

Advent Book Recommendations 2022



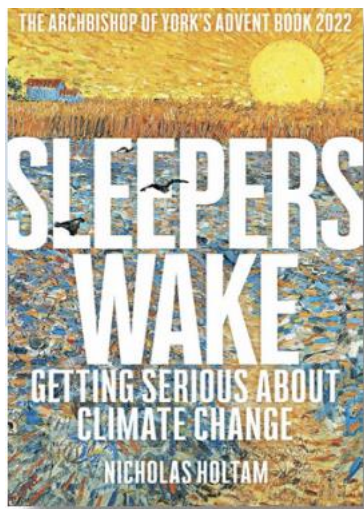
A good buy for families!

In the lead-up to Christmas, families can use this book to explore together 25 reasons why Jesus came, and they will discover that what Jesus gives us is better than anything else we could wish for!

Each day there is a bible passage to read, questions to think about, an explanation and a little prayer. There are also age-appropriate application questions, some for younger children and some for older children, as well as journalling space so that each family member can write or draw their own response to what God has shown them should they wish.

The themes are beautiful, but you will need access to a bible alongside this book as each day relates to a given bible passage.

Priced £5.99 at Eden.co.uk or £5.99 on Amazon.co.uk



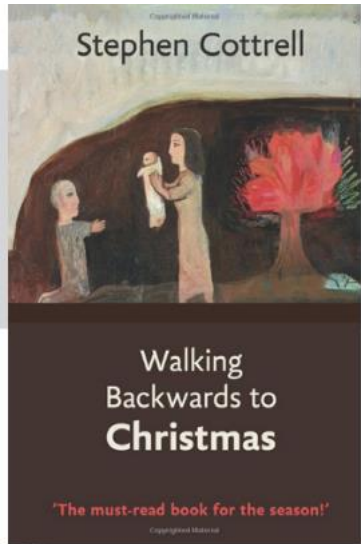
Great for using Advent as an opportunity to 'wake up' to the reality of climate change and hear God's call to renew the earth.

With the Climate Crisis at the forefront of people's minds, the Archbishop of York's chosen Advent Book for 2022 is 'Sleepers Wake'. In this book, Nicholas Holtam explores how we can combat the obstacles to tackling the reality of climate change. With true passion, he draws on his experience as former Church of England lead Bishop for the environment to urge us to transform ourselves, spiritually and culturally, so we can all do our part to preserve our world for future generations.

Split into four sections for the four weeks of Advent, these practical suggestions and reflective meditations about climate change and the environment are set alongside beautiful fine art paintings relevant to the season.

Climate Change is a challenging topic, but 'Sleepers Wake' reminds us that it is something we all need to be a part of for the sake of our children and for the future God's world.

Priced £10.98 at Eden.co.uk or £8.65 at Amazon.co.uk



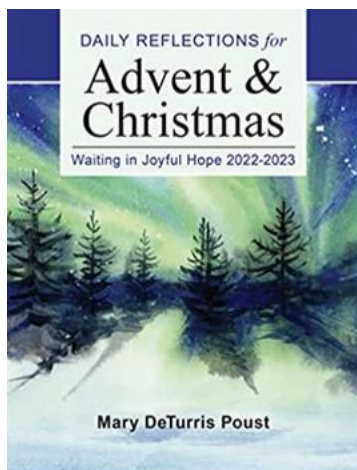
Good for a new perspective on the traditional Christmas story.

A favourite of mine, this book uses the brilliant, deceptively simple idea of telling the Christmas story backwards!

The backwards approach gives you an understanding of the complex narrative, and of the complex motivations of the key participants in the story. These include the Old Testament characters; Moses, Isaiah, Anna, the prophetess and Rachel, who wept for her children. And not forgetting the main-stage players; King Herod, the wise men, the shepherds, the innkeeper's wife and Jesus' immediate and extended family.

Each imaginative and solidly biblical reflection is prefaced by the relevant Bible reading and followed by a thoughtfully crafted, devotional prayer. If you want an Advent and Christmas devotional that will help to change and mature your understanding of the Nativity story, then Walking Backwards to Christmas is probably the way.

Priced £7.77 at Eden.co.uk or £7.81 on Amazon.co.uk



A handy little book for busy people!

During the especially busy Advent and Christmas seasons, this book offers brief, down-to-earth reflections that bring prayer and Scripture into everyday life in a thought-provoking and lasting way.

Mary DeTurrís Poust's reflects on the daily lectionary readings to help readers grow in their understanding of the word of God. This handy, pocket-size book will help busy people achieve their goal of enriching their prayer life during the special seasons of Advent and Christmas.

**This book is produced annually so look out for the 2022-2023 version.*

Priced £2.99 at Eden.co.uk (low stock) or £4.11 on Amazon.co.uk

AN UPSIDE DOWN TALE OF
ANGELS, ASSES, ASSASSINS
AND A BABY IN A MANGER

CHRISTMAS: A MISCELLANY



Alison J. Askew

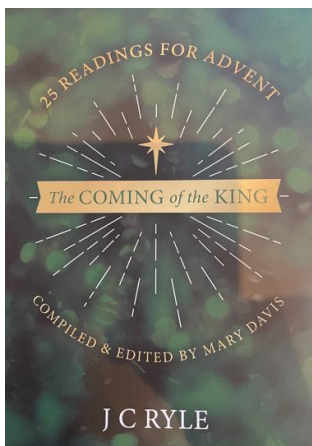
Suitable for believer or seeker alike and for private devotion or group discussion.

An inspiring, challenging and sometimes amusing book looking beneath the surface and behind the scenes of the Christmas story.

The Rt Revd John Pritchard, formerly Bishop of Oxford writes 'Alison Askew has the happy knack of seeing stories from the inside out. She tells those familiar Nativity stories in ways that make us stop, think, recognise, smile. Above all she helps us to re-connect with the reality of them, the sheer down to earth humanity of them. You may have wondered what it was like for Mary, Joseph, or even a shepherd, but where else have you entered the thought-world of Isaiah the prophet, Herod the killer or a bereaved mother in Bethlehem?

With further reflections, questions to ponder and ways to pray, this book throws fresh light on old truths and could, perhaps, re-light the fire of our next Christmas'.

Priced £6.99 from Amazon.co.uk & limited copies available from the office with all royalties given to Friends of the Holy Land providing food, medical care and schooling for the neediest Christians in the Holy Land who are an increasingly marginalised and impoverished minority within their homeland.



Short accessible readings for intentional daily reflection

These readings, all from Ryle's *Expository Thoughts from the Gospels*, contrast Jesus' first coming with his second and lead us to cover both "Advents" of the Lord Jesus.

This is a free resource available from Holy Trinity Church*

*Availability may be limited.

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