

Inspirational Christmas ideas for your Church and Community

Bring Comfort and Joy this Christmas to your local community. From an online zoom nativity to a car park carol service. Here are a range of ideas that are creative, simple, doable, meaningful and safe!

Christingle Service led by the Children's Society - The Christingle is a joyful celebration that for the last 50+ years has brought families and communities together to share the light of Jesus and spread a message of hope.

- ❖ If you need to take your celebration online (or indeed do a bit of both) we've got a guide for holding a [virtual Christingle](#) which may help.
- ❖ [Christingle at home](#) - this resource is filled with tips and guidance to help your group hold their very own Christingle service from the comfort of their own homes. Add this to the Christingle Bags for At-Home services for families to celebrate in the best way possible.
- ❖ Christingle in a bag - Yep, you can order [bags](#) from the Children's Society and assemble all the items needed to celebrate Christingle and arrange a safe pick-up/delivery.

Carol Services – I am sure that many will have had their churches full last Christmas with a carol service, here a few ways in which it might be possible to still hold a service:

- ❖ **Carols in a car park** - A new, exciting, meaningful and safe way to bring some joy this Christmas, Click [here](#) for more information on how this is practically doable!
- ❖ **Carols round the Church** - A short service of lessons and Carols is held outside/around the church as households gather in their bubbles. Carols being played through a PA, all the church lights on, you may need some additional lighting or choose to do this earlier in the day. It is imperative that all households stay socially distanced, and a risk assessment is completed, and government guidelines are abided by.
- ❖ **Host your own Carol service via Zoom**, with pre-recorded readings, carols and prayers.
- ❖ **A Zoom Carol Singalong Party** [how to guide](#)

Crib Services - St Albans Diocese have come up with a variety of ways to hold your crib service this year. From a [driveway, processional Crib](#) service to a [Crib service on Zoom](#)

The Bible Society – They have a brilliant video animation of It 'Begins in Bethlehem', perfect to show in your church Christmas services. It's sure to put a smile on everyone's face and bring a fresh perspective on the nativity. [Download Animation](#)

Carols on your doorstep – Doorstep Carols and Premiere Radio are encouraging households and whole streets to join in a mass singalong on their doorsteps. The carols will be broadcast on the radio stations and households will sing-a-long and join in! Find out more on <https://www.doorstepcarols.co.uk/> and on Premiere Radio.

Nativity trail - like a treasure hunt, maybe end at the church with a take-away from the bible society at the end. Click [here](#) for more information.

The Lockdown Nativity - A Nativity Service via zoom. Engage members of your congregations to play various parts, wear tea towels on heads, and share the nativity in an innovative way this Christmas. – click [here](#) for the script.

CPO have produced a variety of [Advent](#) and [Christmas](#) resources, to equip churches and individuals.

Christmas Tree prayers. A large Christmas tree placed outside the church with paper labels for people/passers by the leave their prayers.