

A Christmas Carol

Advent is upon us – for many, a time of Christmas shopping, parties, wrapping presents and looking forward to happy times with family and friends.

It's easy to overlook that not everyone who is homeless, hungry and alone is so because of their own choices or laziness.



And it's also easy to overlook that the [increase in homelessness](#), hunger and other difficulties faced by so many, both in the UK and elsewhere, is caused not by “peace and goodwill”, but by the greed, selfishness and callous indifference of too many.

So, alongside taking time to share the joy of well-known Christmas carols, you might also like to take time to share the plight of others less fortunate, as in this less well-known adaptation of “[Away in a Manger](#)”, recorded in 2017 by the Stanmore Choral Society

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With thanks and appreciation to the many charities doing their bit to promote peace and goodwill around the world – not just at Christmas but throughout the year.