

## St Bartholomew's Church Posada\*



Mary and Joseph are looking for places to stay on their way to Bethlehem...

...could you host them?

Starting on 3rd December at our All Together service (10am), our knitted nativity figures will be travelling around the parish, arriving in 'Bethlehem' at the Christingle & Crib Service on Christmas Eve (3.30pm).

### Will you find room for Mary and Joseph for a night?

#### What is involved?

1. Contact Revd Karen [karen@threesaints.org.uk](mailto:karen@threesaints.org.uk) to say when you would like Mary & Joseph to arrive at your house (please include your address and phone no.)
2. For the evening you host Mary & Joseph, why not **invite friends and family** to sing carols and to talk about the meaning of Christmas? Or have your own little service with the words and prayers provided. Don't forget to **take a photo** of Mary and Joseph in your home and upload it to the St Bartholomew's Church Facebook page (or email it to Revd Karen) so that everyone can see what they get up to on their journey!
3. The next day you need to **take Mary, Joseph and the donkey to the next host** on the Journey Rota (please make sure they will be in!). The last one brings them back to Church for the Christingle & Crib Service on Christmas Eve (3.30pm).

**\*Posada** is a Spanish word meaning "inn", and it's also the name of an old Mexican tradition where young people dressed as Mary and Joseph travelled from house to house during Advent, telling people about the imminent arrival of Jesus. On Christmas Eve at church they would re-enact the nativity and place figures of Mary and Joseph in a crib. Modern-day Posada uses nativity figures of Mary and Joseph who travel from place to place, giving each host the chance to create their own celebration in their home or place in the community, and take part in the real story of Christmas.

**Sign up and join in!**

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*The set contains:*

**Knitted figures of Mary, Joseph and the donkey**

**A5 laminated Instructions & Suggestions sheet**

**A5 laminated sheet of Handover Words**

**Journey Rota** so you can contact the next host

*Please make sure the set is complete when you pass it on.*

