



FAMILY NEWSLETTER



EDITION 2
December 2023

Welcome to the second edition of our Family Newsletter. It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! And, as I'm sure you can imagine, there's lots of family friendly events going on in our churches over the next few weeks in the run up to Christmas Day. Christmas Day is a really special day in the Christian calendar, when we remember that God loves us so much that he sent his son to live on earth. Why not try out our Faith at Home activity to help your child understand more about the meaning of this special day?

We really hope to see you at one of our events or services. Remember, we are always here for you and your family. Do get in touch if you would like to find out more.

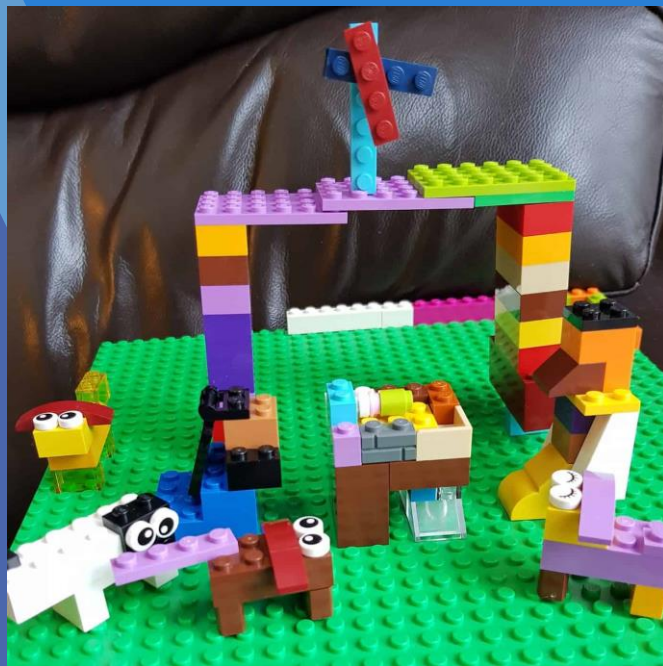
Faith at home

Christmas is such a lovely time of year for children and families. It's also a great time to celebrate Jesus. But it can also get a bit busy! We hope you will be able to find a little bit of time to reflect on the story of Christmas with your child/ren.

Lego/Duplo Nativity

Put out the big bag of Lego or Duplo on the table and invite your children to create a scene with you from the Nativity story. You could use a children's Bible to read the story from or you could watch this animated version together:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FrTFAZPQxpE>. If you would like a book with a child-friendly version of the Christmas story, please get in touch. We have some to give away!



Lolly Stick Stable

Glue 4 or 5 lolly sticks together to create a house. If you use 5, you can make a pointed roof. To make this fast, you could use a glue gun (You can get cool ones for children to use too).

Next glue a piece of paper in the frame you have created. The easiest way to do this is to use your house as a template and draw it onto your paper, then cut it out. Apply your glue to the lollysticks and attach the paper, then trim the edges if necessary.

When the glue is dry, draw or paint a picture of the Holy Family, including any additional characters you feel appropriate.

For young children, you might like to create the frames for them then encourage them to focus on their creation of the nativity scene. Ask them who they will include. Will there be any children?

You could also make a giant version using sticks, creating a centre piece of Christmas art for your home.



Come and join us for worship

We have lots of services over Christmas, but these are particularly family friendly...

Sunday 17th December – Community Carol Service – 5.30pm St Mary's Kidlington



Sunday 24th December – Joint Parish Communion with Nativity Play – 10am St John's Kidlington



Sunday 24th December – Christingle Service – 3pm St Mary's Kidlington

- Crib Service – 4pm St John's Kidlington
- Carol Service – 5pm Hampton Poyle



Monday 25th December – Christmas Communion – 10am St Mary's Kidlington

And a very special event for
all the family...



St Mary's Church Kidlington Christmas Tree Festival

16th - 17th December 2023
Saturday 10am - 4pm
Sunday 11.30am - 4pm

In aid of:

SANDS (www.sands.org.uk) which supports those affected by the death of a baby, and
Edukid (www.edukid.org.uk), which works to remove the barriers to education faced by children living in poverty and conflict.

Sponsor a tree or bring your own!
Please email: office@kidhp.org.uk
All are welcome!

