

The Christmas Story

On 25th December we celebrate Christmas, the birthday of Jesus who was called Christ.

Before Jesus was born, his parents, Mary and Joseph, went to a town called Bethlehem. It was very busy and they couldn't find anywhere to stay. A friendly innkeeper let them sleep in his stable with the animals. Jesus was born and Mary wrapped him in clothes and put him in a manger. A star appeared in the sky over the stable.

Out in the fields, some shepherds were looking after their sheep when suddenly an angel appeared. The shepherds were very scared. The angel told the shepherds not to be scared because he had brought some good news. He told them that Jesus had been born and that he would be the person who would save the world. He told the shepherds to go and see Jesus. Then there were lots more angels who sang glory to God and peace on earth.

The shepherds went to see the baby Jesus. They knelt down in front of the manger and were very happy that they had found the one who had been sent by God. When they left, they told everybody they could find about Jesus and about how he was going to save the world.

Later on, some wise men came from the East to see Jesus. They brought special gifts because they knew that Jesus was a king. They were surprised that he had been born in a stable and not in a palace. They worshipped Jesus and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

And so...

Each Christmas we celebrate Jesus being born. God gave us Jesus as a present to show that he loves us. Each Christmas we give each other presents to show people that we love them.

Nativity Sheep Trail

The shepherds want to go and see baby Jesus but first they must find all their sheep! It seems they've wandered into town, as some people have spotted them in the shops!

Shop Name

Sheep Name

Aphrodite Designs

Bamboo

Becalmed

Bo-Belles

Dougal's Den

Footprints

Foxlowe

Leek Post & Times

Moorlands Cookshop

Mr Simms

The Cabbage Rose

Unique

Yankee Candle

To help the shepherds round up their sheep, write the sheep's name next to the shop in which you found it.



Thank you for taking part in the Leek & District Nativity Trail and helping the shepherds find their sheep!

So what next?

As a special thank you, the shepherds are holding a prize draw. To enter:

1. Tear along the dotted line
2. Clearly enter your details below
3. Place this side of your leaflet in the prize draw box in any church in Leek & District, Leek Post & Times, The Foxlowe or Co-op Funeral Care
4. Take home the colouring picture side of the leaflet

Name (print clearly):

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Contact telephone number:

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Email:

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Age:

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The prize draw will be held at the Leek & District Churches Together service at Trinity Church, Russell Street, at 4pm on 8th January 2017. Why not come along to see who wins!

Winners will be notified directly and announced in the Leek Post & Times and on Moorlands Radio.



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