



ST MARY'S  
BARNES



**From Bethlehem to Barnes**

## A Walking Nativity Trail



The congregation of St Mary's Barnes invite you to enjoy the wonder of the Christmas story in a uniquely 'Covid aware' way! Different windows in the neighbourhood depict different scenes from Angels to Shepherds to Kings, with the trail culminating at the church with the Holy Family.

A LITTLE CHILD, A SHINING STAR  
A STABLE RUDE, THE DOOR AJAR  
YET, IN THAT PLACE, SO CRUDE, FORLORN  
THE HOPE OF ALL THE WORLD WAS BORN!

## The Birth of Jesus is Foretold

In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you are highly favoured! The Lord is with you." Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favour with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; his kingdom will never end." "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God." "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her. **Luke 1:26-38**

## The Birth of Jesus

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria. And everyone went to his own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in clothes and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

**Luke 2:1-7**

## The Shepherds and Angels

And there were shepherds living out in the fields near by, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favour rests.”

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in a manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word ... The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told. **Luke 2:8-20**



## The Journey of the Magi

And the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw

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the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route. **Matthew 2:9-12**

Many thanks to the following households for participating in this socially distanced scheme and for decorating your windows so beautifully for the enjoyment of the community:

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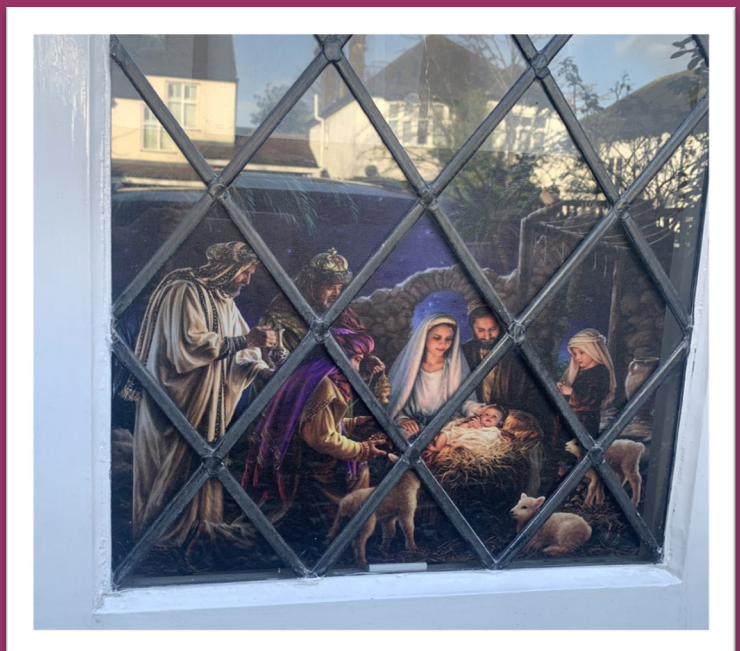
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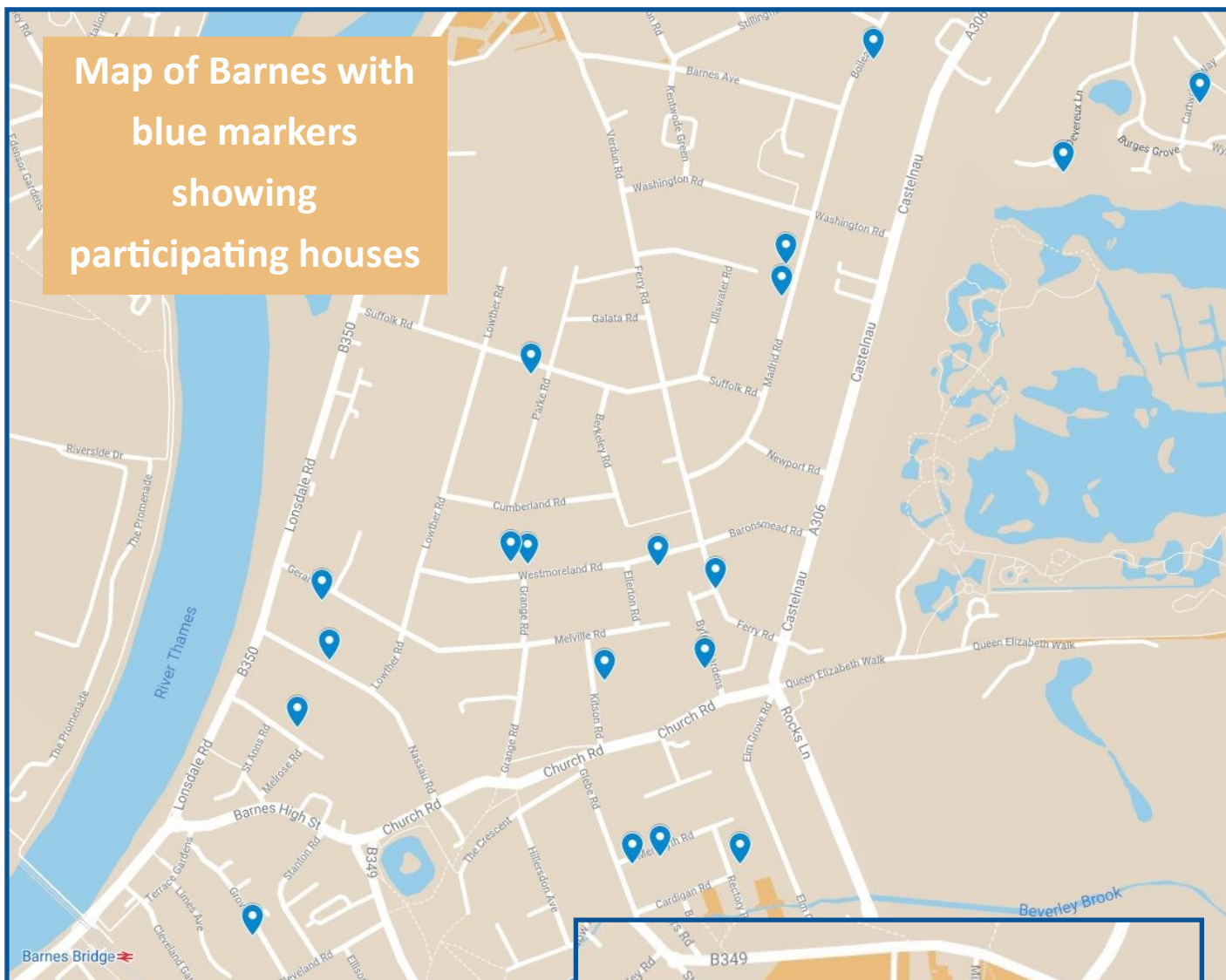
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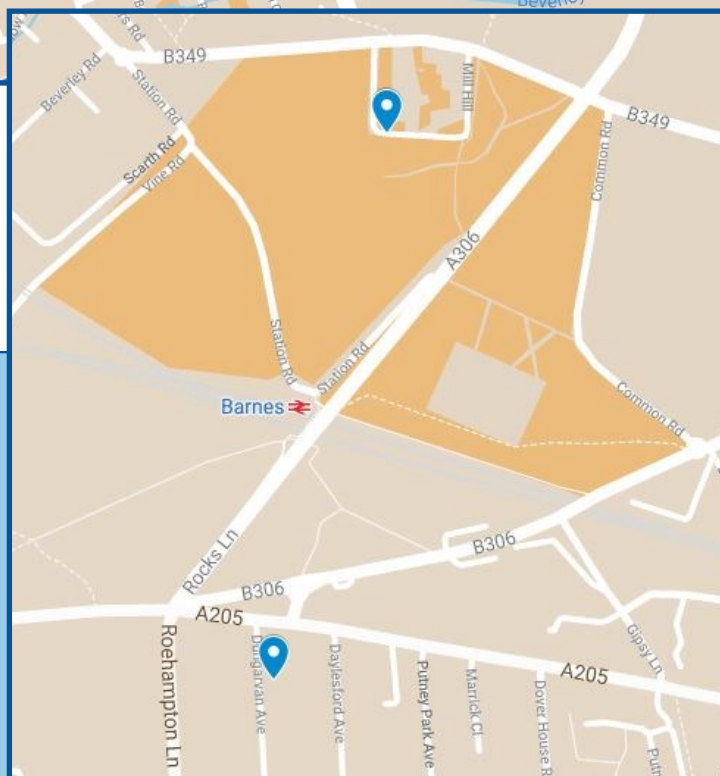
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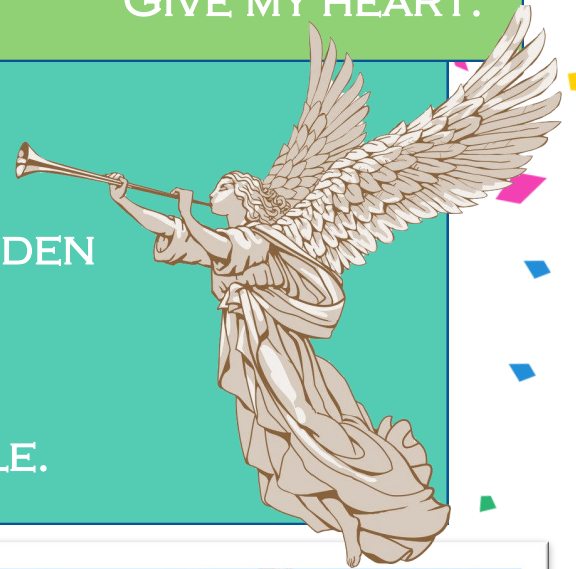
## Competition for Children

Some of the windows near the church display a small gold star with a letter inside it. Write down all the letters and see if you can unscramble them to reveal the name of a popular carol (2 words, 11 letters). A little prize is waiting for you at the church if you guess correctly! Available for collection during Christmas services and outdoor carol events. ★



WHAT CAN I GIVE HIM,  
POOR AS I AM?  
IF I WERE A SHEPHERD  
I WOULD BRING A LAMB,  
IF I WERE A WISE MAN  
I WOULD DO MY PART,  
YET WHAT I CAN I GIVE HIM  
GIVE MY HEART.

GLEAMING STAR,  
ANGELIC GLORY  
HIGHLIGHTING THE ADVENT STORY!  
DISENFRANCHISED SHEPHERDS BIDDEN  
TO BEHOLD AN INFANT HIDDEN  
IN A STABLE'S FILTH AND RUBBLE,  
BORN TO RESCUE US FROM TROUBLE.



FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN,  
UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN. ... AND  
HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED  
WONDERFUL, COUNSELLOR,  
THE MIGHTY GOD,  
THE EVERLASTING FATHER,  
THE PRINCE OF PEACE.

ISAIAH 9:6





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