ing Advent and Christmas resources that could be useful for your

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This year there's more available than ever before, including an improved Christmas social media graphic generator, Christmas music tracks and a Christmas card template.

It's all designed to help you invite people to church this Advent and Christmas, and inspired by our Christmas theme, 'Follow the Star: The Great Invitation'.

Everything is free and available now on the Resource Hub, which is part of AChurchNearYou.com.

All existing editors on AChurchNearYou.com already have access to the Resource Hub. If you don't have access yet, register here and then you'll be able to log in and access the Resource Hub.

So what's available?

Logos and PowerPoint slide template

This year's Follow the Star logo branding is available in various formats. There are logos, backgrounds and a PowerPoint template.

We have a blog on using the logos and other design elements successfully.

Christmas reflections: QR code poster

Print and display this poster to let people know how they can access this year's Christmas reflections. We've included a QR code people can use to download the free app that hosts the reflections, or to sign up to get the reflections by email.

Social media graphic and video generator: no design skills required

Write your own message and we can insert it for you into Christmas branded graphics and/or a video. No design skills required, just downloadthe finished files. Great for posting on social media, or other uses.

We have improved this feature this year based on your feedback: the text is now bigger and clearer.

Try the generator now.

Social media templates: to customise in a design package of your choice

If you are a user of a design package like Canva, these are for you! Download our Christmas social media graphic templates and add your own text. That way you get more flexibility with text placement than we can deliver through the social media graphic generator.

Social media banners/covers

We've done the hard work for you and produced simple designs in the perfect size, ready to give your church social media accounts a Christmas makeover. There's a Facebook channel cover, Facebook event cover, and Twitter channel cover, ready to use as they are.

Music

Our collection of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany music is **available for download**. It includes traditional and contemporary music, as well as organ accompaniment tracks (without singing). This is ideal for churches who do not have access to an organist or other musicians.

Christmas card - and Advent 'Act of Commissioning' short liturgy

You may already have seen that Church House Publishing are selling the official Great Invitation Christmas card design, ready to use. It has a special inside spread that prompts you to handwrite a personal invitation to a friend or family member, inviting them to a particular church service or event. **Purchase your packs now**.

But if you prefer, you can download a card with the same front design, that is just blank inside, to customise with your church's own message and print in bulk. This is available as **a Canva template to customise and download**.

One idea is to give cards or invitations to your congregation for them to pass on to their friends and family, at a service on either 20 or 27 November. If you choose to do this you might like to use our short 'Act of Commissioning' liturgy to prayerfully commission everyone to invite others. **Download your copy of the liturgy.**

We'd love to see how you use all the resources - tag us on social media and use the hashtag #FollowTheStar.

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