

St Mary's Buriton

Nativity trail 19-29 December

We hope you will enjoy following our trail of the story of Jesus' birth.

Please remember to keep a 2m distance from anyone not in your household. Please allow space if another family is at the same point. The references in brackets show where the story can be found in the bible



The trail begins at...

1 Pond Green

The angel comes to Mary

(Luke 1:26-38)

The angel Gabriel was sent to Nazareth to a young girl called Mary who was engaged to marry Joseph. The angel gave her a message from God. Mary would have a very special baby. He would be the Son of the Most High God. His name would be Jesus.

Continue up Bones Lane to...

2 Grantchester House

Mary and Joseph on the way to Bethlehem *(Luke 2:1-5)*

The Roman Emperor Augustus ordered a census to be taken throughout the Roman Empire, so Joseph and Mary had to go to Bethlehem to register. It was a long journey.

Go up the footpath beyond Grantchester House to...

3 Heatherfield on the green

Host of angels *(Luke 2:8-14)*

In the fields near Bethlehem, some shepherds were looking after their sheep (you'll see them later on the trail). Suddenly they were aware of an angel with a special message for them and they saw a host of angels singing "Glory to God"

Continue down Heatherfield to...

4 The Village Inn

The star *(Matthew 2:1-2 and 9-10)*

In a distant country some astronomers, Magi, observed a bright new star in the sky.

Begin to walk up Petersfield Road to the green at...

5 Sumner Road

The Magi *(Matthew 2:1-12)*

When the Magi saw the star, they knew that a special child, a new king, had been born. They felt compelled to follow the star to find the child and pay him homage. That was a *very* long journey!

Hundreds of people had journeyed to Bethlehem to register for the census. The accommodation filled up fast. Mary and Joseph struggled to find a place to stay.

Continue up Sumner Road to 6 the green with the swings on and then come back down Glebe Road. On the way, how many "inns" can you see that are already fully booked?

Carry on down the High Street to....

7 The Five Bells

The shepherds

(Luke 2:8-20)

In the fields near Bethlehem, some shepherds were looking after their sheep. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, with good news "This very night in Bethlehem your Saviour has been born. He is Christ the Lord. You will find him in a manger

Then a whole host of heaven's angels appeared singing praises to God.

Continue down the High Street to

8 St Mary's Church

Jesus is born

(Luke 2:4-7)

When Mary and Joseph got to Bethlehem, Mary gave birth to her first son, Jesus. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn.

Jesus is the greatest gift of all.
He is the Saviour of the world.

The trail ends here but the story of Jesus, Emmanuel God is with us, continues in our lives.

You may like to spend some time quietly at the manger

You may like to pray this prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ

Your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in
wonder at heaven touching earth;

Accept our praises as we worship you.

our Saviour and our eternal God. Amen

