



## **Welcome to our Crib Service 2020**

As our traditional busy Crib Service will not be possible, we have arranged with Nicholas Allan for permission to adapt his popular children's book 'Jesus' Christmas Party' into an online zoom Crib Service.

You can order a paper copy of this booklet and a 'Make your own Nativity' scene, so while our band plays Christmas carols, you can sing along at home and make each part of the nativity scene. If you do not have a kit, you can draw a Nativity scene on a large piece of paper. By the end of the service, each family should have made their own crib scene at home.

We have asked all families to send us a video of them singing 'Away in a Manger' to create an amazing All-Oxshott version of the Christmas Carol. Watch for your appearance! We have also asked some to share their favourite Christmas jokes, to share some seasonal joy! We are also asking everyone to watch a YouTube video to learn 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas' in Makaton sign language. We can then see each other singing online, even if we are on mute!

In addition to the illustrations from the story about our grumpy innkeeper, this booklet also contains the traditional readings from the service, so you can read along, and some Christmas prayers for you to share at home. There is also an invitation to our next family service when we will be making Christingles from oranges and sweets!

## Luke 1.26-33

In the Town of Nazareth in Galilee, the Angel Gabriel appeared to a young woman called Mary. Mary was promised in marriage to Joseph, who was descended from the family of David. Gabriel said: “Greetings to you who are highly favoured. The Lord is with you”.



Mary was troubled by the Angel’s greeting and wondered why he had come to see her. “Do not be afraid Mary. God has chosen you to be mother of a child, his son. He is to be named Jesus. He will be great and his kingdom will never end.”

“But how will this be?” asked Mary. “The Holy Spirit will come to you and God’s Grace will be with you, for your child will be known as the Son of God.”

At these words Mary knelt before Gabriel. “I am the Lord’s servant” she replied. “May it be as you have said.” Then the Angel then left her.



## Crib Service Prayer

Lord, whose Son was born in Bethlehem  
Maker of all things in a helpless babe,  
Lead us to that same poor place,  
where Mary laid her tiny child.  
And as we look on in wonder and praise  
Make us welcome in him all new life,  
And care for his handiwork in the earth, the sky and the sea.  
We pray for this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### Luke 2.1-5

Soon after Mary and Joseph were married, the Emperor Augustus passed a law saying that everyone should return to their home town to be counted. Mary and Joseph had to travel from Nazareth in Galilee to Bethlehem in Judea, the town of David, because Joseph belonged to the house of David.

### Luke 2.6-7

At last Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem. They found the city full of people. The streets were crowded and every house and lodging place was already full. Joseph was anxious to find somewhere for Mary to rest as she was worn out by the long journey. Eventually a kind inn keeper let them take shelter in his stable. During the night Mary's son was born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger as there was nowhere else for the baby Jesus to sleep.



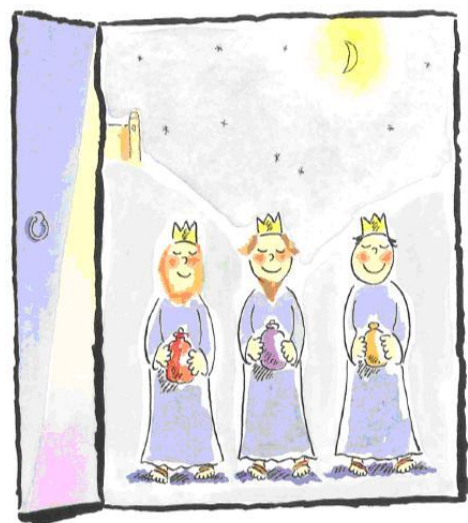
## Luke 2.8-20



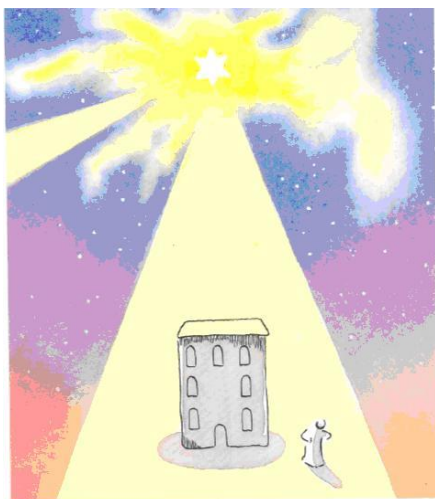
In the fields near Bethlehem there were shepherds tending their flocks. Suddenly a brilliant light blazed through the darkness and an angel appeared. The shepherds, terrified, hid their eyes, but the angel reassured them. "I bring you good news. Today in Bethlehem a child has been born, who will be the saviour of all people. You will find him in a manger." Then the night sky was filled with heavenly beings, and angels singing in praise of God. They spoke of peace on earth and friendship between everyone. "We must go at once to see the child," the shepherds said. They hurried to the town where they soon found Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus in the stable. They were very excited when they left and as they praised God they told everyone they met of what they had seen. Only Mary was silent, thinking quietly to herself of all that had happened.

## Matthew 2.1-4, 7-11

News of the birth of Jesus spread far and wide. A group of wise men travelled from the east to Jerusalem. When they arrived they asked everyone, "Where is the child who has been born King of the Jews? We have seen his star and have come to worship him." When Herod heard this he was deeply disturbed and all of Jerusalem with him. He summoned together all the priests and lawyers of the Jewish people



and asked them in what city the child was to be born. “In Bethlehem” they told him. Herod sent for the wise men and said “Go to Bethlehem and when you find the child come and tell me so that I may go and worship him too.”



So the wise men left Jerusalem and took the road to Bethlehem. The star guided them all the way, until, as they drew near the walls of the little town, it shone even brighter and stopped quite still over the place where Jesus was.

As they entered the house they saw Mary and her small child and falling on their knees they worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh.

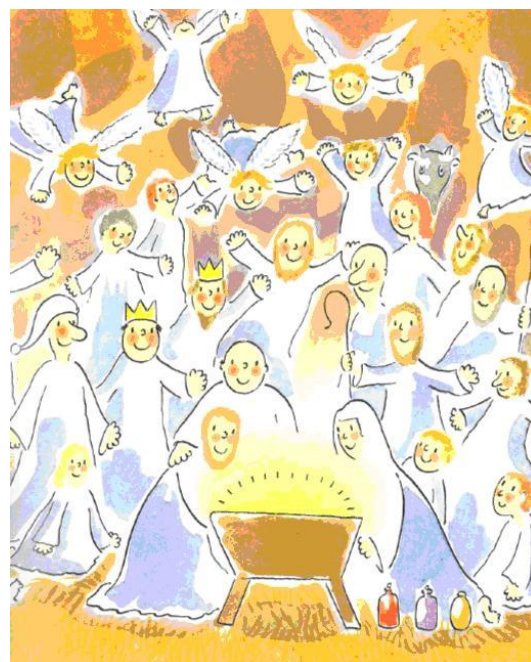
## **Isaiah 9.2, 6-7**

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light. A child is to be born for us.

He will be king over all the world.

He will be called Wonderful Counsellor,  
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of  
Peace.

And he will reign for ever.



## Christmas Prayers for your Family

Holy Jesus,  
By being born one of us,  
And lying humbly in a manger,  
You show us how much God loves the world.  
Let the light of your love always shine in our hearts.  
Welcome us, your children, into your kingdom,  
To enjoy being with you forever.  
Amen.

God of comfort and joy,  
may we know your presence with us today  
and bring your gentle, joyful love to others,  
this Christmas and always.  
Amen.

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**StAks@home**  
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StAks@home is a resource to help children and young people develop a relationship with Jesus and have fun too! While we can't meet in person at the moment, these resources are designed to energise and challenge youngsters as they explore faith and have lots of fun too. For more information and to enable you to make the most of these resources, please go to [www.standrewsoxshott.org.uk/staks-at-home](http://www.standrewsoxshott.org.uk/staks-at-home)



# Christingle.

Join us online.  
Sunday 31st January 2021.

[www.standrewsoxshott.org.uk/StAks-at-home](http://www.standrewsoxshott.org.uk/StAks-at-home)

## You will need:

An orange  
Some tin foil  
A candle  
A red ribbon  
4 cocktail sticks  
Some sweets

