

Nativity Trail around Crosthwaite

running from 21st December – 10th January

Introduction

Travel around Crosthwaite Village and look for the **Gold** or **Silver Stars** displayed in these Houses. Then look for the **Nativity Character** near to it and write its name along the dotted lines below.

Can you also find the missing word in each Bible verse, and use the letters indicated from this word to discover the **Hidden Message** at the bottom of this sheet?

It will be easiest if you park at the Vicarage (which you are welcome to do) and begin the Trail from there. You can then return to your car and drive on to the Punchbowl (which is safer than walking along the road between School and Church)

The Trail



Low Beck (from the Vicarage turn left and walk away from the village towards Totter Bank)

Character:

“But she was much perplexed by his words and _____ what sort of greeting this might be” Luke 1:29
Use the 1st and 5th letter of the missing word.



Damson Cottage (making your way back towards the village green)

Character:

“In those days _____ set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill _____ where _____ entered the house of Zechariah.” Luke 1:39

Use the 2nd letter of the 1st missing word, the 1st letter of the 2nd missing word, the 3rd letter of the 3rd missing word.



Fairview, The Orchard (one of the new houses up the road opposite the Vicarage)

Character:

“_____, son of David, do not _____ afraid to take Mary as your _____, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.” Matthew 1:20

Use the 1st and 2nd letters of the 1st missing word, the 1st letter of the 3rd missing word.



Dodds Howe Cottage (walk along the road to Starnthwaite)

Character:

“Then an angel of the Lord stood ____ them, and the ____ of the Lord shone ____ them” Luke 2:9
Use the 1st and 2nd letters of the 1st missing word, the last letter of the 2nd missing word, the 3rd and 4th letters of the 3rd missing word.



Hardriggs (keep walking along the road to Starnthwaite)

Character:

“to you is ____ this day in the city of David a _____ , ____ is the _____ , the Lord.” Luke 2:11
Use the 3rd letter of the 1st missing word, the 1st letter of the 2nd missing word, the 2nd letter of the 3rd missing word, the 2nd letter of the 4th missing word.



The Old Post Office (turn around and walk to the Vicarage then turn left towards school)

Character:

“And she gave ____ to ____ _____ son and _____ him in bands of cloth and laid him in a _____.” Luke 2:7
Use the 3rd letter of the 1st missing word, the 2nd letter of the 2nd missing word, the 4th and 5th letters of the 3rd missing word, the 1st letter of the 4th missing word, the 5th letter of the 5th missing word.



Cedar Lodge (keep a look out for gold or silver Stars on your way towards School)

Character:

“When they saw this they made _____ what had been told them about this child.” Luke 2:17
Use the last letter of the missing word.



Wood Yeat Barn (keep looking)

Character:

“For we observed his _____ at its rising, and have come to _____ him homage.” Matthew 2:2
Use the 2nd letter of the 1st missing word, and the last letter of the 2nd missing word.



Hollow Clue

Character:

“When they saw that the star had _____, they were overwhelmed with joy” Matthew 2:10
Use the 3rd letter of the missing word.



Village Hall (you know where this is!)

Character:

“On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they _____ down and paid him homage” Matthew 2:11
Use the 2nd letter of the missing word.



Crosthwaite School

Character:

“Then opening _____ treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”
Matthew 2:11
Use the 3rd letter of the missing word.

If you have parked at the Vicarage you might like to walk back and then drive on to the Punchbowl and the Church (a safer way to travel along this final stretch of the Trail).



The Punchbowl

Character:



St. Mary's Church – Christmas Tree in the churchyard

Character:

Once you have found the **Christmas Tree**, look for the **wooden sticks** and think about writing a **Prayer request** and/or leaving a **Message for the local community** and hanging it on the Tree. This can be part of your offering around Christmas time this year.....
We also invite you to take a small nativity figure from the box as a gift.

Hidden Message: _____ and _____ !

_____ to _____ (a repeat of the previous word) _____ !

Well done for completing the Trail.
We do hope you and your loved ones keep safe and feel God's peace and joy through this season.

We are grateful to children from Crosthwaite C.E. School who created the Nativity characters.

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