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HOPE at Christmas magazine

Christmas is a wonderful time to share the joy of Jesus' birth. Use the HOPE at Christmas magazine as a giveaway with details of your festive events. As always it is packed with features, competitions and giveaways. In this 32-page magazine we meet:

- Singing/presenting couple Carrie and David Grant, who look back at 2020 and share their festive plans
- Dr Francis Collins, one of the medics looking for a Covid-19 vaccine
- Wycombe Wanderers' popular striker Adebayo Akinfenwa

We also set off on the journey to find the Prince of Peace, with a focus on wellbeing. There are interviews, prizes worth £1500 to be won, and a carols quiz with words of the carols to download from HOPE's outward-facing website **hopeforall.org.uk** so readers can agree a time with neighbours, print off the carols for everyone and stand on doorsteps for their own Christmas singalong.

HOPE's assistant director Rachel Jordan-Wolf says, 'We are thrilled that copies of HOPE at Christmas magazine and the children's booklet The Christmas Story will be given away in The Entertainer toy shops in the week before Christmas to help customers appreciate the reason for the season.'

Order copies from the HOPE shop www.hopetogether.org.uk/shop

The Christmas Story booklet

HOPE Together and Biblica have published an all-new Happyland Christmas Story booklet. Copies will be available to order from the HOPE shop at the end of October. There's also the specially-made Happyland nativity animation. Share the animation on social media, in schools and in church service. You can also download additional resources from gochattervideos.com/happyland-nativity

Wellbeing – a Christmas sermon theme

The Wellbeing Journey is a new 8-part video series, which will be ready for churches to launch at Christmas guest services online or in person.

Jesus is 'the Prince of Wholeness' as The Message version translates Isaiah 9:6, so HOPE Together and partners KingsGate Church will have

Christmas sermon ideas to help churches to invite friends, neighbours and colleagues to join the journey.

HOPE's assistant director Rachel Jordan-Wolf says, 'Local churches are in a unique place to lead communities on this journey to physical, mental

and spiritual wellbeing as they offer this practical guide. We hope you and your church will join us on this amazing journey.

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