Caritas
Diocese of Salford



Advent 2026

Will you help to rewrite and change the script for one person?

How will you #BeeThere during Advent?

www.caritassalford.org.uk/SchoolsBeeThere

Advent prayers of intercession

Let us pray…

Let us shine the spotlight on food poverty. We give thanks for the blessing of food on our table and pray for all local children, families and individuals who will be hungry this Christmas.
R/ Lord, help us to be there for others.

Let us shine the spotlight on homelessness. We give thanks for the safety and comfort of our home and pray for all local children, families and individuals who won't have a safe place to call home this Christmas.
R/ Lord, help us to be there for others.

Let us shine the spotlight on our God-given gifts and talents. May we put them to great use as we help local people experiencing poverty or homelessness this Christmas.
R/ Lord, help us to be there for others.

Let us shine the spotlight on the work of Caritas. We pray for all local people in crisis who, with our help, Caritas will be able to support not just during Advent and Christmas but every day.
R/ Lord, help us to be there for others.

Stay with us, Lord, on our journey. Amen.



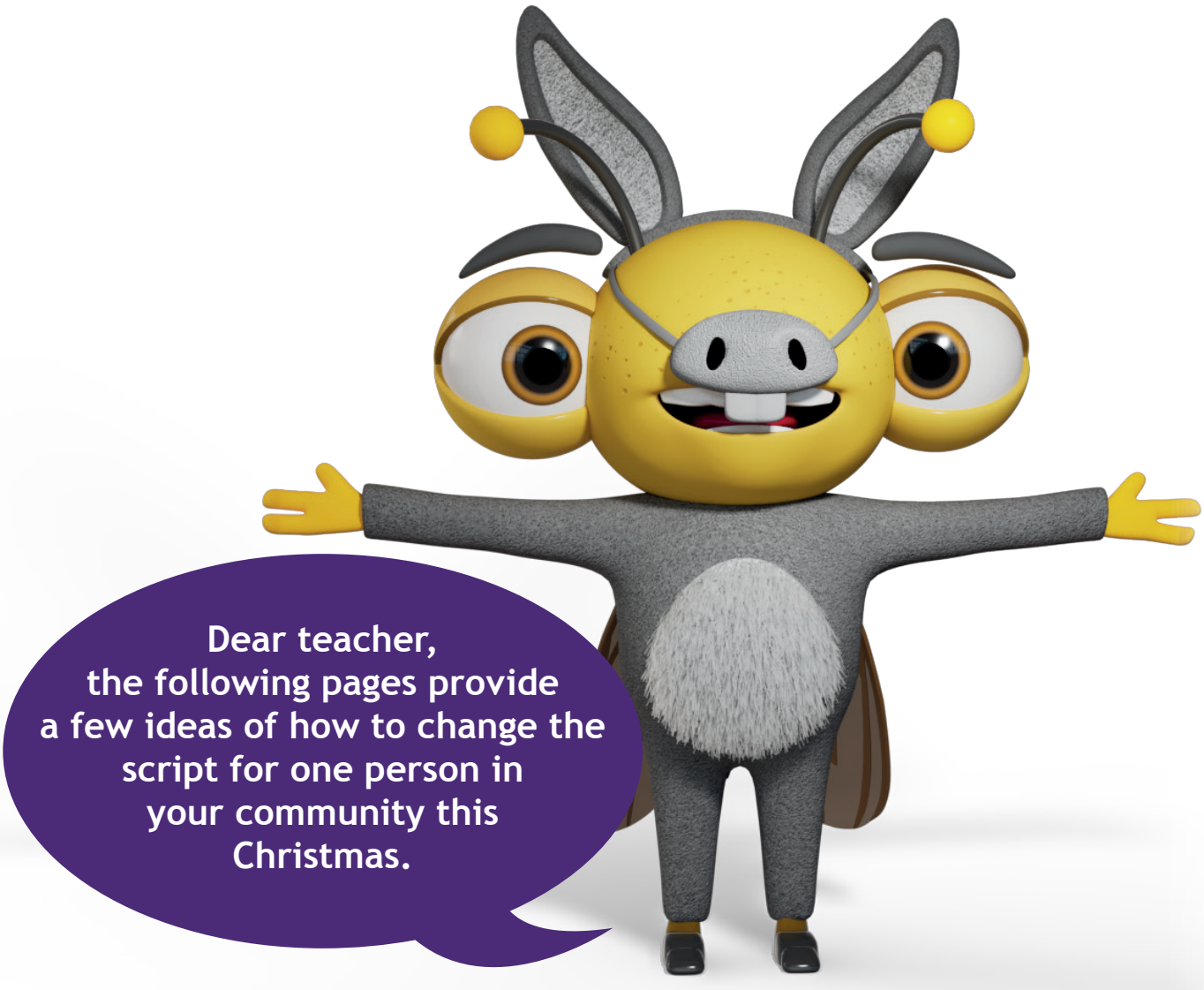
**Dear teacher,
please visit our website
www.caritassalford.org.uk/
SchoolsBeeThere
to download the special
Caritas Advent 2026
assembly and prayer
resources.**

This Advent, Caritas Salford is asking if you will rewrite the script for just one person?

It simply isn't fair that some local children and adults don't have enough to eat, or somewhere safe to call home. We know that you agree!

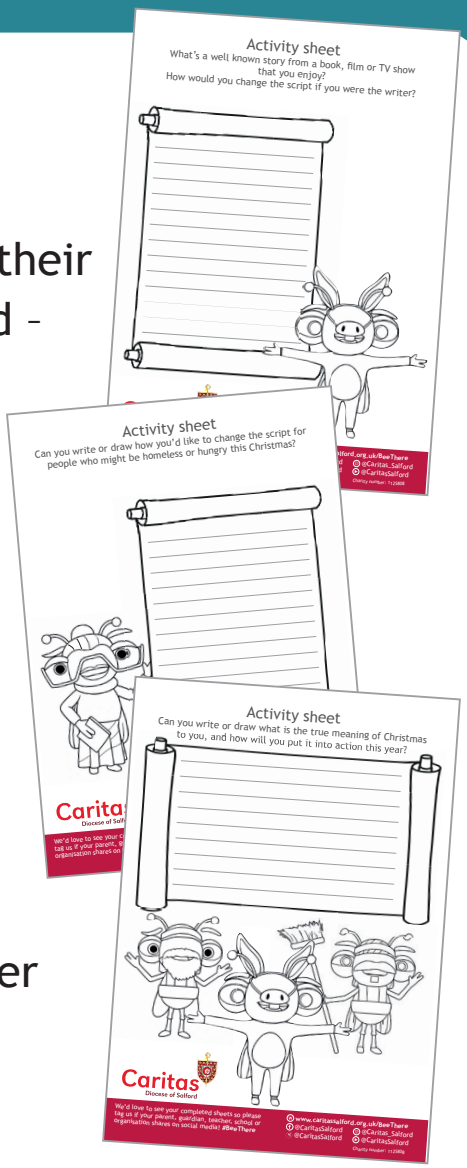
Whether you enjoy writing scripts, poems or song lyrics, acting or performing, or being involved in designing and making the scenery, we need you to #BeeThere to help someone this Christmas.

Because everyone deserves hope, a safe home and a future built on dignity.



Have you seen our animation? Bee quick! Tune in now!

Our bees are buzzing with excitement during their school's version of the greatest story ever told – the birth of Jesus. However, they are keen to change the script which says there's no room at the inn. They think we should all try to **#BeeThere** for others.



Why don't you get involved too?

For example, can you write or illustrate how you would change the script for one local person who is homeless or hungry this Christmas.

If sharing your work on social media, remember to use the hashtag **#BeeThere** and tag us.

Fundraising

This Christmas, for thousands of people across Greater Manchester and Lancashire it's a familiar story. No safe place to lay your sweet head. No welcome for the stranger. Too much loneliness. Will you help to change the script?

Your donation or fundraising efforts can help to change the script for one local child or adult who is homeless and hungry this Christmas.

Why not hold a class talent show to spotlight your gifts and talents and raise some money?
We can't wait to hear what you plan to do.

Dear teacher, please visit our website (www.caritassalford.org.uk/SchoolsBeeThere) to view the Caritas 2026 #BeeThere Advent animation and to download these activity sheets.

Not just for Christmas...

Every year in our Caritas day centres, we provide more than 75,000 personal toiletry items for people experiencing poverty, homelessness and displacement. If your class would like to collect and donate items for us this Christmas, please could you help us with this enormous task of having enough of the following products?

As you light each candle on the Advent wreath, try to collect the following items.



Week 1 Hope

Please collect toothbrushes and toothpastes.



Week 2 Peace

Shower gel this week.



Week 3 Joy

Anti-perspirant for men and for women.



Week 4 Love

Shaving gel or foam, disposable razors and period products.



Dear teacher,
you can download the Caritas gift catalogue www.caritassalford.org.uk/AChristmasGift for more ideas of what funds raised could help pay for.



How do schools arrange for Caritas to receive donated items?

Even if you have previously dropped off items to our day centres in the past, please do familiarise yourself with these **new** updated arrangements, which are in place for the safety and safeguarding of everyone. There is no hurry to receive items before Christmas, as we need toiletries all-year round.

We are able to accept visitors only between 2pm and 4pm Monday to Friday, please. We know that school staff will ensure that any under 18s accompanying the drop off will be supervised by their adults at all times, and care will be taken by everyone when lifting and carrying items from the car park to inside our building.

Bury: Red Door day centre on Peter Street, BL9 6AB

Manchester: Cornerstone day centre on Denmark Road, M15 6JS and the Lalley centre on Eggington Street, M40 7RG

Blackburn: Please contact **fundraising@caritassalford.org.uk** to arrange an appointment or simply bring to the Diocesan Senior Leaders' Conference at the Mercure Dunkenhalgh on 21 January 2027.

Dear teacher,
we do not need any of these items gift-wrapping or making into individual parcels or shoeboxes. It is fine to bring in sacks, large boxes, or bin liners so that we can give out to people on a daily basis accessing hot showers or visiting our food pantry.
Thank you.

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