



# Christmas Eve at Wix



We invite everyone to come and join us as we share the Christmas story this Christmas Eve in Wix.



## Nativity Trail



Follow the Nativity Trail through Wix, between 11:00 - 15:15, on 24<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

For full details and map please see attached.



Fill in the 'letter codes' as you follow the trail to reveal a Christmas message, then bring your completed message to

St Mary's Church, Wix, between 15:15 - 15:45, on 24<sup>th</sup> December 2021 to receive a sweet treat.



## All Age Crib Service

Join us for our All Age Crib Service as we come together to build our

Nativity Crib Scene in church through story and song.

All fancy dress costumes welcome (from Spider Man to Angels!)

16:00 - 17:00, 24<sup>th</sup> December 2021, St Mary's Church, Wix.



We look forward to welcoming you at either or both of these events.



No booking is required and there is no charge for either event.

All under 18's must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

# Nativity Trail

## Map and Full Details

- ❖ Use the attached map to follow a trail through Wix Village, between 11:00 – 15:15, on 24<sup>th</sup> December 2021.
- ❖ Spot the posters at each trail point.
- ❖ Use the information on the posters to fill in the 'Character' and 'Letter Code' columns of the attached Nativity Story.
- ❖ Read the story as you go.
- ❖ The 'Letter Code' will reveal a Christmas message.
- ❖ Bring your completed Christmas message to St Mary's Church, Wix, between 15:15 – 15:45, on 24<sup>th</sup> December 2021, to receive a sweet treat.
- ❖ The trail should take approximately 30 – 60 minutes.
- ❖ Please read the additional information below and then... have fun completing the Nativity Trail 😊
- ❖ **Additional information:**
  - Please adhere to all current government guidelines regarding the coronavirus: [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): guidance and support - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-and-support)
  - All under 18's must be accompanied by an adult.
  - The trail is designed so that people can walk on main public footpaths but road crossing is required, please cross all roads safely.
  - You may use St Mary's Church, Wix, car park for parking whilst completing the trail.
  - If you park in Wix village please park responsibly and with consideration for the village residents.
  - The trail must be completed by 15:45, on 24<sup>th</sup> December 2021.
  - The latest time to receive a 'sweet treat' on completion of the trail is 15:45, on 24<sup>th</sup> December 2021, from St Mary's Church, Wix.
  - We estimate the trail to take between 30 – 60 minutes but please make allowances depending on abilities and weather conditions.
  - In the event of bad weather, please take all necessary precautions.
  - People completing the trail are responsible for their own safety and the safety of those who they are responsible for at all times
  - There is no charge for this event. The Nativity Trail has been brought to you by St Mary's Church, Wix.
  - No booking is required for the Nativity Trail.

# Map



## Trail Points and locations

1. Wix and Wrabness School
2. Wix Village Shop
3. Waggon at Wix car park (behind recycle bins).
4. "Lyntons", Clacton Road
5. 'Wix' sign (by footpath sign - end Mr Davidson's yard)
6. Bridge into Wix Playing Field.
7. Children's play area (field gate)
8. Legion Hut (ex-servicemen's club)
9. A120 Flyover (on Bradfield road)
10. Church Avenue (just passed Spinnels Lane)
11. St Mary's Church (main church gate)

Useful directions: You may start from any point but if you start with Trail Point 1 at Wix and Wrabness School, you would walk along to point 2 at the Village Shop. Then right at the pub to point 3 (in the pub car park). Along Clacton Road to points 4 and 5. Then turn left onto the footpath before the Equestrian Centre. Follow this wide footpath to point 6 at the small bridge and then head to point 7 at the children's play area. Point 8 at the Legion is just across the car park from the play area and on the Harwich Road. Turn left to walk back towards the pub via Harwich road. At the cross roads turn right onto Bradfield Road which will lead to point 9. Keep on this road until you see the sign on the right for the church, near here you will find point 10 and at the end of the lane is St Mary's Church and point 11.

# Nativity Story

Trail Point	Character	Story	Letter Code
1		A very long time ago, in a small village called Nazareth, near a place called Galilee, a woman called Mary was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph.	
2		One day God sent the Angel Gabriel to tell Mary that she was going to have a baby. Mary was scared but Angel Gabriel told her not to be, Angel Gabriel explained to Mary that the baby she would give birth to is from God.	
3		Joseph loved Mary but he was very worried about marrying her because he was not the father of her baby. An angel visited Joseph and told him not to worry - because the baby is from God and he will save the world.	
4		Before the baby was born the Roman Emperor decided that everyone had to be counted and registered in their home towns. Joseph's family came from Bethlehem so Mary and Joseph had to travel there.	
5		It was hard for Mary to walk too far because the baby in her tummy was getting very big. A donkey helped Mary and Joseph along their way to Bethlehem.	
6		While they were in Bethlehem the time came for Mary to give birth. But the town was full of people trying to register and no one had any room for Mary and Joseph. An Inn Keeper offered them shelter with the animals.	
7		Later in the night Mary's Son was born. Mary wrapped Him in cloth and laid Him down in a manger where the animals fed because there was nowhere else for Him to sleep. Baby Jesus had arrived in the world.	
8		In the countryside around Bethlehem, Shepherds were watching their sheep. Suddenly angels appeared and told them not to worry, there's Good News, the Lord has been born in Bethlehem and the Shepherds could find Him wrapped and in a manger. The Shepherds went to visit Baby Jesus.	
9		Some Wise Men saw a star rise so they went to King Herod to ask where the King of Jews had been born. Herod was jealous and plotted to kill Jesus but the Wise Men, guided by dream, outsmarted him.	
10		The Wise Men followed the star that they had seen rising. The star stopped over the place where Baby Jesus rested. The Wise Men knew that Baby Jesus was very special so they brought him gifts of; gold, frankincense and myrrh.	
11		That Holy Night a Holy Son was born to a Holy Family. God loves each of us so much that God gave us all the most precious gift - a gift to the world: God's Son.	