



WINKFIELD PARISH NEWS

December 2022

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Christmas: The Heart of Sharing, goodwill and peace

Christmas is a testimony that 2000 years ago God ventured into our tiny planet to transform humans from a self-destructive path. The birth of Jesus Christ has had a deep impact and influence on our world. So great is the impact, that time itself is divided as Before Christ and After Christ.

However, we must think beyond a mere birthday celebration. We need to look at how His birth and life transform our families and communities. How are we guided to better relationships today. The angels who appear to humble shepherds of Bethlehem proclaimed that His birth has brought peace and goodwill on earth.

The war in Ukraine is an event that puts paid to that longing and achievement of peace. Nearer home we have our own conflicts. The peace announced by the prophets and the Angels begins with individuals. When we wholeheartedly open our minds and hearts to the Godchild, we become bearers of that peace. Our Hearts have prepared Him room. He just doesn't lodge but is also allowed to rule. We therefore become channels of His peace, to our families, our neighbours and our communities.

Without the Prince of Peace, our inherent self-centredness at war within ourselves inevitably brings conflict with our neighbours. This conflict then conflagrates into communities and into countries.

Our places of worship should be sanctuaries of peace, welcome and hospitality. It's always a surprise to find strife and divisions in the church. Perhaps this means that there is no room for the Prince of Peace in our hearts.

My prayer is that we will welcome the true spirit of Christmas and become the channels for worldwide peace, and go beyond mere self-indulgence this season, to discover true and lasting peace and joy by reaching out to others around and beyond us. Then the Prince of Peace can say that it is truly a happy Christmas, and we will continue to prayerfully sing the Carol, 'In the Bleak mid-Winter':

"What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb,
If I were a wise man I would do my part,
Yet what I can I give Him, give my heart."

Merry Christmas and a fresh horizons in the New Year.

Rev. Patrick Mukholi. Advent 2022.

From the Parish Registers for October 2022

Baptisms

Cole Junior Sheeran

2 October 2022

St Mary's Church, Winkfield

Alexander Ronald McCullough

9 October 2022

St Peter's Church, Cranbourne

Weddings & Blessings

Debbie & Paul Gates were married on 1 October 2022 at St Mary's Church, Winkfield

Funerals etc.

The Funeral of the late Maureen Bennet took place at St Martin's Church on Wednesday 12 October 2022, followed by a family-only cremation at Easthampstead Crematorium.

A Cremation service for the late Hugh Edwards was held at Easthampstead Crematorium on Friday 14 October 2022

The Interment of the late Richard Berridge took place in St Peter's Garden of Remembrance on Saturday 15th October 2022

A Cremation Service for the late Bob Stanley was held on Thursday 20 October 2022 at Easthampstead Crematorium

Requiescant in pace

Other notices

Church Office

Office hours are: Monday-Friday 9:30am – 12noon. The Church Office is open for visitors on Tuesdays & Fridays.

Contact info: Church Office: c/o St Martin's Church, Church Road, Chavey Down, SL5 8RR Phone: 01344 882933 or email

admin@winkfieldandcranbourne.org.uk

Website: <https://winkfieldandcranbourne.org.uk>

If you are arranging an event, please contact Stephanie in the Church Office at the email address above, so that it can be noted in the Church diary and recorded on the website.

Don't forget to use our fundraising links:

<https://www.winkfieldandcranbourne.org.uk/donate.htm>

Safeguarding in the Parish

The Parish safeguarding details are at:

<https://www.winkfieldandcranbourne.org.uk/safeguarding.htm>

Safeguarding is part of our core faith and an integral feature of Christian life. Please be alert to the fact that Safeguarding concerns arise in many different guises. So we should always have faith to question, especially when something does not feel right.

Should you have any Safeguarding concerns, please contact our Parish Safeguarding Officer, Mrs Camille Jeffs, via the Church Office on: 01344 882933, or email safeguarding@winkfieldandcranbourne.org.uk (please begin message with 'SAFEGUARDING').

Invitation for articles

The Winkfield Parish News is almost entirely based on articles written by local people, about local events, or of interest to other local people. All contributions are welcomed – particularly about what involves you so much that that you would like to share it!

Guidelines for articles can be found on past parish mag pages. Look at these mags to get a general idea of what is needed, and then look at the guidelines – click on [Parish Mag guidelines](#) or go to the parish mag web page <https://fosmw.com/parishmag> and press the [Parish Mag Editorial Policy](#) button. Articles are typically 200-400 words long, but, with agreement, can be longer or shorter. A pertinent photo may be useful, but may not reproduce well on the printed magazine.

The parish mag, currently a monthly journal, is published on the second-last Sunday of the month before the new edition's month. Deadlines for articles are about 10 days earlier; this works out as a few days after the 10th of the month for the next month's edition. Click on [deadline](#) for more.

We will normally publish interesting articles that follow the guidelines, but the editors always reserve the right to curtail or delay submissions. We are always ready to give guidance and advice. Write by email to the editors, Mr and Mrs Anthony Hodson at info@fosmw.com and always put 'parish mag' somewhere in the Subject field for any message to do with the Winkfield Parish News (AKA 'the parish mag').

Local reports and events

Music and Merriment

The Music and Merriment Christmas Concert will take place at 7:30pm on Saturday 3 December at St Mary's church. That is, on the eve of the first Sunday in December. It is too late to post any publicity for this great event in this magazine, but we can still point anybody seeing this before the event to the Friends' website <https://fosmw.com/> where you can buy online tickets using the [MandM online tickets] button.

Tickets will also be available at the door.

The planning of this concert is a major exercise, going back several months, and putting it on is a team effort by many people who put in much voluntary time and energy. Thank you, everybody, who has contributed so much, and I pray that your efforts will be rewarded with a great and successful concert. I am particularly grateful to all those who took the strain when I, the Concert Director, found myself in Frimley Park Hospital in mid-November, with just a Galaxy Smart-phone to keep in touch as best as was possible! You were fantastic!! Thank you.

Anthony Hodson, Concert Director

Bellringers Parish Mag Report November 2022

The tower ringers continue to ring at the start of most of the services and are working towards a couple of quarter peals which I will report on when they occur.

We are lucky to have four young ringers in our band now ranging from 12-16 years of age, all of whom are progressing well. If anyone else would like to have a go then have a word with Tony.

It was lovely to welcome a delightful family to the tower who wanted to ring our bells to celebrate the end of two and a half years of treatment endured by a lovely 3-year old little girl.

The entire family had a go on the hand bells and made a joyful (and musical!) sound followed by chiming on the tower bells.

Those who wanted went to the top of the tower to have a look at the bells as well. A truly lovely evening of celebration.

This week four of us visited the Parish Church in Windsor to ring their tower bells before a funeral service of an old friend.

The 5th Sunday in October saw the hand bell ringers contributing to a special service - we rang the Ukrainian National Anthem followed by our own National Anthem.

We were pleased to welcome The Black Swan Handbell Ringers for a Christmas Together evening. Both groups rang a couple of individual pieces and then we rang some communal pieces. This was all set off by mince pies, spiced apple juice, tea and coffee. A most enjoyable evening.

We will be ringing at the Savill Garden on 17 December at 10am - do come along and listen. It is a lovely venue to visit for shopping and coffee!!

3 December sees our very popular 'Music and Merriment' evening in church and we have some interesting and slightly different pieces of music planned!!

Remember to purchase your tickets!

Also remember to book your tree for the Christmas Tree Festival - starting on 10 December and continuing up to Christmas. Think of imaginative ways to decorate your tree and let's see if we can have even more trees than last year!

Our very popular quiz night is booked for Saturday 11 February, at Brownlow Hall this time - speak to any of the bell ringers for tickets.

Unfortunately we are still missing one of our red top tables so if people could keep an eye out for it that would be great.

Take care,

Jill Glennerster 01344-884071

See also the Special Bellringing Report on page 9. Eds.

.St Mary's Choir

The choir was joined again by our extra singers for the All Souls service and Remembrance Service. Both of these services were led by John Kimbell. Henry Smith played the organ on both occasions. He ended the Remembrance service with a moving performance of Elgar's 'Nimrod'. We are extremely grateful to our extra singers, to Henry and all organists who play for us.

Remembrance Sunday

The Royal British Legion (RBL) and the Girl Guides followed the choir to the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday. Wreaths were laid by members of the RBL, the Parish Council, the Winkfield Women's Guild and

**St Mary's Church
Bellringers**

quiz

**In aid of
St Mary's Church**

7:00pm BROWNLOW HALL

Saturday 11 February 2023

£10 **PERTICKET**
4 PER TEAM

Including ploughmans supper (B.Y.O.B)

tickets available from 01344 886087 or any bellringer

RAFFLE TO BE DRAWN ON THE NIGHT



St Mary's Church Second Christmas Tree Festival

Taking place on
Saturday 10th December

10.00am until 4.00pm

Sponsored and decorated
Christmas trees displayed both
inside and outside the church
until

Monday 26th December

Come and enjoy stalls,
entertainment and refreshments
Entrance is free but donations
will be warmly welcomed

St Mary's Church, Church Road Winkfield. SL4 4SF

the 9:30am congregations. When back in church, the banners were taken to the Chancel and placed on the altar. There were five readers followed by five children reading prayers. The roses that they had cut out and coloured at Crafty Church were taken to the altar.

St Mary's Women's Guild

Our first meeting at the home of a member was where our November meeting took place. Plans for the Christmas Tree Festival were discussed along with arrangements for the forthcoming Music and Merriment concert.

Christmas Tree Festival

Set up day for the Festival is 9 December, and the Festival opens on Saturday 10 December. 17 trees have been ordered and there will be several stalls and refreshments. The pupils of a local music teacher will be giving a short concert in the afternoon.

A special Bell Ringing report

A family in Maidens Green asked whether the Bell Ringers would ring for their daughter. Their 3-year-old daughter was diagnosed with leukaemia in July 2020 at 14 months old and, after a very tough couple of years, she finished her treatment at the end of October. Traditionally, the children who have beaten cancer get to ring a bell.

Unfortunately, the hospital ward couldn't let too many family members into the ward, as it is strictly parents, and sometimes siblings if the ward is quiet.

It has been a strain on all the family and they asked if they could attend a tower bell rehearsal on a Monday evening and allow the child to 'help' ring a bell. Tony Bish, Tower Bell Captain, contacted the family and arranged for 24 members of the family to take part.

The children and adults rang the handbells and chimed the tower bells together. A very special evening for a brave little girl.

A moving and heart-warming story. Thank you, Tony for a wonderful gesture. Eds.

Friends of St Mary's Winkfield

We are so pleased to know that Anthony is much better, home from hospital and able to continue with the Music and Merriment concert on 3 December. Our thanks to Lucy who took over the children's choir on

behalf of her father. Anthony has taken over as rehearsal accompanist for Lucy on Sunday evening's, and will be in evidence on the day.

St Mary's School Winkfield

It was good to welcome the school for their Harvest Service after an absence of 3 years. They will be returning for their Christmas service in December.

The School's Chairman of Governors, a professional musician, is a guest-soloist for the Music and Merriment concert on 3 December .

A report from the Easthampstead Rotarians

The latest action from our Easthampstead Rotarians was the End Polio Now collection at Tesco Warfield. The result - over £500 was donated by the generous shoppers. This total will be doubled by the Bill Gates Foundation. This gives an additional £1000 towards the global polio eradication program - whose infrastructure has also been instrumental in the worldwide fight against the Coronavirus.



The Berkshire Recorder Consort at St Peters 10December

The Berkshire Recorder Consort will be giving a concert at St Peters church at 7pm on Saturday 10 December. This remarkable group was formed in 1979, performing to a high standard a repertoire ranging from Medieval Music to contemporary composers encompassing a wide range of musical styles.



*Berkshire
Recorder
Consort*



Christmas Concert

Over 600 years of traditional seasonal music
and song by the Berkshire Recorder Consort



St. Peter's Church, Cranbourne

Hatchet Lane, Cranbourne, SL4 2EG

Saturday 10th December 2022

7.00 - 9.00 p.m.

Tickets £10

Seasonal Refreshments



Raising money for St. Peter's Church activities

for tickets ⇨ <https://StPeters-Christmas-Concert.eventbrite.co.uk>

for more information ⇨ www.event-event.org

Their main instruments are recorders, the smallest being the tiny Garklein, descending in pitch and growing in size to the Sopranino, Descant, Treble, Tenor, Bass, Great Bass and Contra Bass. In addition, the group features Voices plus a variety of contemporary and period instruments in their musical interpretations; including Crumhorns, Gemshorns, Rebecs, Smallpipes, Medieval Vielle, Gittern, Harps and Virginal. Visit their website www.recorderconsort.co.uk

Reflections on Handel's Messiah 11 December

There will be a very special occasion at 5pm on Sunday 11 December at St Martin's Church.

This will comprise music from Handel's great oratorio, performed by local musicians, together with commentary by Revd Patrick.

Details are on the flyer opposite.

Services in the Parish – December 2022

NB. All content in these lists may be subject to change without notice
These services may be subject to change or cancellation depending on the latest guidelines

Please refer to the table at the end of these schedules for the keys that are used to indicate special activities.

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

Common Worship Services

Date	Day	Time	Service
4	2 nd Sunday of Advent	9.30am	Crib & Gift Service 
		4pm	Christingle Service 
11	3 rd Sunday of Advent	9.30am	Family Praise
17	Saturday	4pm	Chavey Down Village Carol Service
18	4 th Sunday of Advent	9.30am	9 Lessons & Carols
24	Christmas Eve	6pm	Nativity Communion Service
25	Christmas Day	9.30am	Christmas Morning Family Service

Parish of Winkfield, Cranbourne & Chavey Down

Reflections on HANDEL'S MESSIAH

The Gospel according to Handel's Oratorio



PART ONE: The Christmas Section



An hour of the music, texts and messages interwoven with reflections on Handel's masterpiece on Christ our Saviour and Redeemer

**Venue: St Martin's Church, Chavey Down,
Sunday 11th December 2022 at 5pm**

Reflections led by Revd Patrick Mukholi. Come and experience Messiah choruses and solos performed by musical friends from in and around our parish with Chris Goodwin (organ)

+ join in with the 'Hallelujah Chorus'!

There will be an opportunity for offering

Please freely come - all welcome!

ST MARY'S CHURCH**Book of Common Prayer Services**

Date	Day	Time	Service
4	2 nd Sunday of Advent	10am	Family Communion
		11.45am	Holy Baptisms
11	3 rd Sunday of Advent	8am	Said Holy Communion
		10am	Family Matins, Nativity & Crib ✨
18	4 th Sunday of Advent	9.30am	Family Praise & Christingle 🕯️
		11am	Said Holy Communion
		4pm	9 Lessons & Carols
24	Christmas Eve	2pm	Carols & Candlelight 🎵
		3.30pm	Carols & Candlelight 🎵
		11.30pm	Midnight Communion
25	Christmas Day	8am	Said Holy Communion
		<i>NO Crafty Church this morning</i>	
		11am	Christmas Matins ✝️
		11.45am	Said Holy Communion

**ST PETER'S CHURCH
Services****Common Worship**

Date	Day	Time	Service
4	2 nd Sunday of Advent	11am	Family Gift Service 📖
11	3 rd Sunday of Advent	11am	Holy Communion
18	4 th Sunday of Advent	11am	Lessons & Carols Service
24	Christmas Eve	4pm	Carols & Candlelight 🎵
		8pm	Communion by Candlelight
25	Christmas Day	<i>NO services at St Peter's this morning. Please join St Martin's or St Mary's</i>	

Keys in the tables above

👤	Please bring; a new toy for a child, toiletries for an adult, Christmas biscuits or sweets for the Foodbank
🕯️	The collection is to be shared with the Church and the Children's Society
✦	Nativity Play
✝️	followed by Said Communion at 11.45am
🎵	<p>Entry by reserved booking entry only</p> <p>Maximum group booking x 10</p> <p>The bookings office opens from 12 noon on Wednesday 17th November (early bookings will not be accepted)</p> <p>St Mary's bookings please contact Lesley Philpot lesleyphilpot50@gmail.com / 01344 427561</p> <p>St Peter's bookings please contact Anne Crewe, annecrewe83@gmail.com / 01344 885091</p>



Christingle

Family Craft Café Christingle Service
 4pm, 4th December 2023
 St Martin's Church,
 Chavey Down

Family Praise & Christingle Service
 9.30am, 18th December 2023
 St Mary's Church,
 Winkfield

Thoughts of all sorts

21 December – the Winter Solstice

A Midwinter festival has been a part of life since pre-Christian times. When the hours of daylight are fewest, the warmth of the sun weakest, and life itself seemingly at a standstill, our ancestors, the pagan peoples of Europe and Western Asia, kept festival by lighting bonfires and decorating their buildings with evergreens.

Perhaps they believed that the dying sun could be enheartened by fire, and the life of the buried seed assured by the presence of evergreen branches.

With the advent of Christianity, the Spring gods became identified with Christ, and the birthday of the sun with the birthday of the Light of the World.

The early church father Tertullian did not approve of Christmas decorations. "Let those who have no light in themselves light candles!... You are the light of the world, you are the tree ever green...." But by the time of St Gregory and St Augustine, four centuries later, this had changed. Pope Gregory instructed Augustine not to worry about harmless outward customs, as long as the right God be worshipped through them. And so many Anglo-Saxon customs were never discarded, but simply endowed with a new significance.

By 1598 one John Stow of London wrote how: 'Against the feast of Christmas, every man's house, as also their parish churches, were decked with holme, ivie, bayes, and whatsoever the season of the yeare afforded to be greene.'

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Episode 22 – National Service in the Royal Navy 1955

My youngest brother Charles was born at home in Bourton House on 20 July 1955 (in those days, being born at home was quite usual – I had been born at home at 14A Westbourne Terrace, Paddington, as had my big brother Nick). Charles was christened on Sunday 4 September 1955.

The following day I had instructions from Her Majesty's Navy to present myself to Victoria Barracks, Portsmouth, to start two long years of National Service. So I paid a fond farewell to my dear family at Moreton-in-Marsh station, and set out all on an early train, full of apprehension at a long life-

journey into the complete unknown. I cannot remember the train-journey itself, but when I arrived at the barracks, I found myself just one of several hundred brand new Navy recruits. They came from all over the country, and from all backgrounds; regional accents were the norm, and my 'upper class' accent stood out like a sore thumb (although there were a few young men with similar middle-class backgrounds). I soon earned the nickname Clarence, which I didn't much like. My family were liberal-minded professional middle-class, and I had not learned snobbery at Eton. I didn't like the implications of the label; but it was there and it stayed, and I had to live with it.

We recruits were organised into 'messes' of perhaps 30, and there I began a process of social assimilation with boys of my age from all walks of life. They were young people just like me, generally friendly and tolerant, and I have no negative memories, although some of the tales they told about their home lives, particularly about relationships with women, were jaw-dropping – experience beyond my furthest contemplation.

At Victorian barracks, we were given full indoctrination into the way in which the Navy worked. I was interviewed for the possibility of a National Service Commission, but I was not accepted at that stage; it was nearly a year later before an opportunity to become an officer came again in my direction. So there I was, Ordinary Seaman Anthony Hodson, 954534. We were issued full naval kit, which included uniform and other items of clothing for work and ceremonial occasions, new polished shoes, a hammock pack that accompanied me everywhere, and other important things, like a 'housewife': a little bag full of things like needle and thread, for making repairs to one's clothes and uniform. I remember a lecture on personal hygiene, which was particularly aimed at people who had never owned a toothbrush in their lives. And there was 'square-bashing'.

We were also trained in many aspects of seamanship, some familiar to a boy with sailing background. New, however, was serious instruction in ABCD, dealing with dangers to RN ships in warfare. 'A' stood for Atomic Warfare, and included training in radiation and radioactive fallout. This would be relevant to my first ship HMS Diana, to which I was posted before Christmas. B stood for Biological Warfare; C stood for Chemical Warfare; D stood for Damage Control, meaning ad hoc repair of a ship damaged in warfare.

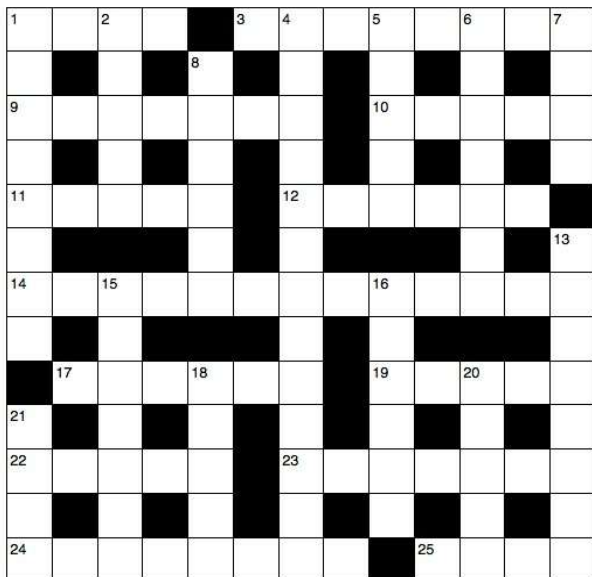
After about a month, we Navy recruits were sent to sea on HMS Theseus, an aircraft carrier converted to be a training ship. The ship set out, trainees

and all, to the island of Cyprus, where we delivered army vehicles and equipment to help the army in Cyprus cope with the EOKA 1955 uprising. Theseus experiences will await the next episode.

All episodes at <https://fosmw.com/parishmag/an-interesting-life.pdf>

Puzzles

Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1 'How long will you — your face from me?' (Psalm 13:1) (4)
- 3 'Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the — he bore'(Hebrews 13:13) (8)
- 9 Posh sin (anag.) (Romans 8:15) (7)
- 10 Solemn pledges (Matthew 5:33) (5)
- 11 Italian term for full orchestra (5)
- 12 'For he who avenges blood remembers; he does not — the cry of the afflicted' (Psalm 9:12) (6)
- 14 Prescience (1 Peter 1:2) (13)
- 17 Where a Hindu holy man lives (6)
- 19 'If he found any... who belonged to the Way, whether — — women, he might take them as prisoners' (Acts 9:3) (3,2)

- 22 Fragrance (2 Corinthians 2:15) (5)
 23 Vine hen (anag.) (Jonah 1:2) (7)
 24 Precious stone decorating the twelfth foundation of the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:20) (8)
 25 'Will you keep to the old path that evil men have — ?' (Job 22:15) (4)

Down

- 1 'Then Moses raised his arm and struck the rock twice with — — ' (Numbers 20:11) (3,5)
 2 'You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, " — — murder"' (Matthew 5:21) (2,3)
 4 One of Paul's many hardships endured as a servant of God (2 Corinthians 6:5) (13)
 5 'We ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, — inwardly' (Romans 8:23) (5)
 6 Changed (Daniel 6:8) (7)
 7 'My yoke is — and my burden is light' (Matthew 11:30) (4)
 8 Recoil (Revelation 12:11) (6)
 13 'O Lord, you have — me and you know me' (Psalm 139:1) (8)
 15 ' — to me the joy of your salvation' (Psalm 51:12) (7)
 16 Express sorrow (Isaiah 16:7) (6)
 18 'Then he said to Thomas, " — out your hand and put it into my side"' (John 20:27) (5)
 20 'God has said, " — will I leave you; — will I forsake you"' (Hebrews 13:5) (5)
 21 Son of Onam and brother of Shammai (1 Chronicles 2:28) (4)

ACROSS: 1, Hide. 3, Disgrace. 9, Sonship. 10, Oaths. 11, Tutti. 12, Ignore. 14, Foreknowledge. 17, Ashram. 19, Men or. 22, Aroma. 23, Nineveh. 24, Amethyst. 25, Trod. **DOWN:** 1, His staff. 2, Do not. 4, Imprisonments. 5, Groan. 6, Altered. 7, Easy. 8, Shrink. 13, Searched. 15, Restore. 16, Lament. 18, Reach. 20, Never. 21, Jada.

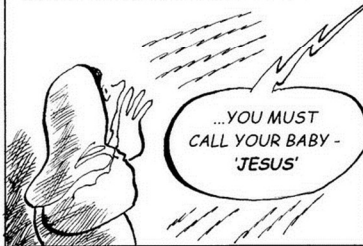
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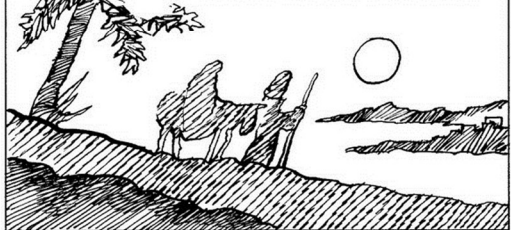
JESUS WAS BORN ABOUT 2,000 YEARS AGO IN THE SMALL TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, NEAR JERUSALEM.



AN ANGEL HAD TOLD MARY SHE WOULD HAVE VERY SPECIAL BABY



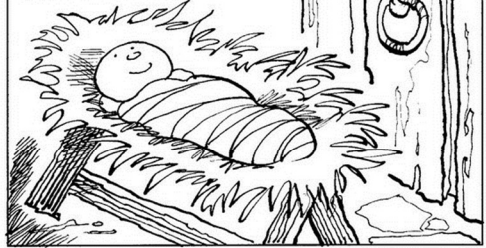
MARY AND JOSEPH MADE THE LONG JOURNEY FROM NAZARETH TO BETHLEHEM. THEY HAD BEEN ORDERED THERE BY THE CENSUS.



BUT THE TOWN WAS FULL... THE ONLY SHELTER THEY COULD FIND WAS A STABLE...



...WHICH IS WHERE THE BABY JESUS WAS BORN.



SHEPHERDS IN FIELDS NEARBY RACED TO SEE THE BABY. AN ANGEL HAD TOLD THEM WHERE JESUS HAS BEEN BORN.

