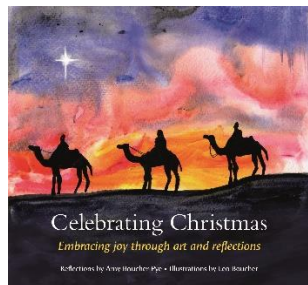


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## Celebrating Christmas

### Embracing joy through art and reflection

Reflections by Amy Boucher-Pye  
Illustrations by Leo Boucher

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In this stunning hardback gift book, father and daughter Leo and Amy offer images and words to bring you joy at Christmas: a profound, enduring joy even in the midst of pain, loss, betrayal and disappointment. Full of vivid memories and family anecdotes, ranging from the glittering lights of Oxford Street to the snowy woods of Minnesota, *Celebrating Christmas* explores the joys and sorrows of Christmas in a broken world, which is, as the author says, 'exactly why Jesus came to earth!'

### Praise for *Celebrating Christmas*

'Amy captures the true spirit of Christmas in this book that touches the heart and lifts the soul. Daughter and father, wordsmith and artist, combine seamlessly to create a celebration of the warmth, love, promise and glory of Christ's birth on earth, and what that means for us today.'

*Pam Rhodes, broadcaster and writer*

'There's something poignant in being reminded that Christmas is really about our everyday. Jesus' birth is a unique event, but the real miracle also comes in that God chose to inhabit our day-to-day reality, so God could experience what it is like for you to be you and me to be me, in all of our brokenness and vulnerability... Amy's honesty about her own experiences and that of her family brings the reality of Christmas to life, and this will resonate with so many of us.'

*Rt Revd Rob Wickham, Bishop of Edmonton*

### About the author and artist

Amy is an author, a speaker and a spiritual director. She's a regular contributor to several devotional publications, including [New Daylight](#) and *Our Daily Bread*, and her books include *7 Ways to Pray* and [The Living Cross](#). She loves baking Christmas cookies and working out in body-combat classes.

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