



This Advent lets continue to spread some Comfort & Joy to our communities

As we approach Advent and look forward to celebrating Christ's birth at Christmas, I am reminded of the uncertainty and hardship that Mary and Joseph experienced much as we are now. I am thankful for the hope that the Christ child brought and continues to bring to a world that is weary and hurting. It was the Angels that heralded Christ's coming into the world and gave that message of comfort and joy to Mary, Joseph and the Shepherds. As a group of Churches serving our communities and with the help of our schools we would love to continue to spread this message of *comfort and joy* to each and every one of you, as we look to support one another. So let's continue to spread that Comfort and Joy and join together in the following ways:

- 1) Throughout advent we are asking that you display an Angel of Comfort and Joy in your window to show your support, love and prayers for those around you. Why not create your own Angel or **click on the link below** and select an Angel to print off and display.

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- 2) Can you create a nativity scene window to be displayed in our Christmas stables? We need 24 windows for each of our Christmas stables at Clipston, Naseby, & Welford. The art work should be on 4 x A4 sheets arranged in a rectangle and in landscape format. **(Please click link to see an example)**

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Simply drop your windows off at one of our Church porches at Clipston, Naseby, & Welford, in the container provided. The deadline for this is **Friday 27th November**.

- 3) Could you spread some comfort and Joy by painting some advent stones? We need Mary & Joseph, Baby Jesus, Angels, Shepherds, Sheep, and the Three Kings.

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Once painted we would encourage you to place them around the village from 29th November for others to find as a bit of fun. If you find one please bring it along to the churchyards and place it where the rest of the stones are gathering.

Our hope is that you find some comfort and joy in these activities. I join in the prayer of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York that through this Christmas season you will know that Jesus journeys with you. May you know God's comfort and, in whatever your circumstances, be surprised by God's joy.

Fr. Kris Seward