

Advent Windows 2022 - Final Plan					<b>THE THEME FOR 2022 IS 'JESUS - GOD'S GREATEST GIFT' AND WE WILL HAVE GIFT BOXES FEATURING THROUGHOUT.</b>	
<b>PLEASE NOTE - WE HOPE THAT ALL WINDOWS WILL BE ON DISPLAY FOR THE WHOLE OF DECEMBER - PLEASE MAKE SURE WINDOWS ARE UP BY DECEMBER 1ST. Each day we will 'open' that days feature window at the location, do a Reading and sing a Carol - as we have done in previous years and also feature them on Facebook.</b>						
DAY	DATE	LOCATION 2022	2022 CREATOR	2022 CAROL	TITLE	READING
1	Thurs	CO-OP FUNERAL 1	ST MICHAELS FIRST SCHOOL	JOY TO THE WORLD	In the beginning	In the beginning, Jesus was with God. It was through Him that God created everything in the whole universe. He made everything that we see around us, and He made every person that lives and has ever lived. Day 1 of Advent is the time when we begin the countdown to Christmas Day. The word "advent" means "coming." It is the season when we remember the coming of Jesus Christ, God's only Son, to show us how to love one another and honour God.
2	Frid	VANTAGE POINT CREATIVE	ST DOMINICS PRIORY SCHOOL	THE HOLLY AND THE IVY	God, Creator of plants and trees	God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." [Genesis 1:11]. A new shoot is a sign of new life and the promise of good fruit. The birth of Jesus, like a green shoot, promised new life and hope for the world..
3	Sat	STONE LIBRARY	THE HUB CRAFT GROUP	ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY	We have all gone astray	God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so [Genesis 1:24]. Jesus said that we are all like sheep: we wander off our own way, far from God. We can't get back to God on our own. Jesus needed to come to save us from our sins, forgive us and bring us back to God.
4	Sun	CHRIST CHURCH 1	OULTON CHURCH	IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER	Jesus gives us the Water of Life	And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky". [Genesis 1:20]Water is essential for life. Without water, no living thing can survive. Water also cleanses and restores us; enables plants and animals to grow and provide us with food.. Without water there is drought and death.
5	Mon	DUNOON	DUNOON	ON CHRISTMAS NIGHT ALL CHRISTIANS SING	God, Creator of Sun and Stars	And God said, "Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night" [Genesis 1:14]. Without light, we cannot see things properly so we stumble and fall; and without light plants and trees can't grow. When we invite Jesus into our lives He becomes our guiding light. His life on earth is the perfect example of how we should live our lives. He brings light into our dark world.
6	Tues	WOOLLISCROFT SOLICITORS	OAKTREE FARM PROJECT	ONCE IN ROYAL DAVIDS CITY	David - Forefather of the Greatest King	The greatest king in the Old Testament was named David: a mere shepherd boy whom God had chosen to be king of Israel, but even he failed sometimes, to obey God's laws. Kings, like David, all died but God promised His people that He would give them a great king who would be perfect in every way and would rule forever.
7	Weds	BOD BAR AND COFFEE SHOP	ST DOMINICS PRIMARY SCHOOL	O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM	Bethlehem: City of David	Bethlehem was the city where King David was born and lived as a child. It was insignificant when compared to Jerusalem with it's great Temple. The prophet Micah had said about Bethlehem, that despite its unimportance, God had promised long ago that a special king would be born there. That king was God's own Son, Jesus Christ.
8	Thurs	CATS PROTECTION LEAGUE SHOP	CHRIST CHURCH 1ST SCHOOL	THE ANGEL GABRIEL	Mary: The Angel's first visit	This is what happened when the time was right for Jesus to come into the world. In the city of Nazareth there lived a young woman who was faithful to God. Her name was Mary. One day God sent an angel to Mary, to tell her that she would have a special baby. Her baby would be called the Son of God, and he would be a great king whose kingdom would last forever. Mary believed what the angel said and praised God for this amazing gift.
9	Fri	SUITCASE DRY CLEANERS	OULTON 1ST SCHOOL	GOOD CHRISTIAN MEN REJOICE	Joseph: The Angel's Second Visit	Not only did God send a message to Mary to tell her that she would be the mother of a special baby, but He also spoke to a man called Joseph, who had promised to marry Mary. After visiting Mary, the angel told Joseph that the Mary was going to have a baby. Joseph was told to name the baby 'Jesus', which means "The Lord saves."
10	Sat	AED DONATE SHOP	LITTLE BEARS PG	INFANT HOLY, INFANT LOWLY	Mary visits Elizabeth: Another surprise gift	On hearing that Elizabeth, her elderly cousin, was also expecting a baby, Mary went to visit her. Elizabeth's baby was to be called John. He would be born six months before Jesus. When he grew up John lived and preached in the wilderness of Judea. He told people to: repent and prepare for the coming of Jesus. While Mary was with Elizabeth she sang praises to God for choosing her to be the mother of Jesus and for fulfilling His promises.
11	Sun	STONE PHARMACY	SPRINGFIELD OSC	O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL	A Roman Census: A call to return Home	At the time that Mary was pregnant with God's special baby, Israel was an occupied country. The people were living under cruel Roman rulers and life was very hard. When Caesar Augustus, issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world, all the Israelites had to go to the town of their ancestors to register, in order to satisfy an imperial command: "that all the world should be taxed."
12	Mon	SHEAR GENIUS HAIR SALON	CHRIST CHURCH ACADEMY	LITTLE DONKEY	The Journey to Bethlehem	When Caesar Augustus issued his decree, telling everyone to return to their home town, Joseph and Mary had to get ready to travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem, about 80 miles away. They would have had to walk, or take turns at riding on the donkey that carried their bags. It would take them about a week to get to Bethlehem.

13	Tues	JOHN BURTONS SOLICITORS	PIREHILL 1ST SCHOOL	SEE HIM LYING IN A BED OF STRAW	<b>No Room for Joseph and Mary</b>	By the time Joseph and Mary arrived at Bethlehem, a great number of people had already come back to Bethlehem. Every spare room had been taken. Eventually Joseph and Mary came to an inn, but the innkeeper said there was no room for them there, either. What could they do? Mary was about to have the baby Jesus! Finally the innkeeper thought of a place where they could stay—in a stable with his animals.
14	Weds	GILLS PIE SHOP	ALLEYNES ACADEMY	AWAY IN A MANAGER	<b>The Stable: Jesus is born</b>	The Bible tells us that Jesus was with God before the world was created. For a long time. Old Testament prophets had told people that a special king would come into the world to save them. Christmas is the time when we celebrate that Saviour's coming into our world as a human child. When Jesus was born, His mother had to use a manger (a box that held straw for animals) for His bed, as there was nowhere else for them to stay.
15	Thurs	CHILDRENS SOCIETY SHOP	ELMHURST HOUSE DAY NURSERY	THE FIRST NOWELL	<b>The Shepherds hear Good News</b>	On the night when Jesus was born, there were some shepherds watching their sheep in a field nearby. Suddenly an angel appeared! The shepherds were frightened, but the angel told them not to be afraid because He had a message of very Good News for everyone. Then the whole sky filled with angels singing: <i>"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom His favour rests."</i> [Luke 2:14]
16	Fri	FISH RECORDS	WALTON PRIORY SCHOIOL	WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED	<b>Sharing the Good News</b>	When the angels departed, the shepherds hurried off to find the special baby who had been born in a stable. When they found Jesus, they believed what the angels had told them. They now understood that this baby was the Saviour promised by God, long ago. Then the shepherds returned to the fields, praising God for sending Jesus to save people from punishment for their sins. Everyone who heard the Good News was amazed.
17	Sat	WILLOWSBROOK CARD AND GIFT SHOP	MEAFORD DAY NURSERY	IT WAS ON A STARRY NIGHT	<b>The Light of Hope and Love</b>	Jesus called Himself the 'Light of the World' that would overcome the darkness. During His life on earth, Jesus showed people what God was like and how He wanted them, and us, to live. He wants us to care for each other, and show respect and kindness to everyone we meet. This is what it means to be live 'in the light of Jesus'.
18	Sun	THE MILL	EBENEZER/ SUNDAY SCHOOL	GOD REST YOU MERRY GENTLEMEN	<b>Jesus, our great Shepherd</b>	A shepherd's job is to take care of his sheep and protect them from getting lost or being attacked or hurt. Jesus promised He would do the same thing for everyone who chooses to follow Him. So, when Jesus calls us, we must listen to His voice if we want to be protected and cared for by God. Jesus speaks to us through the words in the Bible.
19	Mon	CO-OP FUNERAL CARE 2	SMARTY'S DAY NURSERY	SILENT NIGHT	<b>The special Star</b>	Nothing like this had ever happened in the world before and nothing like this will ever happen again. As promised long ago, God sent His one and only Son as a baby, born to a virgin in a stable. And to show people where to find this special baby, God put a new and unusual star in the sky pointing to the place where Jesus was born. The star was brighter than any other star in the sky.
20	Tues	LIVELY ARTISAN LIFESTYLE	MANOR HILL NURSERY	AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD	<b>Wise men see the special star</b>	For many centuries, in countries far away from Bethlehem, wise men had studied the movement of stars and the moon. One day they saw a very different star in the night sky. They knew that this star was special and meant that a great king, the Saviour that the world had been waiting for, had been born.
21	Weds	JUST CARLA	MEAFORD FIELDS DAY NURSERY	WE THREE KINGS	<b>The Wise men's journey</b>	After seeing a new, special star in the sky, the wise men decided they should follow it, to see if it did lead to the place where God's special baby had been born. They loaded up their camels and set out on their long and arduous journey through desert lands, until they arrived at the land of Israel.
22	Thurs	MILLIE'S PIE SHOP	MUMBLES DAY NURSERY	UNTO US A SON IS BORN	<b>Herod</b>	After a very long and tiring journey, the wise men came to Jerusalem and stopped to visit Herod, the Roman ruler of Israel. Herod told the wise men he had heard that God's special baby was to be born in Bethlehem. But Herod wasn't happy, he didn't want another king to rival him, so he asked the wise men to come back and tell him where they found the baby.
23	Frid	AUTO CAR SHOP	GIGGLES AND WIGGLES	DING DONG MERRILY ON HIGH	<b>The Wise Men Bring Gifts</b>	When the wise men set out on their long journey, they carried some very precious gifts for the baby Jesus. The Bible tells us that the wise men brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These gifts represented three aspects of Christ's future life: gold for kingship; frankincense for worship; and myrrh signifying death and mourning.
24	Saturday	CHRIST CHURCH 2	CHRIST CHURCH	HARK THE HERALD	<b>God's greatest gift: Jesus</b>	At Christmas and birthdays, we give gifts to each other to say 'we love you'. No gift we give, or receive from other people, will ever be as good as the gift God has given us. The apostle John tells us that God loved the world so much that He gave His one and only Son, to save us from our sinful ways and to give us eternal life. What a wonderful gift! It is the greatest gift that has ever been given.