

Giving Advent Calendar

12 Days of Christmas

The giving advent calendar involves "giving" an item every day for 12 days in the countdown to Christmas:

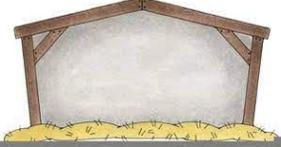
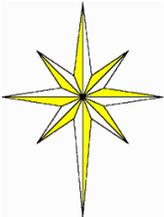
1. Choose a box to store your items in. You might like to decorate it.
2. From 1st to 12th December, add one item to your Advent box and read the nativity story for that day.
3. The boxes are being delivered to Bell Farm Community Association for distribution in the local area. You can bring your box to Holy Trinity Church at any of our services, including: Sunday 12th December at 10am and at 3:30pm (Nativity Praise, children's service); Sunday 19th December at 5pm 9 lessons and carols.

What should go in the box?

Non-perishable goods such as powdered milk (NB no baby milk), instant mash, sponge puddings and washing up liquid. Chilled / frozen products, homemade items or out of date or opened items cannot be accepted.

If you are not in a position to place an item in the box every day, you can still take part by taking a moment on that day to offer a prayer of thanksgiving, request, faith or worship.

Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father. Colossians 3:17

<p>1 God sent the angel Gabriel to visit Mary. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid because God is pleased with you. You will have a baby boy and you will call him 'Jesus'"</p> 	 <p>2 Caesar sent out an order that everyone must travel to their home towns to have their name put on a list.</p>	<p>3 Mary was engaged to Joseph, who was born in Bethlehem. Mary and Joseph travelled to Bethlehem together. Mary was heavily pregnant and rode on a donkey.</p> 	 <p>4 When they reached Bethlehem it was very busy and there was no rooms available for them to stay in. Finally, someone said they could stay in his stable with the animals.</p>
<p>5 That night, Mary gave birth to a baby boy. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger. Mary named her son 'Jesus,' just as the angel Gabriel had told her.</p> 	 <p>6. On the hills near Bethlehem there were some shepherds watching over their sheep. Suddenly there was a bright light and an angel appeared above them.</p>	<p>7 The angel said: "Do not be afraid. I'm here to bring you good news for all people. Today in Bethlehem a baby has been born, He is the one that will save the world."</p> 	 <p>8 Then a whole host of angels appeared and they said together, "Glory to God, and peace to all people on earth."</p>
<p>9 The shepherds were amazed and ran as fast as they could to the stable to find Mary, Joseph and Jesus.</p> 	 <p>10 Soon after Jesus was born, wise men were traveling on their camels. One night they noticed a very strange star in the sky.</p>	<p>11 The wise men followed the bright star in the east until it was right over the place where Jesus was.</p> 	 <p>12 When they found him, the wise men gave Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.</p>

If you have a particular prayer request, you may wish to contact: Heworth Methodist Church: Alyson heworth.methodist@gmail.com; Holy Trinity and St Wulstan's: Ann trinitypraiseteam.heworth@gmail.com York Community Church: Carol: office@yorkcommunitychurch.co.uk