

**Trinity Baptist Church**  
**Sketch: 'Peace At last'**  
**25/12/20**

*[Enter teenager, hands in pockets, grumpy]*

Ok, it's official. My family are nutters! Any sane person would be pleased they've finally gone! But, no! Apparently, we all have to flap about worrying because "We don't know where they've gone, or why." Who cares? Enjoy the space!

I mean, it's not as though they hadn't overstayed their welcome! ... Yeah, I kind of got that we had to put people up for the census – coz there's no way the Romans were gonna lift a finger to help people obey their stupid rules. But in my mind, once the census is over, that's it! Off you go!

But, apparently not! No! Joseph and Mary and that little crying machine have to stay for over a year! I mean, why? So what if Mary is my mum's second-cousin-once-removed – or whatever. They got themselves into this mess. Why do we have to bail them out? And no, I don't believe the story of his conception! I'm old enough to have worked out what really happened!

And do you have any idea how much noise a baby makes? Who knew? When they're hungry, they cry. When they need changing, they cry. When they're tired, they cry. When they're left alone for five seconds, they cry. When they can't think of anything else to do, they cry!

And everyone's so coo-ey, because he smiled, or said his first word, or whatever. Or crawled. Crawling babies are a menace! You can't ever leave a game lying about because he'll have it in his mouth.

And what's with all the visitors? The stinking shepherds on the day he was born. I mean, who in their right mind lets shepherds in their house? I reckon they made up the story of the angels just to scrounge a free meal – it's the sort of thing shepherds do.

And the magi who just left! ... Actually, they were alright – they at least had some interesting stories to tell. I think it would be cool to be an explorer like them. Though their claim that Jesus is our king is a bit odd. Whoever heard of a king being born to paupers? Though, it does seem a bit strange that the shepherds and the magi both said the same thing about him. It's not as though they're likely to have talked to each other ...

Anyway, the good news is at least I can finally have some peace and quiet round here. Even mucking out the animals doesn't seem so bad, right now. Speaking of which, I guess I'd better go do that before I get shouted at!

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