

TOGETHER for the Kingdom

INFORMATION & RESOURCES

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The Resource

12 Christmas Videos for use in Church

An interesting array of diverse, amusing, profound, reflective, clever, funny and off the wall “Christmas” videos . . . TWELVE in all, to reflect the 12 days of Christmas. It includes:

- ◆ **Born is the King (It’s Christmas).’** This is the video of a Christmas song from **Hillsongs**
- ◆ **He Chose The Shepherds.** Useful for Christmas assemblies and family services
- ◆ **Someone is Coming.** IF you want a bit of cosmic context, maybe use this video – from the garden of Eden to the coming of our Saviour.
- ◆ **Bethlehemian Rhapsody.** If you have puppets this is a bit of fun. Listen to the re-worked lyrics as it will make you smile!
- ◆ **Hallelujah** Beautifully rendered in “blender” a reflective and moving piece which is just perfect for midnight communion on Christmas Eve.
- ◆ **The Christmas Story – The Shepherds** This is a simple animation to accompany the text being read straight from the Bible .

<https://theresource.org.uk/12-christmas-videos-for-use-in-church/>

Youth for Christ

Inspire. Equip, Engage

Youth for Christ exist to inspire and equip every church to reach every young person in their community. Their cutting-edge online resources help you communicate the good news of Jesus in a fun, innovative and relevant way to this generation. Youth for Christ **Go** resource is designed to help 7-11s engage with God in relevant and fun ways. **Rock Solid** is an evangelistic resource for 11-14s and **Lumen** is a



discipleship resource for 11-14 year old Christians. **Frames** exists to equip churches and youth workers to do evangelistic outreach to 15-18s and **Mettle** is

the discipleship programme for them. Their ground-breaking series of short **Ethos** films are designed to help churches engage with 18-25s. All resources are produced and developed by youth leaders, for youth leaders. Subscribers get access to a massive archive of games, media and discussion starters and can use an existing session as a starting point or build your own tailor-made session from scratch. For more information go to their website:

<https://yfc.co.uk/churchresources/>



Resources to help prisoners know Christ and follow him.

Time for change resources are written in a way that clearly expounds the passage and presents the gospel, while taking into account certain factors that specifically affect prisoners. The result is an interactive and engaging presentation of the Bible. The resources include options for Bible Study, and a course designed to assist prisoners with issues of guilt and forgiveness.

The website also gives you an opportunity to send a Christmas card to a prisoner as a way of sharing hope.



<http://www.tfcministries.org.uk/resources/>

Church Action on Poverty

Church Action on Poverty Sunday

March 3rd 2019

On March 3rd churches around the UK will be focussing on the issue of poverty and trying to look at solutions in a different light. A free worship and fundraising pack is available. One suggestion is to hold a soup lunch on this Sunday to help raise awareness and funds for Church Action on Poverty. Another idea is to use their Bible studies called 'Dangerous Stories' as a Lent course to continue the reflection and action following on from March 3rd.

<http://www.church-poverty.org.uk/pray>

Church Action on Poverty is an ecumenical charity dedicated to tackling the root causes of poverty in the UK.

Youth Ministry peer support

Action Learning for Youth Ministry

Many of us charged with the task of ministering to young people are non-experts: we love the 11-18s in our communities but we **face challenges that prevent our ministry from flourishing as we would like it to**. Rather than develop more and more expertise, we're learning that **the simple act of asking better questions** can allow us to make progress on the challenges we're facing. If you're involved in 11-18s ministry and want to grow in these skills, **Action Learning for Youth Ministry (ALYM)** is for you.

At ALYM, we use a tool called an Action-Learning Set, which takes place using an online meeting room so you won't have to spend time on travelling.

At its core, **action-learning is simple:**

- **3-4 people**, who are **non-experts**, gathering for **4 mornings over 8 weeks**, **presenting their challenging situations** to the group,
- the group members **asking simple, powerful questions** to aid the presenter's reflection, **which leads clearly defined actions**

the **presenter reports back** on their actions at the next session, leading to another round of action and reflection

This online support for people involved in church youth work is a new initiative being set up by Lichfield Diocese starting in January 2019. If you would like to participate go to the website link:

<https://www.lichfield.anglican.org/alym/>

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