



## Stars have appeared in Whiteley Shopping Centre!

Where does the trail lead? Can you follow the clues to find each star?

Each star has a letter. Write the location and the letter in the boxes to discover the final clue. (The participating shops are listed on the other side)

Clue	Location	Letter
Em(ma) and Es(ther) might shop here!		
Can't see the stars clearly? Quick sight here?		
The next stop rhymes with cat race!		
Winter footwear? No, but maybe a perfume gift for Jesus.		
This sounds like a place that is off-limits		
Just the shop for Jo(seph), mum and baby?		
Every little helps...supplies for the journey		
The Magi can improve their maths here!		
After a long journey this sounds like fun!		
Mary and Joseph as new parents might stop here.		
Sharks for clues? Swap the first sounds!		
Another word for 'following' or 'after'		
A place to get a sugary delicacy for the journey		
Short for 'Over The Top?. Be well groomed for the King!		
A good place for dreaming?		



## The Christmas Story

On 25th December we celebrate Christmas, the birthday of Jesus who was called Christ...



Before Jesus was born, Mary and Joseph, went to a town called Bethlehem. It was very busy and they couldn't find anywhere to stay. A friendly innkeeper let them sleep in his stable with the animals. Jesus was born, and Mary wrapped him in cloths and put him in the manger. A star appeared in the sky over the stable.



Out in the fields, some shepherds were looking after their sheep when suddenly an angel appeared. The shepherds were very scared. The



angel told the shepherds not to be scared because he had brought good news. He told them that Jesus had been born and that he would be the person who would save not just their people but the world. He told the shepherds to go and see



Jesus. Then there were lots more angels who sang, 'Glory to God and peace on earth'.

The shepherds went to see the baby Jesus. They knelt down in front of the manger and were very happy that they had found the one who had been sent by God. When they left, they were filled with hope and told everybody they could find about Jesus and about how he was going to save the world.

Later on, some wise visitors came from the East to see Jesus. They brought special gifts because they knew that Jesus was a king.

They were surprised that he had been born in a stable and not in a palace. They worshipped Jesus and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.



And so... Each Christmas we celebrate Jesus being born. God gave us Jesus as a present to show that God loves us and to give us hope for the future. Each Christmas we give each other presents to show people that we love them.

What gift would you give to Jesus? There's space for your answer on the other side of this leaflet.

# What do I do now?

1. Find each star. Write down where each star is and note the letter
2. Work out the last clue
3. Take the completed leaflet home. Colour in the picture
4. Bring your leaflet along to our **Crib Service** at **4pm on 24th December** in Whiteley Community Centre and be part of the story.

If you live further away why not find out what your local church is doing?

## WHITELEY CHURCH

### Advent and Christmas

You would be very welcome at any of our Advent & Christmas services:  
(all in Whiteley Community Centre unless stated otherwise)

Sunday 2nd December 4-6pm **Messy Christingle**  
Christingles and other activities **at Cornerstone C of E Primary**  
donations to The Children's Society

Sunday 9th December 2-4pm **Carol Singing**  
**in the Shopping Centre**

Sunday 16th December 6.30pm **Carols by Candlelight**  
Carols and readings for Advent and Christmas

Wednesday 19th December 5-7pm **Carol Singing**  
**in the Shopping Centre**

Monday 24th December 4pm **Crib Service**  
Help to assemble the crib and sing carols as the Christmas story is told.  
followed at 6.30pm by carols outside the Solent Hotel  
with Salvation Army brass and led by representatives from local churches

Monday 24th December 11.15pm **Midnight Communion**  
All are welcome at this service **at the Solent Hotel**

Tuesday 25th December 10.15am **Christmas Day**  
Christmas Communion for all ages. All are welcome



Stars are in: Boots, Mamas and Papas, Imagin, M & S, Tesco, Trespass, Explore Learning, Next, Fatface, Clarks, HairOTT, Vision Express, Sweets and Treats, The Entertainer, Jojo Maman Bebe.

The last clue is:



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Thank you for taking part in the '#Followthestar Trail'  
an activity made in collaboration with **WHITELEY CHURCH**

We meet each Sunday for Worship in Whiteley Community Centre,  
Gull Coppice at 10.15am on 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays and at 4pm  
on 1st Sundays for '**First @ 4 Messy Church**' (not January and August).  
All ages are welcome at all services.  
Check our Facebook page for details.



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