

# Shopping Challenge

For the kids

**\$10**

**CHRISTMAS  
FUN WITH  
AN ADVENT  
CALENDAR**



For Dad  
(or husband)

**\$25**

**A  
LIFE-CHANGING  
BOOK**



For wife  
(or Mum)

**\$22**

**FAIR TRADE  
JEWELLERY**



I'm always keen to favour gifts that will help build healthier family relationships by spending time together. Fortunately my daughter is still young enough to have fun learning the Christmas narrative through Anglicare's advent calendars. The bonus, of course, is that the profits from your purchase help fund Anglicare's Christ-focused community services in Sydney.

Online store: [www.anglicare.org.au](http://www.anglicare.org.au)

Christian books are a great stocking-filler and word guru Kel Richards' Christmas 'mini-dictionary' slips in very snugly. Published by Matthias Media, it not only explains the meanings of common Christmas traditions, those unusual seasonal words like 'advent' and 'frankincense', but cleverly communicates the gospel in a gentle way. At \$25, the publishers even suggest it is cheap enough to hand out at Christmas services. If you want a more substantial gift, Blue Bottle Books have put together a Christmas pack meant to appeal to any dad – even if he is utterly disinterested in religion. The pack includes a T-shirt. However the real treasure is Bishop Al Stewart's new book, *Men: Firing through all of life*, which offers solutions to the questions thrown up by the malaise of mid-life.

Blue Bottle Books phone: 8268 3344  
Matthias Media online store: [www.matthiasmedia.org.au](http://www.matthiasmedia.org.au)

I don't have a good track record for buying tasteful jewellery, so my wife kindly chose this bracelet from the wide selection of Fair Trade jewellery on the Tribes and Nations website. Like many of their products, the profits go to support some of the world's poorest. This particular bracelet is made by disadvantaged Xhosa women in Cape Town, South Africa – most are single mums struggling with AIDS. Tribes and Nations also have a range of Christmas hampers and gift vouchers available. While not in my budget, their latest hamper showcases a range of exotic coconut products. For \$85 the hamper includes soaps, a moisturiser, a purse, and low-fat cooking oil, amongst other items.

Online store: [www.tribesandnations.com.au](http://www.tribesandnations.com.au)

## HAMILTON FUNERALS

The Australian Owned Alternative

Hamilton Funerals is owned and operated by Adam and Michael Ranagan and Shawn Hamilton. Together they provide care, sensitivity and a much more affordable service at your time of need, or with pre-arranged and pre-paid funerals.

Funerals Conducted in all Suburbs of Sydney  
[www.hamiltonfunerals.com.au](http://www.hamiltonfunerals.com.au)

North Shore  
**9489 2228**

Eastern Suburbs  
**9326 9707**

Northern Beaches  
**9907 4888**



## Nostalgia Now

a program to equip  
seniors to share  
their faith

for further information please contact:  
Rev Bruce Geeves, Diocesan Missioner to Seniors  
T (03) 6220 2020 E [ministrycouncil@anglicantas.org.au](mailto:ministrycouncil@anglicantas.org.au)  
<http://www.anglicantas.org.au/nostalgianow/index.html>

## ACT!

for the Christmas Bowl



assistance in  
emergencies



Injustice  
response



development and  
poverty reduction

freecall 1800 025 101 • [www.ncca.org.au/cws](http://www.ncca.org.au/cws)  
christian world service/ national council of churches in australia