


NATIVITY

challenge

We live in a world of growing isolated disconnectedness. Our neighbour's can be strangers, our friends, just a number amongst 'followers', and yet at Christmas we take time to re-connect with those who touch our lives.


This is the life story of Jesus - connection, involvement and changing presence to those around him. So, you are invited this season to connect with the reason for the season and be to those around you, an intentional ambassador of God's message of love.




SING a colleague's praises to a manager. It is always great to encourage others.




Drop homemade baking into your nearest Fire or Police Station and/or hospital, thanking them for being on duty while everyone else is on holiday.




Don't forget your Postie! Christmas is an extremely busy season for them. Give a gift of chocolate and a hand written thank you card.




Let someone else go ahead of you in the queue. You could turn their whole day around.



Pay for someone's order behind you in a drive-through.




Place candy canes on the windshield of random cars.



Leave one of your favourite books at a bus stop, on a bus or on the train. Make sure you leave a card to explain it's a Christmas gift for the finder!



Anonymously put flowers at a neighbour's door. Post a note of appreciation through their letterbox!



Not everyone looks forward to Christmas. Take time to see the people around you and buy someone a coffee.

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★ If you can, find your local blood bank and give blood.

★ Leave a full bottle of detergent at your local laundrette.



★ We live in a disconnected world. Young families can find it hard to find babysitters. Offer to babysit for free, so parents can have time out!



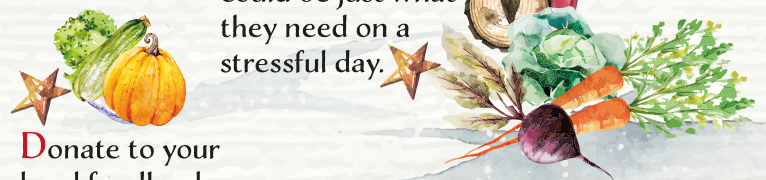
★ Take time to listen to someone. Whether it's a co-worker or someone at the bus stop, take time to hear what they're saying.



★ Scrape the ice off someone's else's windscreen.



★ Make a meal for someone - your thoughtfulness could be just what they need on a stressful day.



★ opt a family to show random acts of kindness over the next year.

★ Wrap something good and give it to someone homeless.

★ Slip a £5 note into someone's pocket.

★ Pack a new handbag/backpack with gloves, scarf, socks and Christmas treats for someone who is homeless.

★ Don't forget your favourite Barista. A thank you card goes a long way.

