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A photograph of a group of children in a classroom, with a purple overlay and white text. The children are looking towards the right side of the frame. The text 'COLLECTIVE WORSHIP' is written in large, white, all-caps sans-serif font across the middle of the image. Below it, the word 'BRIEFING' is written in a similar font, though it appears slightly cut off or less prominent.

# **COLLECTIVE WORSHIP BRIEFING**

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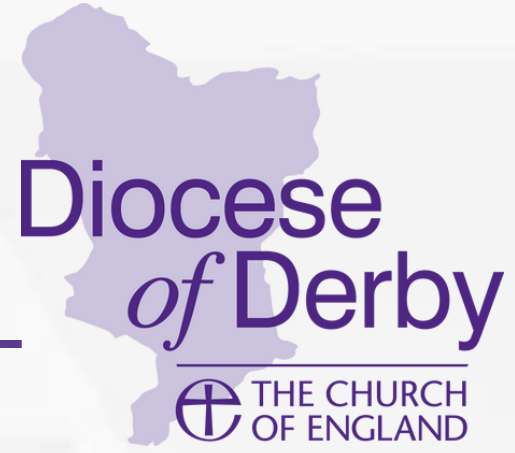
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# Church Year

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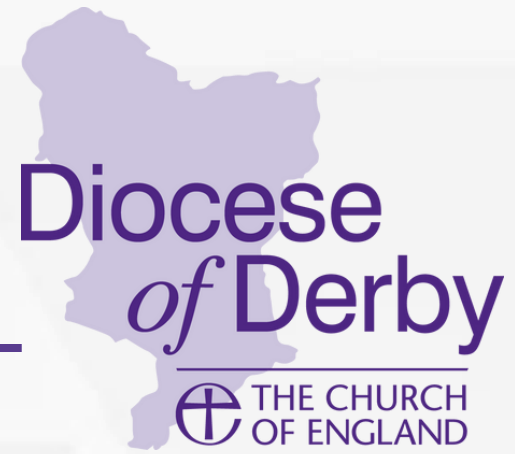


[Diocese of York Calendar of Church Year Events 2025-26](#)

This is a really useful overview of the school year and the church year.

# Creationtide

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## **Experience Creation in Autumn**

**A new Experience Journey celebrating the natural world at Creationtide.**

Designed for the outdoors, ideally the churchyard of your parish church to. the school's outdoor learning area, Experience Creation in Autumn encourages children to notice what is happening all around them as summer slips into the colour and fruitfulness of autumn. Whilst the emphasis is on active learning, making and craft, there is also time set aside at each station to reflect and express thankfulness to God.

[https://imaginor.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/IMAG\\_03440\\_ExperienceCreation-Autumn\\_A4\\_12pp\\_AW.pdf](https://imaginor.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/IMAG_03440_ExperienceCreation-Autumn_A4_12pp_AW.pdf)

# Christian Aid CW resources

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Seasonal Resources found [here](#)

Downloadable resources – PPT and accompanying PDF to explain how to use.

Christmas and Advent

Christmas and Epiphany

Lent and Easter Resources

Harvest Resources

# Lent and Easter Standalone ideas

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All aimed at primary school age.

[SPCK Assemblies - Lent: Jesus in the Wilderness](#)

[SPCK Assemblies - Here Comes Lent!](#)

[SPCK Assemblies - Pause for Thought: About-Turn](#)

[SPCK Assemblies - Who Am I?](#)

[SPCK Assemblies - What Is Lent?](#)

[SPCK Assemblies - A Range of Emotions](#)

[SPCK Assemblies - Pause for Thought: New Life!](#)

[SPCK Assemblies - Easter: The Resurrection](#)

[SPCK Assemblies - What Will I Become?](#) A tale of 3 trees

[SPCK Assemblies - They Just Don't Get It!](#) KS2



# 40 Acts of Stewardship

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40 acts of stewardship

[40acts - The 40-day Lent Generosity Challenge from Stewardship](#)

They do have a dedicated child/school resources as well. These do not seem to have been updated so if you have used before then it might not be of use.

This is the 40acts Together Firstly, you'll need someone to co-ordinate the project.

Presumably, since you're reading this, that's you! The idea is simple – during the period of Lent, as a whole school, you give something back, not give something up. Please assure your staff that this project does not necessarily have to be religiously focused, unless of course that is appropriate for your school. 40acts is simply a way to encourage staff and pupils to be more outward-focused and generous in their community. The full kids wall chart is printable for each child to take home and be involved with the 40acts Individual challenge too. Make sure that you download the event planner for schools too so that your children can join the wider generosity movement and put on a celebration for their parents.

[5-40acts-Together-full-resource-for-schools.pdf](#)

# 40 Acts of Stewardship at home

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<https://www.tath.co.uk/easter-resources>

40 activities of self care [PowerPoint Presentation \(tath.co.uk\)](#)



# Jesus in the Wilderness

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O5bfxGNMY9c>

Images put to song - aim at youth groups so UKS2/KS3

[SPCK Assemblies - Lent: Jesus in the Wilderness](#) using the video in an act of collective worship

# Holy Week

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## Journey into Easter with Children – Imaginor

Reflections through art on the events of Holy Week

Inspired by paintings from the Ethiopian artist Nebiyu Assefa, this pack offers children and their families new and creative ways to engage with the story of Holy Week and Easter at home. The links below work.

Download the [pack](#) and [larger images](#) of the pictures.

Please note: **Copyright for the material and artwork is free if used with this resource.**

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# Palm Sunday

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Rocks and Pebbles tell the story of Holy Week and Easter

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OGmvhYReCVI>

Visuals created by hands placing rocks and pebbles with text and music.

Story of Palm Sunday through Lego

[Bible Builders - The Story of Palm Sunday in LEGO - YouTube](#)

# Experience Easter

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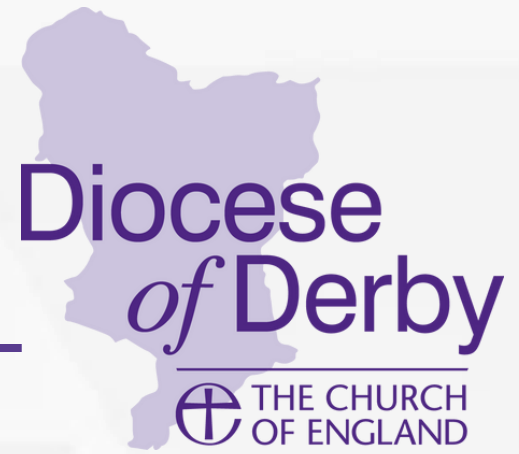
Designed to be hosted by a church for a school a Lent Experience Journey.

<https://jumpingfishpublications.co.uk/product/experience-lent/>  
£17.50

Experience Easter and also Experince after Easter are also available.

# Easter ideas from Diocese of Guildford

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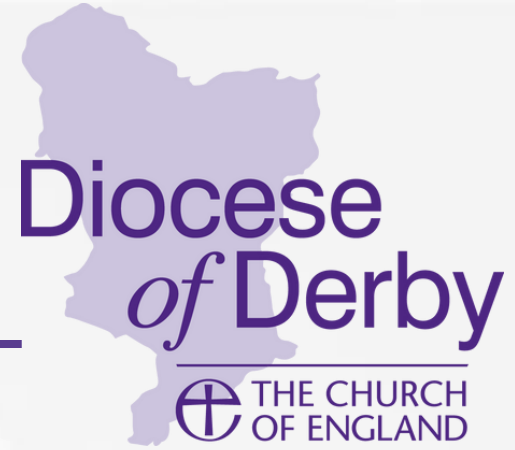


[Lent and Easter - Diocese of Guildford](#)

Lots of ideas

# Advent Resources

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## Advent 2025: A Free Collective Worship Resource

As we journey towards Christmas this Advent season, The Church of England invites your school to join us in The Joy of Christmas, a brand new collective worship resource for Advent 2025 aimed at KS2 and KS3 learners.

[Fill in the form here to sign up for the FREE schools' Advent 2025 resources when they launch in October 2025.](#)

[Advent 2025 overview — National Society for Education](#)

For KS1 pupils there is a brand new version of the book 'The Grumpy Owl' and 'The Joy of Christmas', which tells the story of Jesus' birth through the eyes of an owl who seems determined to miss all the excitement. You can find out more about this [here](#)

# Advent Resources

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Advent officially starts on Sunday 30th November, but you may want to start the resource the week before, or do more than one session in a week.

There are 4 weeks' of resources:

Mary's Story - Joy in Connection

Mary and Joseph's Story - Joy in Trusting

The Shepherd's Story - Joy in Sharing

The Wisemen - Joy in Following

Each week includes:

A suggested Liturgical Greeting, An 'I wonder' activity, A Bible passage activity, A video explanation, Reflective and practical actions, A couple of prayers, Liturgical Ending



# Advent Resources

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## The Christmas story with Go Chatter Studios

If you are looking for a very different way of telling the Christmas story to children then I can't think of a better place to go than Go Chatter Studios.

Go Chatter Studios is a charity wanting to excite a new generation with the story of Jesus, from Genesis to Revelation, through engaging LEGO stop-motion animations.

Use this [link](#) to get to their webpage, or visit their YouTube channel [here](#).

# Advent Resources

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Sensory trays are a great way to get children thinking outside of the box, and can help them engage with material in new ways. There are many ideas online once you start to look for them - and Alma Autism have a great book to guide you through 13 Christmas sensory trays for your coming seasonal sessions.

Follow this [link](#) to go straight to the page to find out more.

# Advent Resources

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## Experience Christmas

Experience Christmas includes detailed instructions for six stations that can be created in different parts of the church, engaging children with the events leading up to Christmas through interaction and reflection. Children work in small groups to explore each of the stations, then come together as a class to visit the final station.

[£17.50 Jumping Fish](#)

## Experience Advent

Advent is an important time in the Christian calendar and yet it is often a challenge to explain the significance of Advent to children. These interactive ideas offer children a chance to hear about and reflect on the meaning of Advent for Christians in an accessible and appropriate manner.

[£17.50 Jumping Fish](#)

# Advent Resources

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Diocese of Guildford

Lots of ideas for Advent and Christmas from their digital calendar (not available yet), pause days and reflections for staff. They also have links to other ideas.

[Advent and Christmas - Diocese of Guildford](#)

# Las Posadas

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- [Welcome Mary & Joseph to stay at your place | The Church of England](#)
- Ideas around the Mexican Posada - 'Posada' (Spanish for 'inn') is a Christmas activity which lasts from December 16<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> when small versions of Mary and Joseph travel around different households in the community and stay there for one night.
- Have some figures of Mary and Joseph and a donkey in a suitcase and have them travel from class to class. Include the Christmas story and maybe a book to record how they are welcomed into the class.
- Or maybe have a class storybag that could go home each night with a different child to share the story.
- Idea from Jennie that the children in their KS1 class sign up and take the bag home and the last family bring them to the church service where a stable is set up. Families take photos which are then shared so that the journey can be followed.

# Eco Advent

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- Diocese of Bath and Wells have created an online Eco Advent calendar which has a daily activity with a video and prayer.
- [Eco Advent - Bath and Wells Diocese](#)
- It is aimed for use at church and home but there may be some useful ideas.
- Zero Waste Advent – Have a jar and get the pupils to come up with ideas for each day that you are in school to do with helping/exploring nature/preparing for Christmas

# Reverse Advent Calendars etc..

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- Have a box in each classroom or as a school or in the staffroom and encourage pupils/staff to bring something in for a foodbank. Try and add something in each day.
- Send home a brown bag for each family and ask for donations for your local foodbank.
- Idea around having a reverse box and the list of items required sent out then hampers for school food bank or local food bank are made.



# Advent Reading for you

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## [O Come Emmanuel Reflections on the Advent Antiphons by David Hoyle, Esther Prior, Philip North - Paperback / softback – 9781781405192](#)

This beautifully illustrated, full-colour daily Advent companion explores the ancient biblical names and images for the coming Messiah familiar to most people from the hymn, 'O come, O come Emmanuel'.

Well-known writers offer a total of twenty-four reflections, one for each weekday of the four weeks of Advent. The writers each offer three reflections on one of the seven antiphons: O Wisdom, O Adonai, O Root of Jesse, O Key of David, O Morning Star, O King of the Nations, O Emmanuel. Lastly, there are three reflections on the Magnificat – Mary's Song – which the antiphons have been heard alongside since at least the eighth century.

- [Women of the Nativity An Advent and Christmas Journey in Nine Stories by Paula Gooder - Paperback / softback – 9781781404607](#)

The story is told from the perspective of nine women in all including Mary, Elizabeth, Rachel, and others whom scripture records or tradition has imagined, such as the innkeeper's wife. As we hear the familiar stories afresh through their words, the wonder of the incarnation and its consequences for good and for ill, come to vivid life in a new way.

## [Let It Slow An Advent Calendar with a Difference by Stephen Cottrell - Paperback / softback – 9781781402092](#)

Christmas is one of the most joyful times of year, and it can also be one of the most stressful. It comes laden with expectations and, for many, overshadowed by difficult memories and emotions. If every other day of the year has us running in different directions, driven by the bleeping demands of our phones and devices, Christmas makes us run faster still. This understanding and uplifting book offers another way to approach Christmas and to discover how its joys and promises can restore our lives, not add to their burdens. You are invited to take a few minutes each day during December to join in a conversation with the bestselling author, Stephen Cottrell, who offers simple reflections and practical suggestions for making your Christmas the celebration it is meant to be. Previously published as Do Nothing Christmas is Coming.

# Epiphany Primary Ideas

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Standalone ideas – 18 ideas for [primaries](#)

[SPCK Assemblies – Epiphany](#) – suitable for primary

[SPCK Assemblies - What Is Epiphany?](#) – suitable for primary

[SPCK Assemblies - What Is a Lightbulb Moment?](#) – suitable for primary

[SPCK Assemblies - Staying safe](#) – suitable for KS1

# Epiphany Secondary Ideas

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Standalone ideas – 8 ideas for [secondaries](#) three are below

- [SPCK Assemblies - I Can See Clearly](#) – KS3-5
- [SPCK Assemblies - Lightbulb Moments](#) KS3-5
- [SPCK Assemblies - Making Assumptions](#) KS3

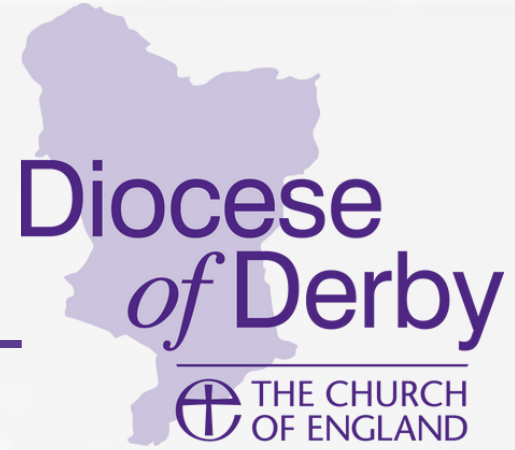
# FUTURE BRIEFING DATES

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- Collective Worship Briefings 16:00-17:00
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- Tuesday 13 January 2026 – Music and Singing in CW
- Tuesday 10 February 2026 – Justice and Responsibility (part 2) and CW
- Tuesday 17 March 2026 – Spirituality and CW
- Monday 18 May 2026 – CW and SEND
- Tuesday 16 June 2025 – Creation tide and Harvest

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