

St Mark's Reigate - Travelling Crib

We are delighted that you have decided to give a home for the night to Mary, Joseph and the donkey. The family **above** you on the following list should contact you to arrange a convenient time for them to arrive with the Holy Family on the date beside your name. We suggest that you have a corner ready for them, perhaps with a candle, and when they arrive, use the welcoming words below. Please then contact the family who **follow you** on the list, and make the arrangements to take Mary, Joseph and the donkey to their house on the day **after** their arrival at your house. **If your details are incorrect, please inform the Parish Office and the person before you on the list.** If you have any problems over contacting them, or transport, or anything else, let us know. **The figures are being blessed during the first Advent Sunday service at 10.00am and will be returned by the last family to the Crib Service at 4.00pm on Christmas Eve. It would be wonderful if everyone could be present on either or both occasions.**

WELCOMING WORDS FOR THE HOLY FAMILY

Visiting family: We have come with Joseph and Mary and their donkey.

Receiving family: They can spend the night with us.

Visiting family: They are on their way to Bethlehem.

Receiving family: We shall go with them tomorrow.

Visiting family: Mary is expecting a wonderful baby.

Receiving family: What will the baby's name be?

Visiting family: He will be called Jesus, the Saviour, the Prince of Peace.

Receiving family: O God, thank you for sending Jesus to us as a tiny baby. Help us to build peace in a sad world, to care about the poor, the lonely and the sad, and give us joy at Christmas time, for your sake. **AMEN**



Please can you help us to follow Joseph, Mary and the donkey on their travels around our parish?

We would love to see your photos of the crib on our Facebook page so previous and future host families know how they are getting on.

Simply go to <https://www.facebook.com/StMarksChurchReigate/> and add your photo. You can put the enclosed picture in a window near your front door after Mary and Joseph have left and either keep it or return the picture to the Parish Office after Christmas to re-join the Holy Family.

Thank you.