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Archbishop Bernard's Christmas Message now available to watch or read

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Archbishop's Christmas Message

Archbishop Bernard Longley gives this year's Christmas message from St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham.

"Choosing the right gift for a friend or loved one is less important than the friendship or love that it represents."

You can now watch, read and listen to the message online.

www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news



BBC Radio WM Carol Service

Recorded at St Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham, earlier this week.

To be broadcast on BBC WM at 5pm on Christmas Eve (Sat) and again at 10am on Christmas Day (Sun).

Featuring music from the St Philip's Cathedral Choir as well as congregational carols.

Hosted by BBC WM broadcaster Sior Coleman.

The broadcast will also be available on BBC Sounds.

www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/live:bbc_wm

Care for Creation January newsletter for Parishes



Monthly newsletters for your parish and community: January's is out now with facts, and tips for the new year.

Please share these monthly newsletters, inspired by the Season of Creation and making small changes, with your parish.

www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/resources-to-care-for-creation



Good Neighbours in Coventry and Bedworth

Over Christmas, many older people will be left alone and without anyone to chat with - like Dennis, who's 81, housebound and was in the RAF, or Noreen, who's a 90-year-old Catholic retired nurse.

Good Neighbours Coventry & Bedworth is an ecumenical church project which has been finding friends for isolated older people since 2016.

If you might be able to spare from 30 mins per fortnight in 2023, chatting with a like-minded older person near you, please come and find out more.

<https://airtable.com/shrhDTHjpmr9ZwNvA>



Birmingham Anglican Cathedral to Host Divine Beauty at Night

Birmingham's St Philip's Cathedral's remarkable stained-glass windows will be lit up in dazzling colour this January as part of an immersive light and sound experience to make visitors "say WOW!"

World-renowned light and sound projection company Luxmuralis will be bringing their four historic Burne-Jones windows to life, in a spectacular performance suitable for all ages.

Divine Beauty at Night will be a series of special one-off immersive events that sees imagery from the stained-glass windows projected, floor to ceiling on the inside of Birmingham Cathedral for three evenings from 12-14 January.

<https://birminghamcathedral.com/divine-beauty-at-night/>



More hosts sought to support Ukrainian guests in the Archdiocese

Can you extend the hand of friendship to those in need come the New Year?

Together with Father Hudson's Care we are inviting more hosts to come forward and support those in need.



Job opportunity: Project Lead, Rough Sleeper Initiative

BVSC- the centre for voluntary management is searching for a Rough Sleeper Initiative (RSI) – Project Lead.

The Lead will have responsibility for leading on local multi-agency working to target the specific needs of rough sleepers; and support and coordinate statutory, non-statutory and commissioned providers to provide a joined-up response to rough sleeping and street activity including those with NRPF

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We do though recognise that many parishioners may be struggling financially, and there is no expectation to give where you are unable to do so.

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