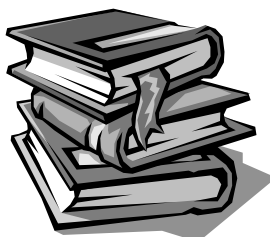


## Book Reviews

Here is a selection of books for you to consider:



**Knock, knock! Who's there? A 'lift-the-flap' board book for young children By Vicki Howie £5.99 ISBN 1841013897**

Here is an advent book for the under-5's. Young children will love lifting the flaps and seeing what lies beneath. Illustrated with full-colour, attractive pictures, and designed to encourage learning through observation, this book is ideal for sharing the story of the first Christmas with your child.

**Christmas Make & Do – stories to read, crafts to make**

**By Gillian Chapman £5.99 ISBN 1841013501**

Here is a book for 7 to 11 year olds to read on their own. It tells the story of Christmas in ten episodes with practical craft ideas. Ten double-page spreads feature a short retelling of the story, followed by instructions on how to make a project to bring the story to life. Craft ideas include collage, papier mache, print-making and weaving, using inexpensive materials and equipment. Templates are included as appropriate, with photocopy permission. Ideal as a gift.

**The Art of Waiting – daily reflections for the Advent season**

**by Wendy Bray £6.99 ISBN 1841012963**

As we embark on the waiting period that is the Advent season, stretching to Christmas, and a few days beyond, we'll discover why we're asked to wait, what we should be doing while we wait, and ultimately what we are waiting for. We begin to see how God uses our everyday waiting times to parallel the journey that is our spiritual life.

Wendy Bray wrote 'In the Palm of God's Hand' for BRF in 2000 about her experience of cancer, winning the Biography award in the UK 2002 Christian Book Awards.

**Pilgrims in the Kingdom – travels in Christian Britain**

**by David and Deborah Douglas £12.99 ISBN 0835898725**

Chapels and sea caves, mountains and cathedrals, retreat centres and holy islands.... Britain provides a breadth of Christian landscape perhaps unsurpassed in the world. From Coventry Cathedral to St Margaret's Chapel at the heart of Edinburgh Castle, from CS Lewis' Oxford to TS Eliot's Little Gidding, this book ranges across Elizabeth Barrett Browning – 'Earth's crammed with heaven, and every common bush afire with God'.

**Jesus and People Like Us – the transforming power of grace**

**by Nick Baines £8.99 ISBN 0715208209**

The people who followed Jesus on his three year journey from Galilee to Jerusalem were invited to leave their familiar surroundings for an unknown future. They were introduced to people and situations that made them uncomfortable. Their view of the world was reshaped. They discovered resources within themselves that they never knew they had. They were invigorated, enthused, emboldened and excited, as well as horrified, frightened, disillusioned and humiliated. This book by the Bishop of Croydon – an author and BBC broadcaster – draws hope from the people like us, who lived with the grace of God among them.