Advent and Christmas Resources: New for 2026

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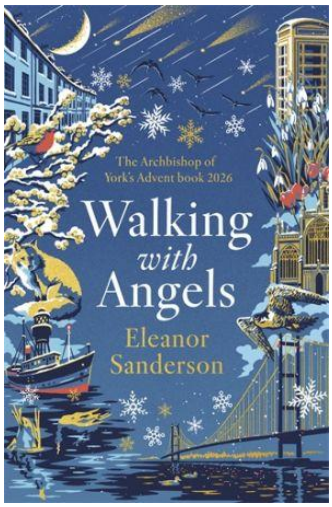
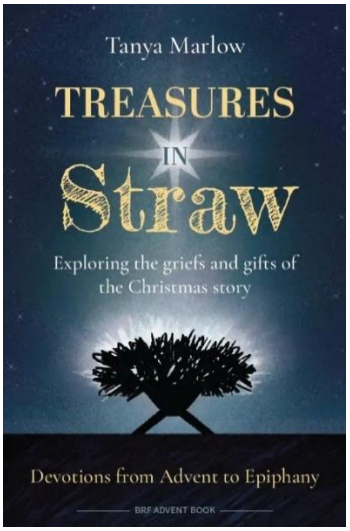
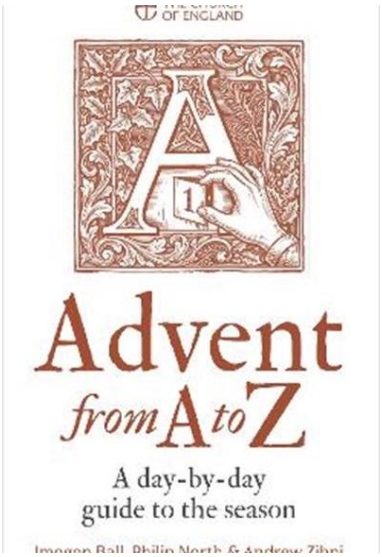
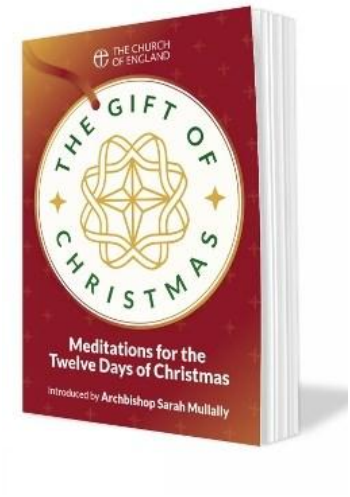
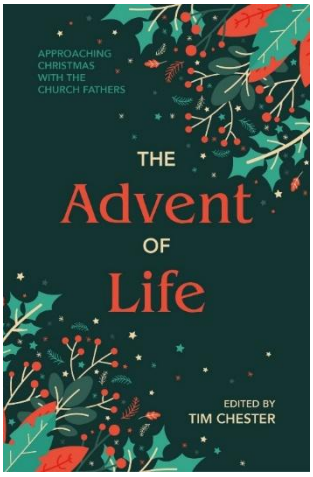
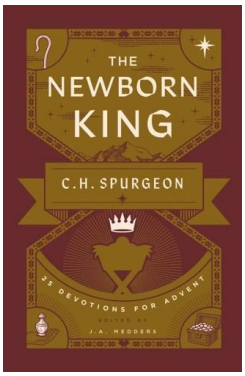
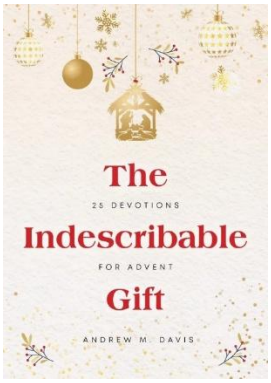
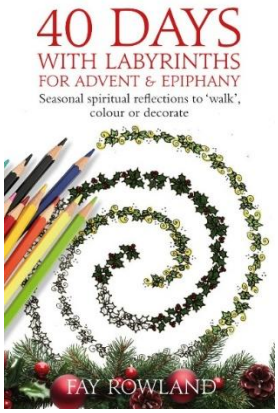
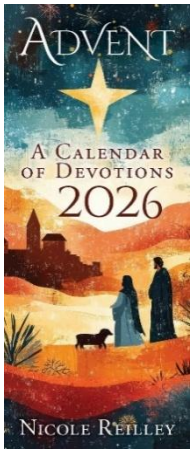
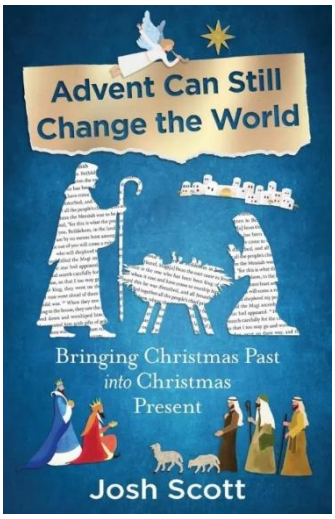
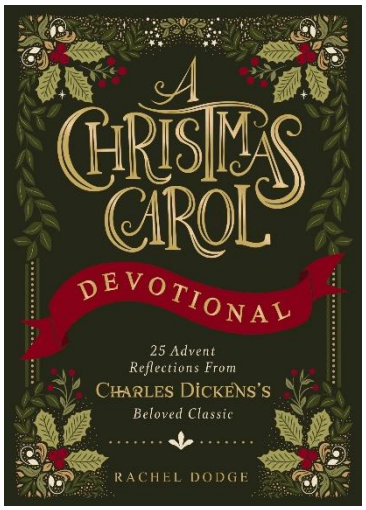
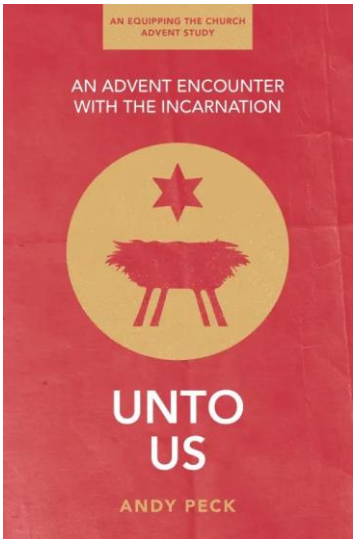
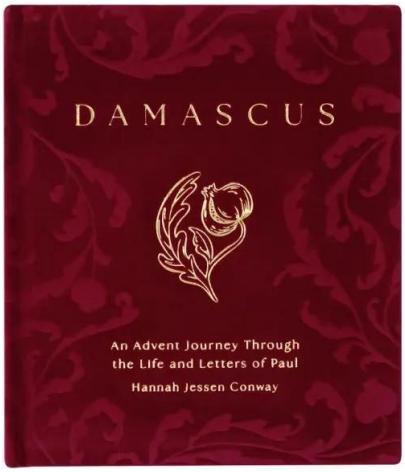
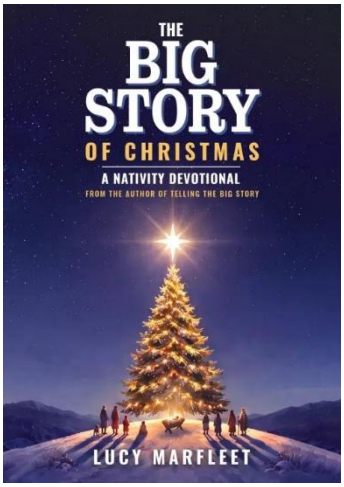
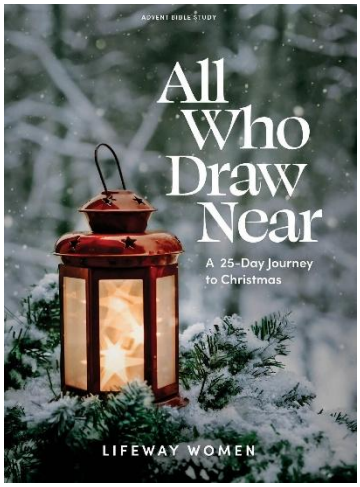
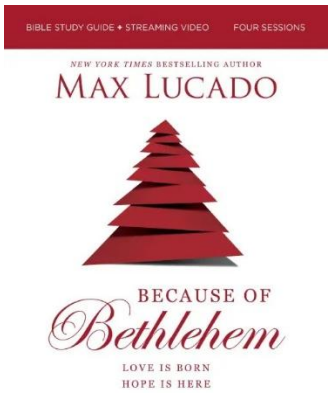
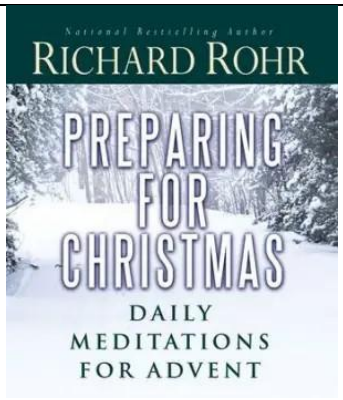
	***Walking with Angels*** Eleanor Sanderson (*The Archbishop of York's Advent Book 2026*) One place to purchase	Through prayer walking, this reflective guide encourages readers to slow down, step outside and engage body and spirit as they journey through the Advent season. Drawing on the words spoken by angels in Scripture, it explores how these messengers of God reveal the good news at the heart of the Christian story. With journalling prompts and questions for reflection or group discussion, *Walking with Angels* offers a meaningful, embodied way to prepare for the coming of Christ this Advent.
	***Treasures in Straw*** *(BRF Advent Book 2026)* Tanya Marlow One place to purchase	For some, Christmas can be painful, and the usual tinselled tellings of the Christmas story feel unbearably saccharine. Yet in that first Christmas, all of life is there – disgrace and honour, danger and protection, uncertainty and hope, temptation and tyranny, sorrow and celebration. With thoughtful research, pastoral insight, and honest stories, *Treasures in Straw* explores the themes of loss and blessing throughout the nativity. Against a darker backdrop, we see with greater clarity God's unexpected generosity and our unshakeable blessings.
	***Advent from A to Z: A Day-by-Day Guide to the Season*** Imogen Ball, Philip North, Andrew Zihni One place to purchase	This short book offers a total of twenty-four daily reflections, each taking as their starting point a different letter of the alphabet. Each day includes a Bible reading, a reflection, an opportunity to respond and a prayer. There are also illustrations for each day as well as questions for group discussion or individual reflection. Whether you are keeping Advent for the first or the hundredth time, Advent from A to Z can help you prepare to celebrate the great gift that God gives us of himself in the birth of Jesus at Christmas.

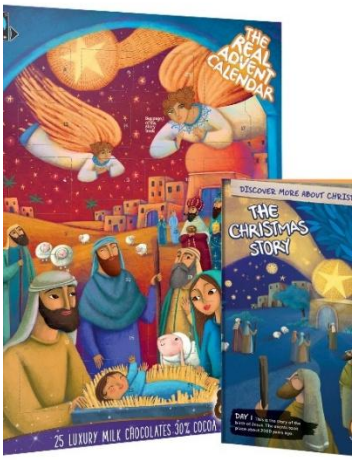
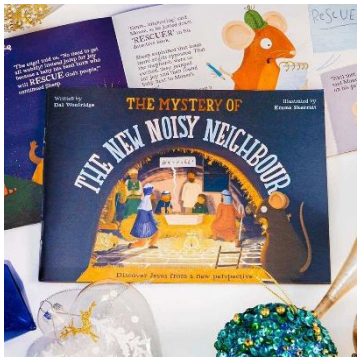
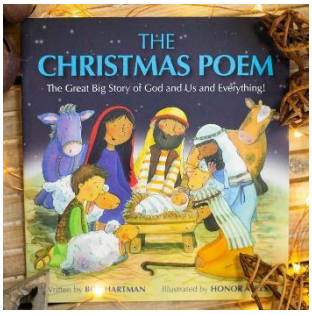
	***The Gift of Christmas: Meditations for the Twelve Days of Christmas,*** *Introduced by Archbishop Sarah Mullaly* One place to purchase	You are warmly invited to join Archbishop Sarah Mullally and eleven other Christians whose lives have given them a particular connection with the Christmas story. Whether keeping watch by night, observing the stars or supporting new parents, their experiences shed light on what it means to receive God's gift and respond today. Beginning on Christmas Day and ending of the Eve of the Epiphany, *The Gift of Christmas* offers a theme, a picture, a short reading, reflection, prayer and challenge. The Gift of Christmas is The Church of England's theme for Advent and Christmas 2026.
	***The Advent of Life: Approaching Christmas with the Church Fathers*** Edited by Tim Chester One place to purchase	This devotional invites you to journey through Advent guided by the voices of early Christian leaders. Each daily reflection features a carefully selected passage from a Church Father – such as Augustine, Athanasius, Gregory of Nazianzus, and others – paired with insightful commentary and practical prayers. These ancient voices speak with clarity and warmth, offering fresh perspectives that challenge modern assumptions and rekindle your awe for the miracle of Christmas.
	***The Newborn King*** C. H. Spurgeon One place to purchase	These 25 short and profound reflections on the incarnation of Christ have been thoughtfully compiled by Jeff Medders from Spurgeon's multitude of sermons. With light language edits, each devotion can be enjoyed by today's reader while still capturing the piercing insights, vivid language and soul-thrilling meditations on Christ's person and work that Spurgeon is famous for.
	***At Home in the Dark: Prayers & Poems for Advent & Christmas*** The Iona Community Buy from Wild Goose Publications here	**How do we keep hope and wonder alive when the world feels dark?** *At Home in the Dark* gathers daily prayers and poems from the Iona Community for Advent and Christmas, carrying us through the final days of the year and into Epiphany. These are reflections for Christmas as it is actually lived: amid joy and grief, waiting and uncertainty, celebration and loneliness, a fragile planet and a world longing for peace. There is room here for candlelight and starlight, angels and shepherds, but also for food banks and refugees, protest and

		injustice, loss and the everyday struggles of ordinary life. Yet darkness is not the end of the story. Again and again, these writers discover light in unexpected places: in community and compassion, in resistance and imagination, in laughter, love and the promise of new beginnings.
	***The Indescribable Gift: 25 Devotions for Advent*** Andrew M. Davis One place to purchase	*The Indescribable Gift* is packed full of 25 Christmas reflections to help you prepare your heart and mind to treasure Jesus and rejoice in his incarnation. Included is a Scripture to memorise each day, so by the end of Advent, you'll have Luke 2:1-20 and Isaiah 9:6-7 embedded in your heart – an extra gift for this Christmas season!
	***40 Days with Labyrinths for Advent and Epiphany*** Fay Rowland One place to purchase	*40 Days with Labyrinths for Advent and Epiphany* provides forty short, biblical meditations on the challenges and blessings of daily life, each accompanied by a labyrinth illustration which you can 'walk' – just with your finger, or perhaps with colouring pens or pencils – as you reflect on the reading.
	***Advent: A Calendar of Devotions*** Nicole Reilley One place to purchase	Sold in packs of 10, this devotional offers brief, accessible readings for each day from the first Sunday of Advent through to Christmas Day. Each entry includes a suggested Scripture based on the Revised Common Lectionary, a short devotion, and a closing prayer or practice. Sold in convenient packs of 10, these booklets are ideal for Advent mailings, welcome packets, or community outreach.

	***A Stable Place Advent Reflections*** Embrace the Middle East One place to purchase	As the lyrics of *In the Bleak Midwinter* remind us, at the moment of Christ's birth, a stable place sufficed. This Advent, as we approach the celebration of our incarnate saviour, we consider the stability and instability present in our own lives, in the context of the Middle East, and in the narrative of scripture, exploring how we might navigate both stability and instability in life and faith. With a reflection for all 4 weeks of Advent plus a bonus reflection for Christmas Day, this five-week course is perfect for personal devotional use or group discussion.
	***Advent Can Still Change the World*** Josh Scott One place to purchase	This four-week Advent study invites you into the historical and cultural world of the nativity narratives in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Christmas is a global celebration wrapped in nostalgia and tradition. The movies we return to each year, the carols we know by heart, and the rituals we repeat connect us to Christmases past and to one another. Yet beneath these familiar layers lies a story rooted in real life, unfolding in a specific time and place. To experience the enduring power of the Christmas story today, we must first understand what it meant then before we can discern what this sacred story offers our own moment.
	***A Christmas Carol Devotional*** Rachel Dodge One place to purchase	This 25-day Advent devotional journeys through one of the world's most beloved Christmas stories, *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens. Walk alongside Ebenezer Scrooge, Bob Cratchit, and Tiny Tim as you explore the many spiritual lessons tucked into the story. The timeless novella's themes of redemption, generosity, and community will help you prepare your heart for Christmas and reflect on all God has done, is doing, and is preparing to do in your life. Each daily entry includes a key scripture, a retelling of part of the story, a personal reflection, and a short prayer.

	***Unto Us: An Advent Encounter with the Incarnation*** Andy Peck One place to purchase	A theologically rich 25-day Advent devotional rooted in Scripture, helping you engage deeply with the promise and reality of Christ's coming. Advent is not simply a countdown to Christmas. It is a confrontation with promise, longing, and the startling claim that God has come to us. Each day pairs carefully grounded biblical reflection with thoughtful application and prayer, helping you engage emotionally and theologically. This is an Advent journey that doesn't shy away from depth – exploring themes of light and darkness, waiting and fulfilment, kingship and humility, presence and promise.
	***Damascus: An Advent Journey Through the Life and Letters of Paul*** Hannah Jessen Conway One place to purchase	In *Damascus: An Advent Journey Through the Life and Letters of Paul*, author Hannah Jessen Conway invites you to connect the holy dots between the miracle of Christ's birth and the gift of your salvation. Inspired by Paul's dramatic transformation on the road to Damascus in Acts 9, this devotional offers a fresh approach to the ancient practice of Advent. Beginning in late November and continuing through the end of the year, *Damascus* journeys through the four traditional Advent themes of hope, peace, joy, and love. Each section begins with an introduction and prayer, followed by five daily readings offering Scripture, a reflection, guiding questions, and space for journaling. A Christmas morning prayer and a final epilogue for the week after Christmas invite you to carry the truths of Advent into the new year.
	***The Big Story of Christmas: A Nativity Devotional*** Lucy Marfleet One place to purchase	The Christmas story is the most familiar we have, and far richer than we know. In this warm and searching devotional, Lucy Marfleet breaks the Nativity narratives of Matthew and Luke into 15 scenes, each opening with a poem to place you in the moment, and follows them with 36 short devotions tracing the connections that run back through the whole of scripture. Read one devotion a day from 1 December and you will arrive at the final reading just before Epiphany.

	***All Who Draw Near: A 25-Day Journey to Christmas*** Lifeway Women One place to purchase	Whether across town or across the ocean, many of us will jump on planes, trains, and automobiles journeying to see people we love to celebrate the holidays together. Travelling for Christmas isn't a recent trend. In fact, it goes all the way back to that first Christmas, when the Son of God left heaven to come to earth. This is an Advent Bible study that focuses on the many journeys of the main characters of the Christmas story. Their first Christmas travels will inspire you to freshly behold the wonder and magnitude of Christ's entrance into the world and will challenge you to be diligent in your own joyful journey to know, love, and reflect the Saviour.
	***Because of Bethlehem*** Max Lucado One place to purchase	Wherever this season finds you – even amidst loneliness or heartache – the *Because of Bethlehem Bible Study*, a guide and a streaming video from Max Lucado, will remind you that God is near, he understands your struggles, and his grace has rewritten your story. Because of Bethlehem, God knows what it's like to be human. Because of Bethlehem, when we talk to him about tough times, he understands. Because of Bethlehem, we know he doesn't say, "Clean up before you come in." He offers, "Come in and I'll clean you up." Because of Bethlehem, we no longer have marks on our record … just grace.
	***Preparing for Christmas: Daily Meditations for Advent*** Richard Rohr One place to purchase	"Advent is not about a sentimental waiting for the Baby Jesus," Richard Rohr asserts. Advent is a time to focus our expectations and anticipation on "the adult Christ, the Cosmic Christ," who challenges us to empty ourselves, to lose ourselves, to surrender. Richard Rohr's Scriptural reflections for Advent are the perfect preparation for the Christmas season. This beautiful redesign provides daily reflections for the Advent season, along with each day's Scripture readings and questions for reflection.

	***Real Advent Calendar 2026*** The Meaningful Chocolate Company More information here	The 2026 Real Advent Calendar is a fun way for parents, grandparents and Godparents to share the Christmas story. There is a Fairtrade Chocolate and a line of the Christmas story behind each of the 25 windows. The free book has a page for every day of Advent, expanding on the Christmas story and includes some fun challenges. Money raised from the sales of the calendar will also help provide care and support for mums and new babies in African villages supported by the Funzi and Bodo trust.
	***The Mystery of the New Noisy Neighbour (2026 Reprint)*** Dai Woolridge, illustrated by Emma Skerratt Buy from the Bible Society here.	See the nativity in a new way through the eyes of a cheese-eating, mystery-solving mouse! A brilliantly creative retelling of the Christmas story which primary school age children will love.
	***The Christmas Poem (2026 Reprint)*** Bob Hartman, illustrated by Honor Ayres Buy from the Bible Society here	A much-loved Christmas story by Bob Hartman retelling the great big story of God and us and everything! Ideal for pre-school children and families.
	***The Greatest Journey (2026 Reprint)*** Dai Woolridge and Hannah Bunting, illustrated by Emma Skerratt Buy from the Bible Society here	A delightfully creative and colourful Christmas story. Come on a Christmas adventure as you follow in the footsteps of the greatest journey ever!