



When her newborn daughter Lombeh fell sick, Amie tried everything to get her help but she just kept getting weaker. She remained severely malnourished until Amie visited a maternity clinic supported by CAFOD.

The sisters who run the clinic were able to provide little Lombeh with a nutritious local weaning mix and she immediately began to improve. Now, years later, Lombeh is a lively, energetic child who can't believe she was ever so sick.

You're holding a carol service! This is a great way to prepare for Christmas in your parish and collect funds to change lives this Advent.

CHOOSE A LOCATION AND DATE

- Ask Father when the best time for a carol service would be during Advent.
- Choose an evening or weekend so that as many of the parish as possible can attend.
- If you have a parish hall, you may want to continue singing carols or offer food and drink there after the service.
- Find out if other churches are holding a carol service – you may be able to organise an ecumenical service, or a festive procession between churches.

ASK FOR HELP

- Make sure Father has the date in his diary!
- Ask for helpers to give out carol sheets – we've collected our favourite carols for you. Get yours to print out: cafod.org.uk/Advent.
- Recruit some strong singers to help lead the carols and ask any musicians in the parish to get involved.
- Ask the local school or youth group if they would like to get involved too!
- Find some helpers to hold a collection if you're having one and some coffee-makers and bakers to help with refreshments.

SET A TARGET

- Serving mince pies and coffee, or even mulled wine after the service in return for donations can be a great way to raise funds.
- If a band or choir are singing, you could make it ticketed and ask for a small donation for tickets.
- If you are holding a collection during or after the service order free donation envelopes - and a lanyard for online giving! - from cafod.org.uk/shop so that donations to your event can include Gift Aid.
- You can also order free contactless donations device - and learn how to use them! - at cafod.org.uk/contactless





PROMOTE YOUR CAROL SERVICE

- Put posters up at the back of church and in any local community spaces.
- You can also put a notice in your parish newsletter and on social media, to encourage people to bring along friends and family.

MAKE YOUR EVENT SAFE

- Make sure your venue is well ventilated and that you are following the latest Covid guidelines.
- If you are going outside during any part of the service, ensure everyone wears warm clothes and adheres to road safety rules.
- If you are serving food, make sure this is done safely and that ingredients are clearly labelled for those with allergies.
- If you'd like more advice, or support with writing a risk assessment, check our fundraising pages online, or get in touch with your local volunteer centre at cafod.org.uk/UK.

SEND IN YOUR MONEY

- Pay in your donations online at cafod.org.uk/give, by phone on **0303 303 3030** or by post to the address below. Don't forget to include completed envelopes so that we can claim Gift Aid on the donations you've collected!
- Please include a brief note about how you raised your funds and ask for any extra thank you letters or thank you posters you'd like.
- If you haven't already tweeted a photo of your carol service to @CAFOD, please email one to events@cafod.org.uk so we can see what you've been up to!

Have a very happy and blessed Christmas from everyone at CAFOD!

CAROLS FOR CAFOD

We've put together a whole sheet of our favourite carols - download them at cafod.org.uk/Advent

Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright.
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child.
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,
Christ the Saviour is born!
Christ the Saviour is born.

Silent night, holy night!
Son of God love's pure light.
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth.



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