? Then staying outside with campfire church might be the thing for you. You'll need a firepit, and ideally marshmallows, hot chocolate and outdoor fairy lights to lead the way. It's a chance to sing songs, tell stories and enjoy snacks. Children and adults love it and it can draw in passers-by. Just make sure you've done a risk assessment to help keep people safe so everyone can enjoy campfire church.

Despite the World Cup final being on the same day as many carol services, football and faith don't have to be at odds! See how you can [maximise the football fever](#) in your outreach this Christmas. And if you want to read around the difficulties of the topic, the Bishop of Derby, Libby Lane has written a very [helpful blog](#).

People appreciate the church being open at Christmas and want to give, but many are out of the habit of using cash and may be 'caught short' at collection time. If you don't yet have any form of digital giving, you can get yourself set up with QR codes in less than an hour, using this [helpful guide](#).

If you use Give a Little, and enjoy using [Canva](#), you could download one of our [seasonal templates](#) for your device. Using the Church of England Christmas graphics and with space to personalise the template, you can instantly make your device much more noticeable.

To use the Generosity Christmas logo at the top of this page on your own resources, [download it here](#).

There's a new [Generous Christmas](#) web page which will be updated regularly with Advent and Christmas stories from churches around the country, so if you have anything you'd like to share or shout about, send a link to: annie.rey@churchofengland.org