

25 December is Christmas Day. It's called Christmas because it celebrates the birth of Jesus who was called Christ. So, Christ-mas is how we get the name of the day. The story of that first Christmas can be found in the Bible, but it is often acted out in schools and churches in nativity plays.

The story tells of how, before Jesus was born, his parents had to travel to a town called Bethlehem. The town was very busy and they couldn't find anywhere to stay. They had to sleep in a stable and, that night, Jesus was born. A very bright star appeared in the sky over the stable.

Out in the fields, shepherds were looking after sheep. But an angel appeared and told them to go to Bethlehem and see Jesus as he was a very special baby who had been sent by God to bring hope to the world. Despite being scared, the shepherds were also very excited and they went straight there.

Wise Men also visited Jesus. They had spotted the star in the night sky and decided to follow it. It led them to Jesus. When the Wise Men saw the baby, they worshipped him and gave presents of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Each Christmas Christians celebrate Jesus being born. God gave the world Jesus to show how much we are loved. There is no better present than to let someone know you love them and Christmas is a special time to do that.

To discover more about the Christmas story and what became of Jesus, why not pop along to one of the local family-friendly church services.

All Saints' Church, Long Lane, 304 Long Lane UB10 9BT
(on the corner of Ryefield Avenue) (Church of England)

Details can be found on the parish website <http://allsaintsnorthhillington.co.uk>

St John the Baptist Church, Royal Lane UB8 3QP (Church of England)

Online Christingle Service on Christmas Eve (24 December) at 4.00 pm.

Go to www.stjohnshillingdon.org.uk and click on the orange to join in!

Hillingdon Park Baptist Church, 25 Hercies Road UB10 9LS

Find details of services and activities at www.hillypark.org.uk

North Hillingdon Methodist Church, 260 Long Lane UB10 9PB

Christingle on 13 December at 6.00 pm, Christmas Day Worship at 9.30 am

(Find out more at www.northhillingtonmethodistchurch.org)



The Christmas Nativity Trail

In the shop and business windows at Hillingdon Circus, Ryefield Avenue and on Sutton Court Road, there are knitted figures from the Christmas story. Can you spot them?

When you find one, write down where you found it in the space provided.

Character	Shop/business
Mary	
Joseph	
Jesus (in the manger)	
Angel	
Grey donkey	
Brown cow	

Character	Shop/business
Shepherd (green)	
Shepherd (brown)	
Sheep	
Wise Man (red)	
Wise Man (yellow)	
Wise Man (green)	

**When you have found where all the characters are,
 fill in your details overlaid and enter the prize draw.**

We hope you have fun taking part in the Christmas Nativity Trail.

To enter the draw

When you have written down where all the nativity figures are, cut off this page of the leaflet.

Complete your details below and post the form through the letterbox of North Hillingdon Methodist Church, 260 Long Lane UB10 9PB.

Name:
Phone:
Address:
Email:
Age:	7 and under <input type="checkbox"/> 8 and over <input type="checkbox"/>

Unless you inform us otherwise, your details will only be used for the purpose of this draw and then destroyed.

All entries must be returned by **24 December 2020**

The draw will take place on **Sunday 3 January 2021.**

Thank you to all the shops, businesses and schools for making this possible, and especially to you for taking part.

The Christmas Nativity Trail is an activity by churches in Long Lane.

(All details are correct at time of printing, but are subject to latest Covid advice)

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