

CHRISTMAS AT ST, PAUL'S CHURCH.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Wednesday 30 November to Sunday 4 December 10am – 5pm (Sunday 2-5pm)

TRADITIONAL NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS, Saturday 17 December 4pm

CHRISTMAS EVE

CRIB SERVICE, CAROLS AND CHRISTINGLE, 4pm

MIDNIGHT MASS BY CANDLELIGHT, 11pm, Carols from 10.20pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

FAMILY EUCHARIST, 10.15am

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What to do next

1. Fill in your details
2. Tear along the lines
3. Place your entry in the box in St Paul's Church

Name (print clearly): _____

Contact telephone number: _____

Date of birth: _____

The competition is open to children who are 11 years old and under.

Winners will be announced at the Crib Service, 4pm on Christmas Eve, winners not present will be contacted by telephone.



Children's Christmas Competition



Sponsored by St. Paul's Church, Mothers' Union.

The Christmas Story

On the 25 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 could not find anywhere to stay. A friendly innkeeper let them sleep in his stable with the animals. Jesus was born, and Mary wrapped him in cloths and put him in the 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 afraid because he had brought 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 everyone they could find about Jesus and 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.

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Find the Sheep

When the angels came to tell the shepherds about the birth of the baby Jesus some of the sheep were very frightened by the light and the sound of the voices and ran away to hide. If you look in the windows of some of the independent shops in the town you may out find where they are.

Fill in the list below with the names of the sheep and the shops and return the lower half of this page to St Paul's to enter a prize draw.

REMEMBER TO PUT YOUR DETAILS ON THE BACK



Competition entry (Children 11yrs and under)

Number	Name of sheep	Name of shop
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12		In St Paul's Church