

# 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 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 scared 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 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.

# Christmas Sheep Trail

Our shepherds have lost their sheep. They know they are somewhere in Formby. Can you visit all the places below and see if you can help our shepherds find their missing sheep?

Formby Pool

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The Bakehouse

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Pose

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The Cutting Gallery

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In House

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Smiths

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Formby Methodist Church

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Broughs

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Cassidy's

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Derbyshires

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Formby Library

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Silver and Rose

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When you find a sheep you can write its name in the spaces above.

The sheep trail runs from 1st December - 13th December 2019

## Thank you for taking part in the Formby Christmas Sheep Trail

The Christmas Sheep Trail is an activity run by Formby Methodist Church. We hope you've enjoyed taking part in the trail and finding all of the lost sheep.

Have you found the names of all the sheep? Have you written their names in the spaces?

Would you like to enter a prize draw to **win a £20 cinema voucher** for the Vue? (Every returned trail sheet will receive a small prize as well as having a chance to win the vouchers)

So what do you do now?

1. Tear along the dotted line
2. Take home the colouring picture side of the leaflet
3. Clearly enter your details below
4. Place this side of your leaflet in the prize draw box at Formby Library before 13th December or bring it to our Christingle and cake service at Formby Methodist Church on Saturday 14th December at 4.30pm.

Name (print clearly):

Address:

School:

Contact telephone number:

Email:

We would like to say a big thank you to all of our sponsors and partners for making this trail possible: Formby Pool, Formby Library, Pose, Smiths, Cassidy's, Derbyshires, In house, The Cutting Gallery, Silver and Rose, The Bakehouse, Broughs, St Lukes Primary School, Trinity St Peters Primary School, St Jeromes Primary School, Freshfield Primary School



We've got lots going on in Formby Methodist Church this Christmas time to which you are warmly invited:

14th December - Christingle and cake service at 4.30pm

15th December - Blue Christmas at 3.00pm

A service for all and especially those who find Christmas a difficult, sad or lonely time.

22nd December - Carol Service at 6.30pm

24th December - Nativity service at 4.30pm

24th December - Midnight communion service at 11.30pm

25th December - Christmas day service at 10.30am