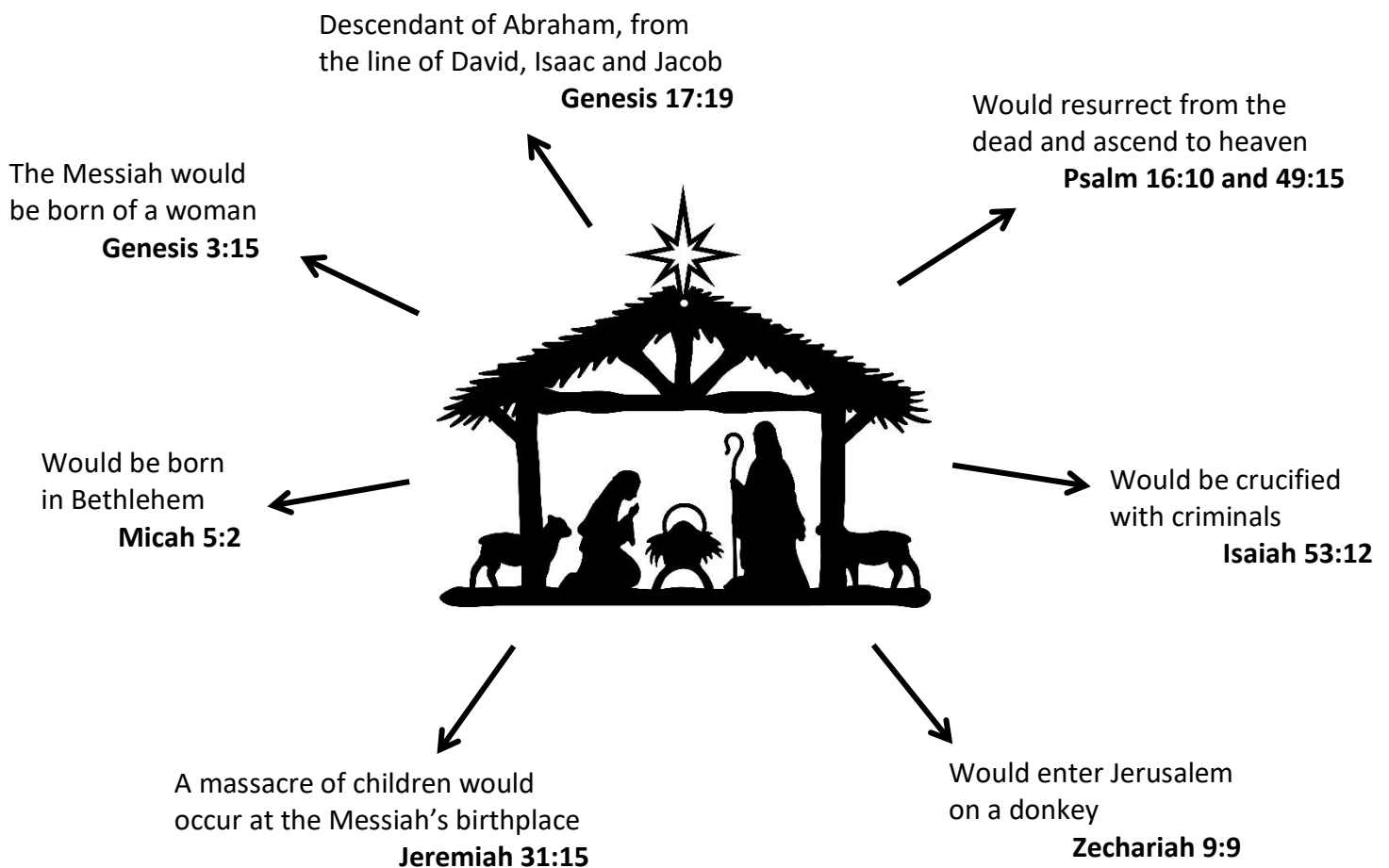


# 1

## Station 1:

### Jesus' birth prophesied

What is the background to Jesus' birth? The Jewish people had awaited the arrival of the Messiah – a Saviour who would bring freedom and peace - for centuries and with great expectancy. This arrival was prophesied many times in the Old Testament part of the Bible (some scholars suggesting on over 300 occasions), written hundreds of years before Jesus' birth with some prophesies shown here:



[The Start of the Christmas Story](#)



[Long ago, prophets knew](#)

# 2

## Station 2:

### Angels visit Elizabeth and Mary



“The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to visit a virgin called Mary, engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And he came to her and said, “Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.” But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. Mary said to the angel, how can this be, since I am a virgin?” The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the Power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called the Son of God. And now your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God. Then Mary said, “Here I am, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.”

*Luke 1: 26 - 38*

Watch this video to find out more:



[Gabriel visits Mary](#)

Listen to these songs:



[Mary did you know](#)



[The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came](#)

# 3

## Station 3:

### Mary visits Elizabeth



“When Elizabeth heard Mary’s voice, Elizabeth’s unborn child (who would be John the Baptist) leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, exclaiming with a loud cry “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why this has happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord”.

And Mary said “My soul Magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God the Saviour””

*Luke 1: 41 - 46*

Watch how it might have happened:



[Mary visits Elizabeth](#)



[Ave Maria](#)  
[Michal Lorenc](#)

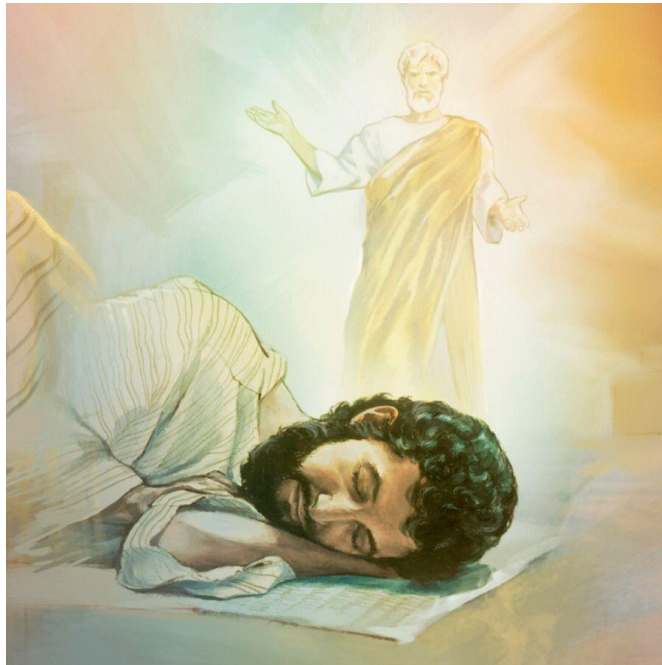
# 4

## Station 4:

### Joseph's Dream

“When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. When Joseph awoke from the sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.”

*Matthew 1: 18 - 25*



[Joseph's Dream](#)



[Trust in You](#)

# 5

## Station 5:

### Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem



“In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the City of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.”

*Luke 2: 1 - 6*



[Little Donkey](#)



[O Little Town  
of Bethlehem](#)





## Station 6:

## Jesus is born



“While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.”

*Luke 2: 6 - 7*



[O Magnum Mysterium](#)  
[Moridsen Lauridsen](#)



[Cluwch Lu'r Nef](#)



[Once in Royal](#)  
[David's City](#)



[Away in a Manger](#)

# 7

## Station 7:

### The visit of the Shepherds

“In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them “Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the City of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger”. And suddenly there was with the Angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours”. When the angels had left them and gone to into heaven, the shepherds said to one another “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us”.”

*Matthew 26: 69 - 75*



[The Nativity Scene](#)



[Silent Night](#)



[While Shepherds  
watched their flocks](#)



[It was on a  
Starry Night](#)

# 8

## Station 8:

### Wise Men visit



“A group of Eastern astrologers turn up at King Herod’s palace in Jerusalem, with questions about the birth of the new king. “What new king?” growls Herod. He checks out with his advisors, and they quote the seven-hundred-year-old prophecy of the courier Micah. Of course, Herod is worried sick, but he’s too sharp to let the astrologers spot it. Instead, he makes all enthusiastic, sending them down to Bethlehem with instructions to report back where he should go to pay his dues to this future king. The three astrologers go to Bethlehem, the star they’ve been tracking from the East stops, right over where the baby Jesus lays. They kneel, awestruck by him. Once they recover from the impact, they give their presents: gold, incense and myrrh. All gifts relevant for Jesus’ subsequent life on earth. That night one of them gets a God-dream: “Avoid Herod like he’s contagious!” They make a detour on their return trip.”

*Matthew 2: 1 - 12*

*Pg 286-287, The Street Bible, Rob Lacey*



[The three wise men  
present Jesus with gifts](#)



[We three kings  
of Orient are](#)





## Station 9:

### A Prayer for Christmas



Thank you, Father, that you call us to be part of your Christmas journey. Equip us with the joy we saw when Elizabeth and Mary met, the trust of Joseph, the resilience shown by the Holy Family, the straightforward attitude of the shepherds and the wisdom of the wise men.

All these will help us to continue the journey and spread this Christmas message, “to you is born this day in the City of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord.” We love being part of the journey. Accept our thanks and praise as we join with the angels in saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth, peace among those whom he favours”.

Amen.



[A Christmas Prayer](#)



[The end of the  
Christmas journey?](#)

# Christmas singalong -

Sing along like no-one's listening!



[Merry Christmas  
everyone from Shakey](#)



[Ding Dong merrily  
on High](#)



[Silent Night](#)



[Nadolig Llawen  
i Chi Gyd](#)



[In dulci Jubilo](#)



[Hark the herald  
Angels Sing](#)



[Angels from the  
Realms of Glory](#)



[O Come, All ye  
Faithful](#)

*Christ Church, Roath Park wishes everyone  
a very Happy Christmas! Nadolig Llawen!*