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BRF Advent book 2022



Sharing the Christmas Story

From reading to living the gospel

Sally Welch

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BRF's centenary year Advent book is *Sharing the Christmas Story* by the popular and respected writer, Sally Welch. A sister volume to Sally's 2022 Lent book, *Sharing the Easter Story*, her Advent reflections explore the questions, 'What is the Christmas story, and how do we share it?'

Seeking to help people progress from merely reading the gospel 'to living it', Sally accompanies her reader on an illuminating journey through familiar and unfamiliar parts of the Bible. Convinced that 'the past is not for inhabiting but learning from, not for seeking to reconstruct but for use as foundation stones for new and better,' her route is unconventional, not dictated by chronology but by the Advent and Christmas themes of promise, light, mystery, love, peace and hope.

Suitable for both individual and group use, the 40 daily reflections include a Bible passage, prayers, discussion questions and suggestions for how to run an Advent group.

Praise for *Sharing the Christmas Story*

'Sally has woven a beautiful golden cord, binding together scriptural truth and wisdom, profound contemporary relevance and insightful personal experience. Written with warmth, love and understanding, this is a genuine treasure.'

Margaret Silf, author of Lighted Windows

'Imbued with biblical insight, this book delves into the failings, the forgivings and the foibles of the way we are and the way we behave. Into the glorious muddle of our lives, we search for God and find God. In Sally Welch we have a delightful, experienced pastoral guide.'

Gordon Giles, author of At Home in Advent

About the author

Sally Welch is a parish priest of 20 years' standing, having ministered in both rural and urban contexts within the diocese of Oxford. She is currently the diocesan spirituality adviser and codirector of the Centre for Christian Pilgrimage. Sally is a committed pilgrim and has walked many pilgrim routes in the UK and Europe, with plans for many more. The former editor of *New Daylight*, she has written a number of books for both BRF and other Christians publishers. For more information and to order click [here](#).

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