



A Bag of Blessings!

'Christmas won't be Christmas without any presents,' is the opening line of the novel, 'Little Women', a well-loved classic.

If we were to believe some parts of the media, Christmas 2020 is already spoiled or even cancelled – but that simply isn't true.

Christmas 2020 will be different, but it will still be Christmas!

This 'bag of blessings' is a gift to you to bring a little bit of 'sparkle' into Advent, and to brighten your journey to Christmas. We hope it makes you smile!

Check the list, find the items for each day, and have fun.

The Important Safety Stuff...

Please be aware that several items in this box are not suitable for children under the age of 36 months due to small size and/or possible choking hazard

Please do not leave children alone to play with small items, balloons or candles

Please do not leave lighted candles unattended

All foodstuffs are suitable for vegetarians. Allergy information is derived from bulk packaging where available. If in doubt, please do not consume.

Gold coins - contain milk

Celebration chocolates - contain milk, soya, barley, wheat, peanuts; may contain hazelnuts, almonds, oats

Love Hearts sweets – check packaging (none identified)

Hot chocolate – check sachet (contains milk)

Balloons are made from latex



HOPE	November 29	Open the envelope labelled 'Advent 1' and read the text for this week
	November 30	Candle – to lighten the darkness; light this candle when it gets dark and enjoy its flickering brightness. 'The light shines in the darkness' John 1:5
	December 1	Card star and star stickers – stars shine in the dark sky and help people find their way. You may like to write a 'hope' message on the card star. Where will you stick the gold stars?
	December 2	Key ring – sometimes Jesus is called the 'Key of David' who unlocks hope for everyone.
	December 3	Paper chain – join these colourful strips together and think of all the people from church doing the same – a colourful, hopeful prayer!
	December 4	Rainbow ribbon – a symbol of hope, perhaps you could use it as a bookmark
	December 5	Calendar tab – we look forward to 2021 hoping that it will be a good year.
LOVE	December 6	Open the envelope labelled 'Advent 2' and read the text for this week
	December 7	Wooden heart – write a loving message to yourself. Place the heart where you will find it when you need a lift.
	December 8	Love heart sweets – enjoy the sweetness and the fun messages. Remember God loves YOU
	December 9	Blessing sticker – where will you stick this loving message?
	December 10	Paper heart – write a loving message to someone you know, leave it where they will find it or post it to them.
	December 11	Hot chocolate – a cuddle in cup! Enjoy the luxury of this lovely Fairtrade drink.
	December 12	Bubble bath – enjoy a warm bath or shower, and cherish yourself, as God cherishes you.

JOY	December 13	Open the envelope labelled 'Advent 3' and read the text for this week
	December 14	Bubble mix – this week's gifts are all about fun, just blow bubbles and maybe enjoy popping them!
	December 15	Tinsel – a little bit of sparkle to add to your tree
	December 16	Balloon – blow it up, tie it, hang it up or play a game with it
	December 17	Gold coins – small and chocolatey! Let it melt in your mouth... enjoy!
	December 18	Coloured bauble – a small round trinket to hang on your tree.
	December 19	Angel charm – we think of angels at Christmas time. You could clip this one your coat and keep it with you
PEACE	December 20	Open the envelope labelled 'Advent 4' and read the text for this week
	December 21	Dove – the sign of peace (and also of hope). What is peace to you?
	December 22	Wooden angel – when Jesus was born, angels sang good news of peace for the earth
	December 23	Crown – Jesus is sometimes called the 'Prince of Peace'. Why not wear this crown?
CHRISTMAS EVE	December 24	Jingle bell – traditionally, bells are rung at midnight to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Maybe you can hang this bell on your tree?
CHRISTMAS DAY	December 25	Open the envelope labelled 'Christmas Day' and read the message. Hang the flat wooden bauble on your tree, and enjoy eating the celebration chocolates... 'there's a new king born today!'

