

Holy Trinity Redditch Advent Journey Map

Suggested Resources

We hope you enjoy following our Advent Journey Map. The churches of St Stephen's, St Leonard's, St Philip's are part of Holy Trinity Redditch Parish and have put together an advent journey map for you and your family to use together. We have a few suggestions for how you can complete the activities.

We will be posting on the Holy Trinity Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/holytrinityredditch/> throughout Advent, we would love you to share your photos of progress through the advent journey map. We are also hoping to share some videos with you on doing some of the tasks. Please like the page so you can get involved.

We hope you find these resources useful. They are only a guide. Be creative use your imagination and most importantly have fun!

Please share what you are doing, we would love to see what you are getting up to.

You can order a free Christmas Booklet 'It Begins in Bethlehem' from The Bible Society. The book accompanies the rhyme suggested for viewing on 15th.

<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/christmas/your-free-nativity-rhyme-booklet-this-christmas/>

29th Nov – Make your own advent wreath, either using real candles or in paper form like this one - <http://www.freefunchristmas.com/handmade-christmas-gifts/paper-plate-advent-wreath-2/>

30th Nov – Pray for others who might be struggling this Christmas.

1st December – Do the dishes or lay the table for dinner without being asked.

2nd Dec – Light a candle when you sit and eat your meal. Use it as a prompt to say what you are thankful for.

3rd Dec – Learn how to make an origami paper star
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FligBRRVwjo>

4th Dec – Read our Diocesan December Baptism matters guide to Aliens in Underpants, This story is fun and light hearted, yet links in so strongly with why Jesus came to Earth - [Aliens in underpants save the world](#)

5th Dec – Create a crib scene display at home that can be added to through Advent (minus baby Jesus and the wise men)
<https://www.dltk-holidays.com/xmas/felt/index.htm>

6th Dec – Make/send/email an extra Christmas card this year. Perhaps to the corner shop, the local care home, an elderly relative or a neighbour you don't know
<https://printable-cards.gotfreecards.com/categories/christmas/coloring-cards>

7th Dec – Donate to a local charity - find out what local charities for families and children are looking for this year, could it be a gift card or money donations?

8th Dec – Decorate pebbles with Christmas images

9th Dec – Listen to some Christmas carols. Practise singing along with them for the National Carol Concert on 20th December.

10th Dec – Could you help someone today? Ask those you live with or are in your bubble how you might help them today.

11th Dec – Make a paper angel to decorate your home <https://www.ourkidthings.com/simple-folded-paper-angels/>

12th Dec – When hanging your Christmas lights talk about Jesus being the light of the world, or go for a walk and look at Christmas lights and talk about Jesus.
<https://www.barnabasinschools.org.uk/idea/jesus-light-world>

13th Dec – Make a Christmas table decoration. Be creative and recycle items you already have at home.
<https://www.apieceofrainbow.com/snow-diy-winter-christmas-table-centerpiece/>

14th Dec – Make a donkey for your nativity display/scene if you haven't already got one. You could use clothes pegs as legs
<https://www.dltk-kids.com/ANIMALS/mpaperdonkey.htm>

15th Dec – Watch the animated version of Bible Society "It begins in Bethlehem"
<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/christmas/>

16th Dec – Read the Christmas story, a little bit each day. Use your favourite Christmas Story book or try an online version.
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/christmas/nativitystory.aspx>

17th Dec – Make a donation of a Christmas food item or money to the food bank
<https://redditch.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/>

18th Dec – When you go for your walk today, talk about what it would have been like for Joseph and Mary walking all the way to Bethlehem. Sing 'Little Donkey' as you walk.

19th Dec – Colour in a Christingle ready for our Christingle service tomorrow
<https://lettheirlightshine.com/2015/11/06/paper-plate-christingle/>

20th Dec – Join with us for an online Christingle service starting at 3pm
<https://www.facebook.com/holytrinityredditch/> or join in with a National Christmas Carol Concert at 5:30pm on your doorstep, there are carol sheets available and a DAB radio station to tune into so you are singing along! <https://www.facebook.com/CarolsOnTheDoorstep>

21st Dec – Write a blessing/prayer to use on Christmas Day

Happy Birthday Jesus. I'm feeling blessed today because.....

Thank you God for.....

22nd Dec – Call or FaceTime someone you miss on the phone and have a chat?

23rd Dec – Christmas is a busy time, make some time today to have ½ an hour to find a space to be quiet and do something you like doing. Read a book/comic/have a bubble bath/watch a Christmas cartoon/draw or paint a picture. Try Cosmic Kids Christmas Yoga Adventure

<https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x64k337>

24th Dec – Attend our virtual Messy Church Crib Service see our Holy Trinity Facebook page for details of how to join in.

25th Dec – Read the last part of the Christmas Story, put baby Jesus in your nativity scene/play your favourite carol.

