

A local church is to broadcast a carol service directly into cells across prisons in the UK to bring hope over the Christmas period.

The service, produced by Christ Church in Winchester, will feature the MOBO award-winning musician Guvna B, and a former SAS soldier who describes his experiences in Bosnia and Iraq.

The Revd Craig Philbrick, curate at Christ Church said: "This service will be screened in over 40,000 cells and seen by potentially twice that number of people."

"Christmas Day is a really tough day for those inside and it is a real privilege to be able to share some hope and good news with them all."

The service will be shown on WayOut TV – an internal prison network – at 12:00 and 18:00 on Christmas Day.

With Covid-19 adding to pressure on the system, Revd Philbrick encouraged people to pray for those in and working at prisons.

He has delivered Christmas cake and cards for prisoners, and a hamper to "bless the staff" at HMP Winchester.

Guvna B, who is a Christian and shared a reflection on Instagram as part of the Church of England's Christmas campaign last year has won three MOBOS.

A former SAS soldier called Mark also shares his testimony, speaking of instances where he has been "tested" in his faith, including when a gun was held to his head in Bosnia.

Carols and traditional Bible readings will also be included in the service.

More information:

- To find out more about the Christ Church parish in Winchester you can check out its [website](#), [Facebook](#), or [Instagram](#) pages.

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