

How can your church 'Join the Song' in this time of Advent? You may have seen that schools will be journeying through the theme of Follow the Star: Join the Song, this Advent time. Here are a few ideas to get you started as you connect with your schools and households this season.

> Why not use The First **Nowell - PASSWORD:**

JoinTheSong2023!

<mark>as a</mark> key feature in your

carol service this year?

Could various key stages

sing different verses?

Could children or young

people solo particular

parts?

Speak to your school about how they are using the Join the Song resources and ask how clergy, lay leaders and volunteers might play a part this year.

Send out the Join the Song at home pdf to the families in your community.

up the four 'songs' in your teaching throughout December in church? See the plans for collective worship

Send the

school a video of

you all practising

the carol in church

to wish the

school a Merry

Christmas.

Could you follow

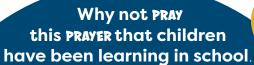
Invite households to bring their completed **Advent Calendars** here. to display in church at the Christmas Eve service

Can the school resourc<mark>es be</mark> adapted for your children's / young people's group?

Check out the **Collective Worship** resources for schools

here. Could you repeat some of these moments of reflection in church? Could children lead them for the adults?

Find out what your diocese is getting up to this Advent by visiting the diocese website.



Lord, by the song of the angels you announced your birth to the shepherds, and by the leading of a star you revealed your glory to strangers. Teach us to know you now, and to make you known to all.

