

# LDBE Leadership Bulletin

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Dear valued leader, dare I say it... Christmas is on the horizon! In this Christmas edition of The LBDE Bulletin, please find a range of resources that might be helpful through this month. Our continued prayers are with you and all your staff, pupils and community for December that is filled with joy, happiness and hope.

## Kindness Kits

### Are you in?

In response to the the Kindness Kits in last month's bulletin, the team are aware of at least 10 schools who are currently working with their pupils to create Kindness Kits. Feed the Hungry are seeking to co-ordinate a collection of these kits from our schools, so please do contact [Alex.Wolvers@lichfield.anglican.org](mailto:Alex.Wolvers@lichfield.anglican.org) if you are doing this in your school, and have not yet notified her.

## Christmas resources

### LDBE Advent and prayer resources for churches and schools

A range of resources to support churches and schools in reflecting through the advent period, exploring values of hope, peace, love and joy. Collective Worship, prayer spaces and RE resources all in one document!

[Advent Prayer Resources for Schools and Churches](#)



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### At the heart of Christmas



### Advent and Christmas 2021 resources: At the Heart of Christmas

#### What are the key elements of At the heart of Christmas?

As in previous years, the national Church has been working with dioceses and churches to make a range of digital and print content available, branded with the **At the heart of Christmas** theme:

- ⊕ Reflections
- ⊕ National online services for Advent and Christmas
- ⊕ Printed materials

**The Church of England releases its first ever Christmas Single for #AtTheHeartofChristmas**

### How to use the Jesse Tree in schools

The Diocese of York Jesse Tree resource provides schools with starting points and ideas to explore the themes of the Jesse Tree through collective worship. You can choose to do a Jesse Tree theme every day of the week through whole school or class worship. Alternatively, you can summarise them weekly.

[Jesse Tree Advent Activity Book](#)



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### The Advent Encounter

From 1–24 December 2021, you will receive one themed email a day. It will contain a video, challenges to make and do, a prayer, some suggested Bible verses to read and questions to consider. It's all completely free and you can take part as an individual or with others, whether it's family, friends or as a church or small group. It's up to you.



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### **The Archbishop of York Youth Trust**

Our free resource for KS2 and KS3 this Advent. This FREE resource celebrates how our community can bring us joy, acceptance, generosity and love. This resource can be used in the classroom or in collective worship. Challenges can be done individually or as a group or class. Activities and challenges are suitable for KS2 and KS3 but can be adjusted for use with KS1 and KS4 pupils

### **Picture News**

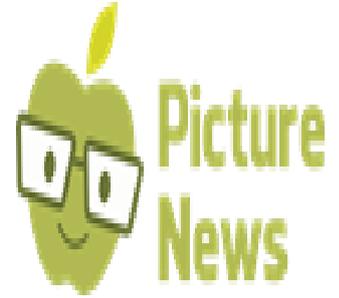
We are very excited to share with you our Christmas campaign for 2021! This year, we're focusing on the subject of loneliness and the importance of showing kindness during the festive period. It's a very simple activity that can be completed with children of all ages and would make a lovely display or presentation for families.

**Please find attached the activity and resource for you to use – feel free to share with your schools.**

We really hope they enjoy taking part and we would absolutely love to read the children's responses, so feel free to email them across or share on social media using #SharetheLight. We hope you enjoy the resource.

[Picture News Share the Light](#)

[Share the light – Collective Worship](#) The Gift of Kindness.



### **Wellbeing Advent Calendar**

We have included our popular annual wellbeing advent calendar, providing you with daily wellbeing activities throughout December. So wherever you are this Christmas, you will not be alone. We are here to support you, your colleagues and your pupils to have the best holiday possible, whatever that looks like for you.

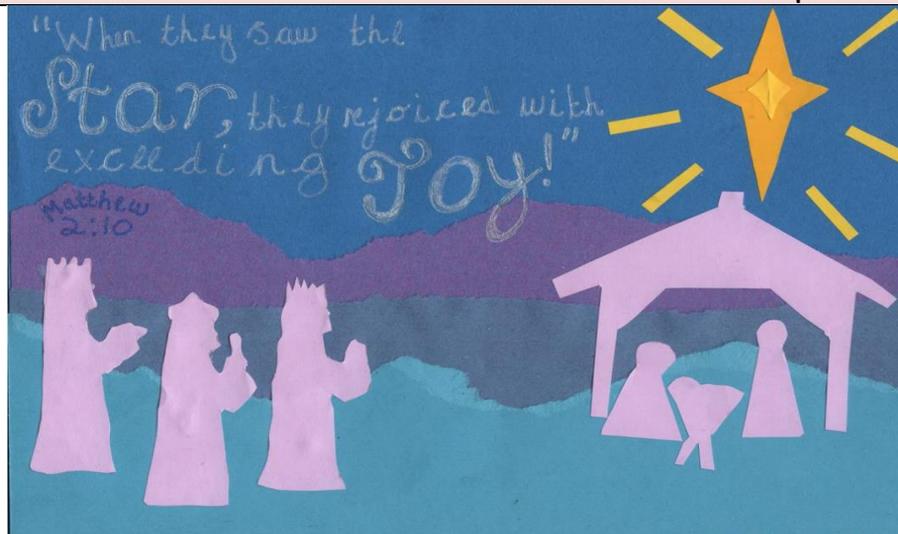
### **CPAS – School Ventures**

School Ventures are residentials for Church of England Primary Schools, helping pupils investigate the core claims of the Christian faith. More can be found out thorough short videos for schools [here](#). The LDBE team are very excited to welcome Anna Shaw, the School Ventures Development Officer from CPAS to explore how schools and their local church can work together to deliver a heavily subsidised two-night residential for year 4 and 5 pupils in a nearby activity centre.

Want to find out more? Anna will lead be delivered 2 sessions to share more about how schools and churches can get involved.

To book on the find out more session on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January at 3:30 please click [here](#).

### **Christmas Card Competition**



### **LDBE Christmas Card Design**

Congratulations to Masie from Bilbrook Middle School for creating this stunning design for the LDBE Christmas card 2021.

Two runners up were also selected as Ruth from Beresford Memorial and Nicola from Christ Church. Thank you both for your brilliant designs!

Thank you to all of the pupils who took the time to create such wonderful entries to the competition.

### **New support for Headteachers in their first two years of Headship – The Additional Support Offer.**

The Church of England's Additional Support Offer (ASO) provides a personalised learning journey for headteachers during their first two years in post, prioritising their wellbeing and personal development as a school leader and supporting them through local networks. The ASO is for new headteachers, within the first two years of headship who have either already completed the NPQH or are now undertaking the revised NPQH.

To find out more please click [here](#) or visit the [CEFEL website](#) for a full ASO course overview and a short 15 minute zoom presentation.

### **NPQ Program through the Church of England Foundation for Educational Leadership**

Whether you are a teacher looking to deepen your expertise or a school leader wanting to stretch yourself to the next transition in your career, [CEFEL](#) offer an NPQ programme which is suitable for you.

The reformed suite of NPQs no longer includes the NPQ for Middle Leadership as this has been replaced by three specialist teacher qualifications- NPQLT, NPQLBC, and NPQLTD.

