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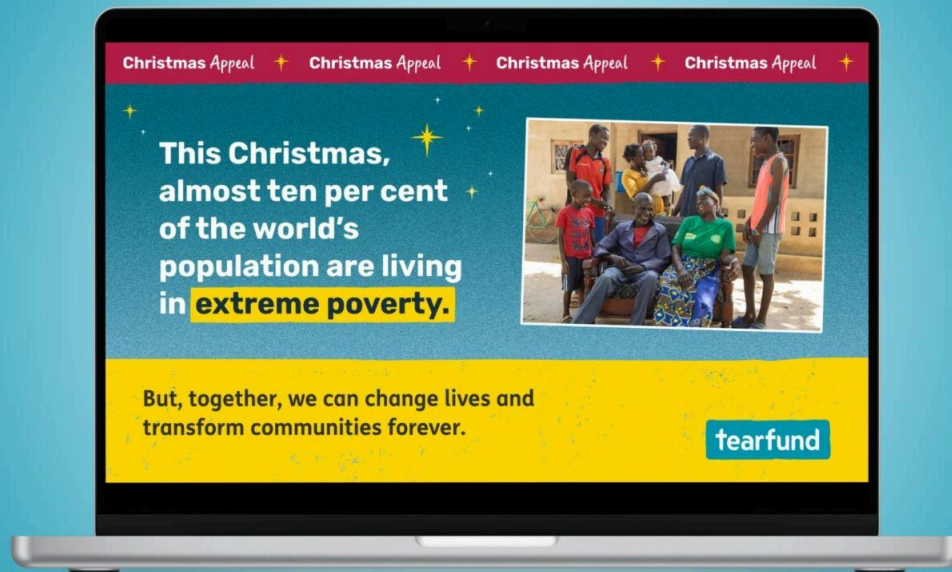
# Church Rep newsletter



Dear Friends,

Christmas is just around the corner. This is a time to celebrate Jesus, the hope that changed everything. Thank you so much for the way your church partners with Tearfund to bring that hope to others. As you prepare for this special season, we want to make sure you have everything you need to be inspired and continue changing lives for good.

We've got some important updates for you about your new Christmas resource, an invitation to join our Advent prayer journey, and an urgent update on the crisis in Gaza.



## Your free Christmas resource is here

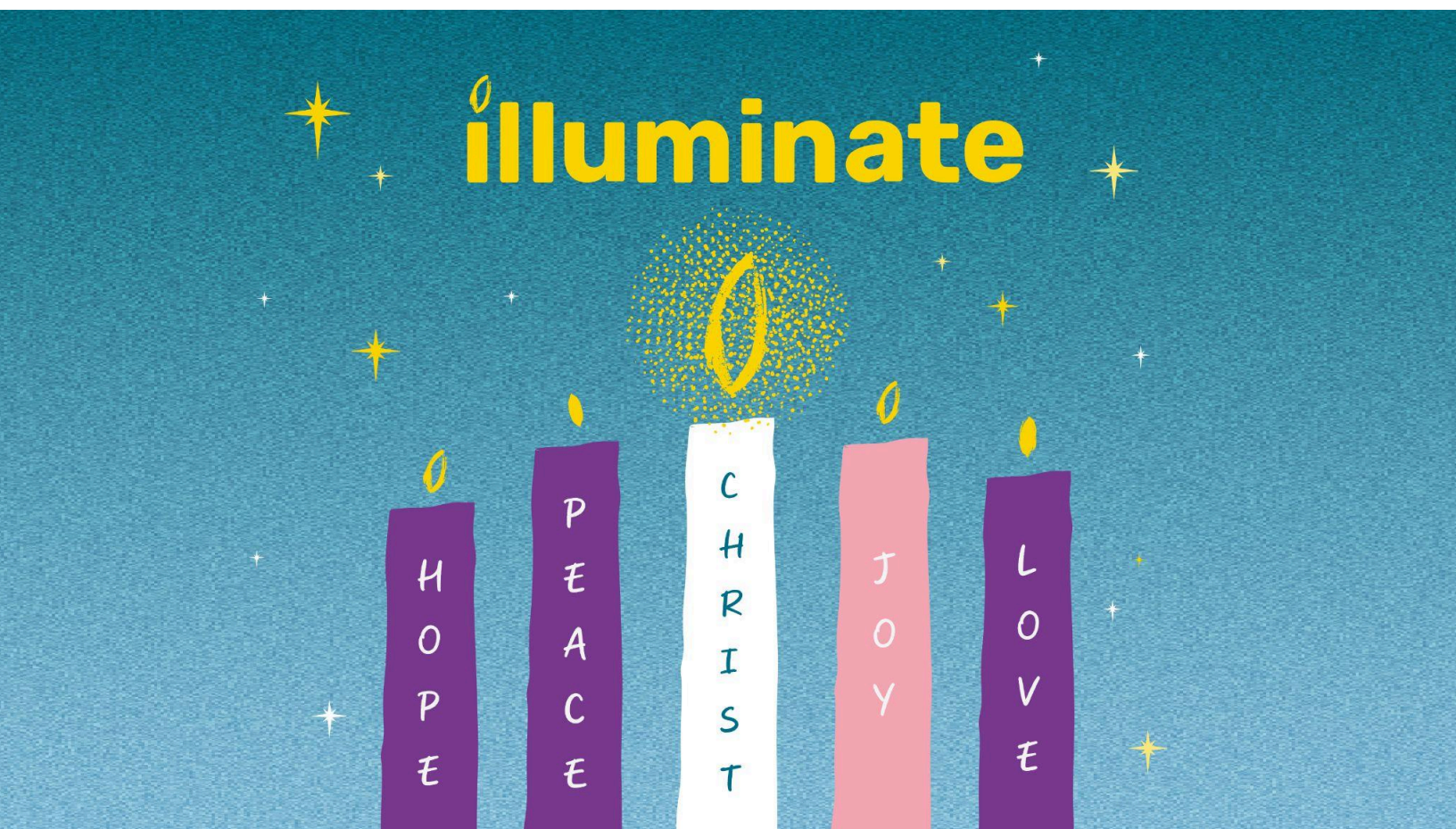
Your Christmas resource pack is now ready to view and download. It contains videos, slides, prayers and activities to inspire your church with real stories of transformation that bring Jesus' message to life.

**'I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.' John 10:10**

We hope these resources bless your church this Christmas and help you share the light of Christ in your community. We're sure your congregation will be inspired and engaged by the transformation their support makes possible. And this year, there's even more reasons to give.

A group of generous Tearfund supporters has offered to match every pound you give to this appeal – up to £500,000 until 31 December 2025! Your church's gift this Christmas could have twice the impact for women like Florence.

**[Download your free Christmas Resource](#)**



## ***Illuminate:* Journey with us this Advent**

This Advent, we're inviting you to pause, reflect, and prepare your hearts for the coming of Jesus.

Sign up for *illuminate* – a series of short, daily emails from 30 November to Christmas Eve. Each reflection follows the Advent themes of **hope, peace, joy and love**, with creative prayer ideas and stories of transformation to share personally, or in your church.

Let's illuminate hope this Advent through reflections and prayers daily to your inbox.

**[Sign up to receive Advent reflections](#)**





## Respond to the crisis in Gaza

You may have seen our recent email updates about the unfolding situation in Gaza. I'm grateful for your prayers for our partners as we work to support the most vulnerable people in this crisis.

Although there is much to thank God for, the humanitarian needs are still catastrophic. More than half a million people are facing famine, and 1.5 million are in need of emergency shelter. Our partner in Gaza, Anera, is providing life-saving medicine and desperately needed supplies to clinics.

You can pray for the ongoing crisis using **our prayer guide**.

Celebrating Christmas reminds us that Jesus came physically, in word and deed. Therefore, we the church, as his body, are called to bring his compassion to those suffering today. Your response can make sure life-saving aid reaches those who are most in need.

**[Find out more and donate to the Gaza and Middle East Appeal](#)**

## A prayer for your church

In the run up to Christmas this year, may God fill you with peace and hope – and may the light of Jesus shine through your church into your community and the world.

With every blessing,



**Buddy Owen**

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