

Dec 24. The stars are brightly shining

We've spoken a lot this Advent about Christmas traditions and preparations, the light in the darkness, anxieties and fears, and focussing our minds and our hope on the One who came from eternity and the reason He came - our gift of salvation.

Today, as we are the brink of another tight lockdown, for many of us there is a darkness which is still very real, and the traditions we love are made impossible. Perhaps only One thing remains the same: yesterday, today and forever, Jesus.

Why not take some time today to pray

- for our church family in all their different circumstances (you can find the prayer diary in the prayer section of our website)
- giving thanks for the blessings of technology and those who have the skills to make it useful for our church
- giving praise to the King who came to rescue us by coming into the darkness to the lonely manger
- that we would really see our salvation and make room in our hearts for Him

Here are some ideas of things you could watch today as you celebrate again the brightness which came into our world on that holy night:

[The Christmas Story](https://youtu.be/Al1yn1rUiFU) <https://youtu.be/Al1yn1rUiFU> - a carol concert by All Souls Langham Place

Holy Trinity Brompton's [Carol Concert](https://youtu.be/2hzpBmq_16c) https://youtu.be/2hzpBmq_16c

[Christmas with The Chosen](https://youtu.be/T5ftnTK9-3w) (includes 18 minute movie "The Shepherd" beginning at 1hr18mins in) <https://youtu.be/T5ftnTK9-3w>

The Star - animated movie (trailer: <https://youtu.be/OKd4Cq-vIRw>)

The Nativity Story (trailer: <https://youtu.be/UiSfup00uZY>)

[Songs for Hope](https://youtu.be/ciSs4cMQ47M) <https://youtu.be/ciSs4cMQ47M> - a virtual advent concert by The Gospel Coalition

Thanks to all who have contributed songs and devotionals for our Very Hebron Advent!
Come back tomorrow for one last, very special entry...

Happy Christmas!