

Christmas Crib Competition

Dear All,

We would like to invite you, your family, your school, group or organisation to take part in our Christmas Crib Competition. Many children don't know the nativity story and why we celebrate Christmas. This is a fun and engaging way to discover the real meaning of Christmas.

Here's the challenge

We're inviting you to create a nativity scene out of recycled materials. This is what you'll need to do.

1. Read the two accounts of the birth of Jesus from the Bible (attached). Try and include as many of the elements and characters you can find in the story. You can get clues for what the models should look like from the texts.
2. The second part of the challenge is to make the nativity scene from recycled materials and pre-used materials. You can use glue, paint and paper to help you, but all other materials must be recycled.

The closing date is **Friday 29th November**. Cribs must be delivered to Tabernacle Baptist Church Plassey Street Penarth by that date. See next page for drop off times.

Judging and prize giving

Entries will be judged by group namely under 16, over 16 and mixed age groups. Winners will be announced on Sunday **15th December** 2024 in our service at 10.30 a.m. We would love you to attend.

Open to the public

The Church will be open for members of the public to view the cribs on **Saturday December 14th** from 10.00 am to 11.30 am.

Bringing it to life – group bookings

From **Monday 9th – Thursday 12th December**, the church will be open for groups to book a 45 minute to one-hour visit and see all the nativity scenes that have been created. Booking is essential using the email address below.

Collection of cribs

We know some groups might like to display their own cribs (and prizes) over the Christmas period. We would suggest therefore that, if you wish, your cribs may be collected from the Church



after 15th December. Any cribs that are not collected will be displayed in Church over the Christmas period.

We're so looking forward to seeing all your creative entries. If you need any more information, please contact

Ann Niblett at ann.niblett@tabspenarth.org.uk. Yours faithfully,

The Team at Tabs Penarth

More competition details

- All entries must have a completed entry form.
- Models will need to be brought to Tabs by Friday 29th November and can be collected after 15th December, but preferably after Christmas.
- Drop off times - please email to confirm your preference or make alternative arrangement:

Monday 25 th	10.00am - 12.00 and 2.00 - 4.00 pm
Tuesday 26 th	10.00am - 12.00 and 2.00 - 4.00 pm
Thursday 28 th	10.00am - 12.00 and 2.00 - 4.00 pm and
Friday 29 th	5.00 - 6.30 pm
- The base of your nativity scene must be no bigger than A1 (84.1 x 118.9 cm or 33.1 x 46.8 in) but it can be as tall as you want.
- If your model needs an electricity supply, please let us know in advance.
- Schools or community groups wishing to visit the event will need to book a time slot by contacting us at ann.niblett@tabspenarth.org.uk

Suggested Group booking time slots (booking by arrangement only using email address above)

Monday 9 th	Tuesday 10 th	Wednesday 11 th	Thursday 12 th
9.30 am - 10.15 am	9.30 am - 10.15 am	9.30 am - 10.15 am	9.30 am - 10.15 am
11.00 am - 11.45 am	11.00 am - 11.45 am	11.00 am - 11.45 am	11.00 am - 11.45 am
1.00 pm - 1.45 pm	1.00 pm - 1.45 pm	1.00 pm - 1.45 pm	1.00 pm - 1.45 pm
2.15 pm - 3.00 pm	2.15 pm - 3.00 pm	2.15 pm - 3.00 pm	2.15 pm - 3.00 pm

Weekend Opening

Saturday 14 th	
10.00 am – 11.30 am	

Christmas Crib Competition Entry Form

Name

School / Group / Individual

Age / Year Group

Is this a group or individual entry?

group

individual

Contact name

Individual entrants under 18 must provide contact details of a parent / carer

Contact Telephone number

Contact email address

Do you need an electrical supply socket?

Yes

No

The Nativity Story 1

Matthew 1:18 - 2:12

(abridged from the Contemporary English Version)

This is how Jesus Christ was born. A young woman named Mary was engaged to Joseph from King David's family. But before they were married, she learned that she was going to have a baby by God's Holy Spirit. Joseph was a good man and did not want to embarrass Mary in front of everyone. So he decided to quietly call off the wedding.

While Joseph was thinking about this, an angel from the Lord came to him in a dream. The angel said, "Joseph, the baby that Mary will have is from the Holy Spirit. Go ahead and marry her. Then after her baby is born, name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

When Jesus was born in the village of Bethlehem in Judea, Herod was king. During this time some wise men from the east came to Jerusalem and said, "Where is the child born to be king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."

When King Herod heard about this, he was worried, and he brought together the chief priests and the teachers and asked them, "Where will the Messiah be born?" They told him, "He will be born in Bethlehem, just as the prophet wrote,

Herod secretly called in the wise men and asked them when they had first seen the star. He told them, "Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, let me know. I want to go and worship him too."

The wise men listened to what the king said and then left. And the star they had seen in the east went on ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. They were thrilled and excited to see the star. When the men went into the house and saw the child with Mary, his mother, they knelt down and worshiped him. They took out their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh and gave them to him.

The Nativity Story 2

Luke 2:1 - 18

(from the Contemporary English Version)

About that time Emperor Augustus gave orders for the names of all the people to be listed in record books. These first records were made when Quirinius was governor of Syria.

Everyone had to go to their own hometown to be listed. So Joseph had to leave Nazareth in Galilee and go to Bethlehem in Judea. Long ago Bethlehem had been King David's hometown, and Joseph went there because he was from David's family.

Mary was engaged to Joseph and traveled with him to Bethlehem. She was soon going to have a baby, and while they were there, she gave birth to her first-born son. She dressed him in baby clothes and laid him on a bed of hay, because there was no room for them in the inn.

That night in the fields near Bethlehem some shepherds were guarding their sheep. All at once an angel came down to them from the Lord, and the brightness of the Lord's glory flashed around them. The shepherds were frightened. But the angel said, "Don't be afraid! I have good news for you, which will make everyone happy. This very day in King David's hometown a Savior was born for you. He is Christ the Lord. You will know who he is, because you will find him dressed in baby clothes and lying on a bed of hay."

Suddenly many other angels came down from heaven and joined in praising God. They said:

"Praise God in heaven!
Peace on earth to everyone
who pleases God."

After the angels had left and gone back to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see what the Lord has told us about." They hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and they saw the baby lying on a bed of hay.

When the shepherds saw Jesus, they told his parents what the angel had said about him. Everyone listened and was surprised.