



Diocese of Bristol



# Schools RE NEWSLETTER

**Advent 2021**

Dear schools,

Welcome to December! What a year it has been, and the end is nearly upon us. In this time of preparation, anticipation and great busy-ness, we encourage you to reflect on all you have done to support pupils and families, and all that you have achieved in 2021. We thank you all for your hard work. In this extra addition of the RE newsletter we hope you find some useful resources for learning and enjoyment for RE and worship during advent. As always do contact us if we can support in any way.

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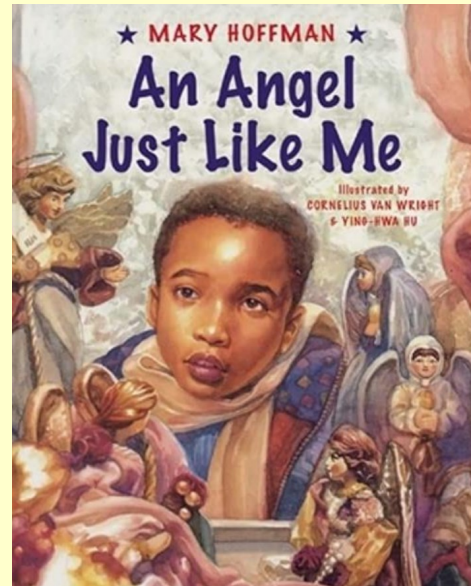
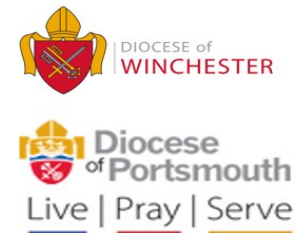
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*For a child will be born for us, a son will be given to us, and the government will be on his shoulders. He will be named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace Isaiah 9:6*

Lovely story based resources for collective worship from the Diocese of Portsmouth and Winchester, sharing the story of Tyler, who just couldn't find an angel that looked like him. An important message of embracing difference and being ourselves at Christmas time. The resources are available here:

<https://www.winchester.anglican.org/education/Christian-Festivals/> This pack contains creative art ideas, Collective Worship resources and RE materials for work around the concept of angels.



Christmas Appeal 2021

**Dirty water or none at all?**

Climate chaos in South Sudan forced Adut to give her children this dirty river water.

**Not anymore.** Adut now has access to a borehole. That means clean water for her children to drink and peace of mind for a loving, determined mum.

Stand with more mums facing impossible choices this Christmas at [caid.org.uk/christmas](https://caid.org.uk/christmas)

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Link your thinking about Christmas this year with issues relating to climate justice and poverty around the world. Christian aid resources available here:

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christmas-appeal/resources>

Materials include 'The alternative nativity', new carol 'When out of poverty is born' and a chatterbox kit to explore impossible decisions faced by those in difficult situations this Christmas.

# Have you booked yet? Not long now!



## 'How interesting are you?'

**Developing curiosity about the beliefs and identity of others.**

**Friday 28th January, 9.30am-3pm, Engineers' House**

Keynote speaker — Lat Blaylock, Editor of RE Today

Workshops — varied ideas and resources for EYFS-

KS4. To find out more or book: [https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/annual-re-conference-2022-how-interesting-are-you-tickets-181808854177)

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## Christmas in a box

<https://www.bristolschoolsconnection.co.uk/christmas-in-a-box/>

Children unpack 6 boxes, each telling a part of the Christmas story. There is space to pause and wonder, plus a creative activity which facilitates reflection and discussion. For more information, check out the video.



<http://www.spiritualchild.co.uk/christmas.html>

Find a selection of resources here for exploring the story and traditions of Christmas, including the Legend of the Poinsettia, a short story from Mexico featuring Maria and Pablo and some angels with an important message about special gifts....

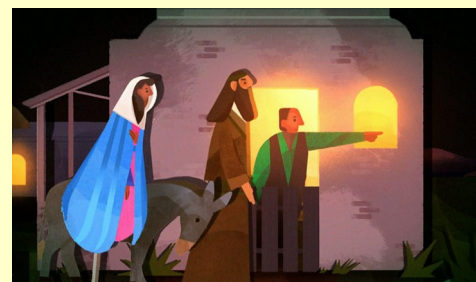


## Cbeebies Nativity



Let the children share the story of Christmas this year with this short animated version, narrated by a young child just like them!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/presenters-nativity-story>



They could even do their own puppet show afterwards!



# Courageous advocacy in action

**Bring on the Christmas fun in 2021!** Every Christmas The Salvation Army works tirelessly to spread joy to vulnerable people throughout our communities, bringing them out from the cold and into our hearts.



## Be a STAR!

Find out how you can spread some joy this Christmas with our FREE festive fundraising pack.



## Don't Send Me a Card this Christmas

Help families during this festive season by sending an e-card and donating what you would have spent on paper cards and postage



## Christmas Present Appeal

Support the Christmas Present Appeal by finding your nearest Salvation Army and donating.

<https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/fundraise-christmas>

EVERY CHILD NEEDS  
CHRISTMAS!!!!

@childsxmas <https://www.facebook.com/childsxmas>

"Its so easy to get involved and make a MASSIVE difference to LOTS of children in your Local BS post-coded areas. We are asking for new gifts to be donated to us - around the £5.00 mark for any age group of child 0-16 which will then be wrapped and distributed to the families of underprivileged children. Drop off points are currently being arranged around WSM and watch this page for updates for these points of drop which will be added when we have confirmation.

Teams from North Somerset Children's Centres, Social care networks, Food-banks, Trusts and organisations will be distributing. PLEASE donate to us - so that Every Child can have a Christmas."

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## Christmas Jumper Day

"Since 2012, amazing people like you have put on their jazziest jumpers for one Friday in December, donated £2 to Save the Children and raised money to help protect the magic for children around the world."



Use this link [https://](https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day/how-you-help)

[www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day/how-you-help](https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day/how-you-help) to explore the stories of children around the world helped by Save the Children and the difference it makes to children like Alix, Fawad and Faisal.