What else is out there?

CPAS – hosting a website for individuals, churches or organisations to add ideas and resources for Advent and Christmas

https://padlet.com/jlawrence65/x78h8kfq95rk6lu4

Advent in 2 minutes – video, creative, lively way to introduce Advent with a familiar piece of music that many will know.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=S02KOlw7dlA#!

Why Christmas

https://www.whychristmas.com/

Lots of ideas with children but many can be used with all ages.

Interactive snowscene with reflective music lasts 5 mins that could be used at the start of a service or a time of reflection

http://www.tistheseasonto.be/snowing/

Interactive cosy log fire lasts 6 mins that could be used at the start of a service or a time of reflection

http://www.tistheseasonto.be/cosy/

Kitted or Crochet Nativity Sets

https://tipjunkie.com/13-nativity-manger-sets-to-make/

https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/knitted-nativity-scene

For non -knitters or crochet-ers – making a stable would be very useful.

Blue Christmas – a reflective service to remember those who have passed away (available for general use)

Many bereaved people find Christmas unbearably difficult. Where all around are enforcing celebration and good cheer to all people, those who mourn can feel shut out and excluded. Why not as a church consider holding a service such as 'Blue Christmas' or 'Longest Night service' on the 22 December or thereabouts, which provides a space in church for those who mourn to come to the crib. A simple service with carols and the opportunity to place a candle at the crib scene, it acknowledges the pain that so many feel.

Service outline https://churchsupporthub.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/Longest-Night-Service-at-St-Mary-with-St-Alban.pdf

Church of England – preparing for Advent and Christmas

Comfort and Joy: Nine Lessons and Carols for Christmas led by well known public figures, music, weekly services, telephone church service.

https://www.churchofengland.org/more/church-resources/preparing-advent-christmas-2020-comfort-and-joy

Messy Vintage Pintrest – general ideas including Christmas

https://www.pinterest.co.uk/MessyChurchBRF/messy-vintage/