

St Mary's Nativity Online 2020

Light in the Darkness

Dear All,

This year, because of Covid-19, we are unable to have a nativity service on Christmas Eve at St Mary's, Warwick. Instead, we have written a nativity service that we will premiere at 4pm on Christmas Eve online on our Facebook page (@StMarysWarwick) and on YouTube: [Collegiate Church of St Mary, Warwick](#).

Just like our normal service, anyone can be involved. There are parts below with instructions. If you would like to take part, please do dress up and create a short video, send it to me, and you will be included in the online service. All are welcome, whatever age you are (including adults) and wherever you live. Let's come together to tell the Christmas Story!

With best wishes to you for Advent and Christmas,

Mandy

Mandy Roberts
St Mary's Church, Warwick



Video

- ✦ Please video as LANDSCAPE on a phone camera if you are able to
- ✦ Please ensure the camera is held as still as you can
- ✦ Please video against as plain a background as possible

NB: By making and submitting the video you (or the person in it) are giving permission for it to be shared online. Any contributions from under-18s will need the additional permission below completed by their parent or guardian. Please include this in your email when sending or sharing the video.

Please send your videos, along with a the signed permission form **for each child** by **Monday December 14th** to Mandy Roberts via email, WhatsApp, or, if you have online storage such as OneDrive or DropBox, please email the link.
Email: mandyjroberts@me.com Mobile: 07540 887375

Permission

I confirm that I am the parent/guardian of the under-18 featured in this video.

I hereby give permission for the video to be used as part of the St Mary's Nativity Service (online) 2020.

Name of Child*: _____ School: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

*Children's names will not be published in the video.

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You're invited to take part as...



Roman soldiers

Ask your soldier(s) to start in the middle of a shot facing away from the camera, as if listening to orders. Then ask them to stand to attention, turn smartly (left, right, or to face the camera) and then march out of camera shot.

Please feel free to do a separate take in each direction so we can give the impression of lots of soldiers. The Roman Empire was pretty big.



Shepherds

1. Please video the shepherds in the dark, ideally outside, sitting on the ground. Shine a bright light above their heads. Shepherds can either scramble to their feet or fall to their knees, looking frightened. Hold final position for 3 seconds. Feel free to do several takes, in different positions.

2. Then, separately, video the shepherds running in slow motion from left to right outside, towards bright torchlight coming from above them on the right.



Angels

Please video 10 seconds of your angel(s) standing outside in the dark, and a spotlight (bright torch or phone light) lighting them from the front.

Show angels lifting and spreading out their arms like wings, looking happy, and singing or saying 'Alleluia' or 'Gloria'.



Sheep and lambs

Mime eating grass, with occasional "baaa-aaa". Lambs could frisk around a bit, with a high pitched "baaaair".



Donkeys

Looking in a bored manner to the left, then changing to the right, and maybe an "Ee-aw".

Cows

Chewing and mooing.

Other stable animals

With appropriate actions.



Camels

Please video the camels in the dark, walking slowly, in a lumbering, camel-like fashion, from the right towards a bright torchlight (torch off camera) shining from above on the left.