

Telford Christians Together

TOGETHER for the Kingdom

INFORMATION & RESOURCES

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Content for this year's national CofE campaign #FollowTheStar is now available on their website at www.churchofengland.org/christmas. It features details about print and website resources including a new booklet of reflections plus posters, social media graphics and much more. Churches are encouraged to become 'star churches' by displaying stars prominently and sharing images on social media on a 'night of stars' on 21 December. Read more at <http://bit.ly/2NkkRcr>.

Bible Society Instant Nativity

An interactive instant Nativity based on the Bible Society's new children's story *The Mystery of the New Noisy Neighbour*. It includes a script and visuals which enable the Nativity to be retold like never before as a mystery solving mouse discovers more about Jesus. You can order a free copy of the book from:



<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/christmas/2018/the-mystery-of-the-new-noisy-neighbour/> A copy of the video will be available soon.

Advent resources

The Methodist Church has produced Christmas resources based on the theme 'Prepare Ye the Way'. The prayers and reflections are intended to aid our preparations through Advent. Each week focuses on a different way we might prepare for the coming of Christ, and provides stories, prayers and actions based on the lectionary readings for Advent. You can download these comprehensive Advent resources from the following website link:

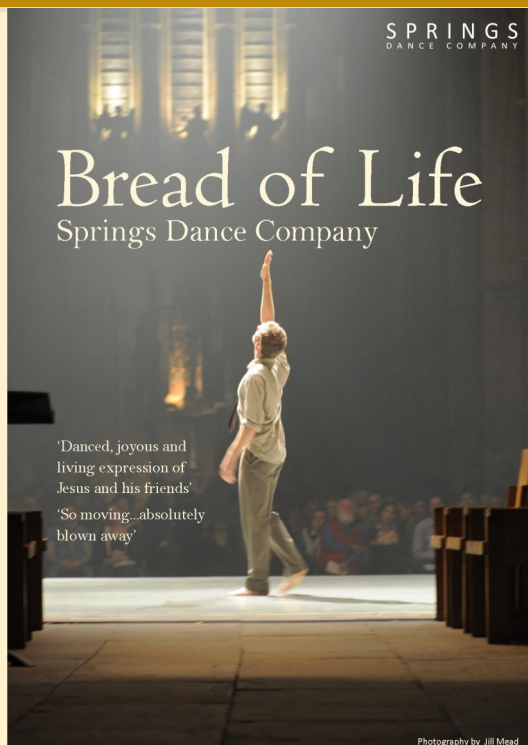
<https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/worship/advent-and-christmas/>



There's something for everyone in this year's *Christmas HOPE* magazine. As well as lots of topical features, there's a Nativity story for families to read together, a game to play and a competition to enter. This 32-page, top quality, glossy give-away aims to be a conversation-starter, which will help you and your church this Christmas as you invite guests to seasonal events. The front cover features the Duchess of Cambridge. Place your order early as the **stocks of the magazines are limited**. Last year they were all snapped up within a couple of weeks.

<https://www.hopetogether.org.uk/Groups/281125/Christmas.aspx>

Springs Dance Company



Bread of Life – A deeply moving and captivating performance for your church for **Lent and Easter 2019**.

Springs Dance Company is delighted to be returning with its much sought after and highly praised production **Bread of Life**, for churches, cathedrals, festivals and schools. A reflection on the last supper, **Bread of Life** celebrates the meal of bread and wine with Jesus, the ever present King. This Lent and Easter rediscover the living, breathing **Bread of Life**, through this stirring depiction of how God is building a community of love with Jesus himself at the centre.

“A brilliant show that all the family can enjoy. Speaks to all ages about the love of God and how Jesus reaches out to all.”

“It is difficult to put 'Bread of Life' into words. Profound. Beautiful. Moving. Incredible theology of grace and the ever watchful love of Jesus. Transformative and powerful. How attractive is Jesus. Thank you.”

Audience Feedback from **Bread of Life**

Springs would love to hear from anyone interested in hosting a performance of **Bread of Life**.

Further information can be found on the Springs Dance Company [website](#) by emailing touring@springsdancecompany.org.uk or calling 07876 752 910

Ending Loneliness

The Campaign to End Loneliness believe that people of all ages need connections that matter. They encourage older people to be involved with groups in their community that help to combat loneliness. Most churches host a number of activities that help people to feel welcomed and supported. The website has a delightful video clip which reminds us about the importance of reaching out to others in friendship.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ixrnE6qvuvI>



Jo Cox set up a Loneliness Commission to turbo-charge the public understanding and policy response to the loneliness crisis.

This work was taken forward by Seema Kennedy MP and Rachel Reeves MP after Jo's murder in 2016 and the Commission's work culminated in the publication of the report 'Combating loneliness one conversation at a time'. Which can be viewed at:

<https://www.jocoxloneliness.org/>

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