



20 December

I. Stars

On the very first Christmas Day, a star shone brightly in the sky to guide the shepherds to the manger in Bethlehem where Jesus had been born, and since then stars have become something we see a lot of in our Christmas decorations. Your preparations for Christmas have so far included a way to mark our journey through Advent with your Advent Wreath and some decorations for your home and family. This week, could you create a star to put in your window to share some of the joy and happiness of the Christmas season with others. You will be joining other people across the Diocese of Guildford who are also creating stars to put in their windows so do share your images!

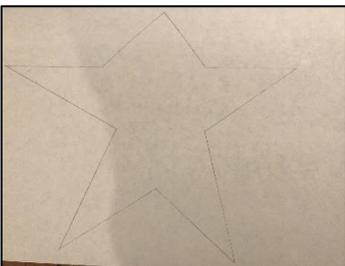
You will need:

- white or coloured paper or card
- decorating items: paints/felt-tips/stickers/glitter etc.
- scissors
- glue

1. Decorate one piece of your paper or card however you wish. If you are feeling very arty, you could draw a picture of a nativity scene.



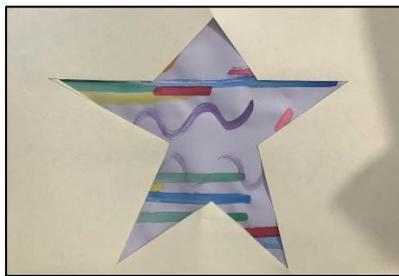
2. Draw a star on a separate piece of paper. This could be a five-point or six-point star but make sure that the start outline doesn't touch the edges of the paper.



3. You now need to cut the star shape out of the middle of the paper, leaving the rest of the paper intact. To do this, make a small fold in the middle of the star and use scissors to make a small snip. This will allow you to cut the star out of the middle of the paper.



4. Stick your star outline over your decorated piece of paper.



5. If you can, stick your star in a window. Many parishes across the Diocese of Guildford are creating stars such as these so you will be joining in with families across the whole diocese. If your parents are able to, they can share your star online using #letitshine and #[yourtown]shines.

Don't forget to mark the fourth Sunday of Advent on your Advent Wreath by adding another flame to the candle on the left of the wreath!

