



## Christmas 2020



A group of people from our church, St Giles and A Peace of Cake have been meeting over the last few weeks to think about how Christians in Copmanthorpe can reach out this Christmas to people living in our village. We are now working on several projects aimed at bringing some Christmas cheer and the Nativity message to others.

**Christmas Eve Village Carol Service** – Although it will not be possible for us all to meet together as in previous years, a YouTube carol service will be held on Christmas Eve. Planning for this is well under way – more details nearer the time.

**Bauble Trail** – Look out for the Nativity bauble trail round the village between Saturday 19 December and Thursday 31 December. There will be 12 sets of baubles which, if followed sequentially, will retell the Christmas story in rhyme and be accompanied by some great illustrations. You will be told later where you can get a copy of the map of the bauble sites.

**Decorating our Church Windows** – We are planning to create a visually inspiring display in the front windows of CMC. The idea is that we will create a series of six panels depicting parts of the Nativity story with a stained glass effect made from paper and coloured film. If you would like to be involved in assembling one of these panels (no artistic skills needed, just a willingness to cut and stick!) please get in touch with Ruth H by Sunday 22 November.

**Christmas in a Bag** – The biggest project is to deliver a bag containing Christmas gifts and messages to every household in the village whilst, at the same time, keeping within the constraints that are currently upon us. Many volunteers will be needed for this, both in placing items in the bags and in delivering them to people in our village. Can you help? If you can spare a bit of time, please contact Bev who can give you more details.

**Reverse Advent Calendar** – Christmas is a time for giving as well as for receiving. It should be a special time of the year but, for many families, it can be extremely difficult. We would like to support York Foodbank by donating food and special items for families living in poverty. We invite you to start now and collect one item per day, put your collected items in a box and bring the box along to CMC on Saturday 12 December between 9.00 and 12.00. If you feel unable to donate one item per day but would like to participate in this scheme, all contributions would be gratefully received and can be brought along on 12 December. The suggested shopping list from York Foodbank

Toiletry sets	UHT milk	UHT juice or squash	Tinned fruit/vegetables
Instant mash	Coffee and tea bags	Sponge puddings	Biscuits
Toothbrush and paste	Cleaning products	Soap	Cereal
Pasta and sauce	Toilet rolls	Tinned custard	Pot noodles
Baby wipes	Jam	Rice	Cooking oil

Plus Christmas treats – mince pies, Christmas pudding, chocolate, selection box, sweets.  
NO ALCOHOL PLEASE.

**Finally** – we ask for your prayers that we have the resources to carry out all these projects successfully.

