



Posada 2025

Our Mary and Joseph have travelled around the village staying with a different host household each night. They eventually returned to church for the Crib Service on Christmas Eve.

Here are two more comfortable lodgings that welcomed them this week.



Thankyou to everyone who took part this year. We hope you enjoyed it and that it enhanced your own family preparations for Christmas.

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Sunday 28th December 2025

Notices for the week

Our church is a member of the Wychert Vale family of churches



CHRISTMAS ONE

HOLY INNOCENTS

10:30 **FAMILY WORSHIP** led by Raymond Medhurst



*Heavenly Father,
whose children suffered at the hands of Herod,
though they had done no wrong:
by the suffering of your Son
and by the innocence of our lives
frustrate all evil designs
and establish your reign of justice and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen*

Services next week

9:00 **MATINS** led by David Pickup

10:30 **FAMILY WORSHIP**
led by Rev'd Nigel Featherston

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Matthew 2:13-18

The Escape to Egypt

¹³ When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."

¹⁴ So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, ¹⁵ where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son."

¹⁶ When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. ¹⁷ Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

¹⁸ "A voice is heard in Ramah,
weeping and great mourning,
Rachel weeping for her children
and refusing to be comforted,
because they are no more."

No sooner have we celebrated the birth of Jesus, a vulnerable and innocent baby, the son of God entering our world in human form, than the gospel account turns to the more gruesome reality of the world he has come into. Joseph again responds to the warning given to him in another dream, and takes Mary and Jesus to Egypt to keep them safe from the jealous tyrant Herod. Yet many other innocent children are massacred. What a world Jesus has come into.



If only this was just history! Sadly we can visualise the plight of the Holy Family because we are reminded of it by the many migrants who find themselves in equally hazardous conditions today, with nowhere safe to lay their heads, and in need of the support, care and guidance of those around them. You won't find the term "refugee" in the Bible. But the Word of God instructs us to show hospitality to people called "strangers" and "sojourners" or "foreigners". So let us do what Joseph did and respond to God's instruction with

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A Christmas message from the Archbishop of Canterbury elect

He is born!

On Christmas Day, Bishop Sarah preached at the Christmas Day service at [St Paul's Cathedral](#).

In her sermon, she spoke of a joy that is neither fragile nor fleeting. A joy born not in perfect conditions, but in crowded and uncertain places, where people are willing to make room for one another.

"Joy is born exactly where despair expects to triumph."

As the cathedral filled with carols and prayer, the message of Christmas rang out clearly: that Christ comes into the world as it is, and that this joy is strong enough to meet hardship with hope, and fear with love.

Happy Christmas. May the joy of Christ be born anew in us today, generous in welcome and confident in hope.

Coffee Cup Collection

Our Coffee Cup Collections this month will be sent to the **Community Christmas Lunch** project that offers a free Christmas Day meal in St Mary's Church in Aylesbury on Christmas Day from noon until 3pm. This event has been taking place for more than twenty years.

The free dinner is available to anyone who might be alone at Christmas, or homeless, or whose home circumstances might be difficult in some way. There is also entertainment, games, presentsand no washing up!

It is still too soon for us to receive a report on this year's lunch but when it comes we will share it. So watch this space!

New Year dates

- 3rd Jan** - Saturday Café in the Park
- 6th Jan** - Tuesday Cafes in the Park resume
- 6th Jan** - choir practice at 29b Eythrope Road
- 8th Jan** - Little Wrigglers resumes
- 10th Jan** - Joyfull Juniors
- 19th Jan** - Socially Crafty

Licensing of Revd Tracy 'TJ' Jones

You are invited to welcome Revd Tracy 'TJ' Jones to our clergy team. Bishop Dave will be leading the Licensing Service on Wednesday January 14th 7.30pm in Cuddington Church. We expect TJ to lead our worship here once a month.

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