

# P O S ★ D A

## MAKING ROOM FOR JESUS THIS CHRISTMAS

### What is Posada?

Posada is an old Mexican tradition where young people dressed as Mary and Joseph travelled from house to house asking for a room for the night and telling people about the imminent arrival of Jesus in the weeks leading up to Christmas. On Christmas Eve they would visit the local church to re-enact the nativity and place figures of Mary and Joseph in a crib.

Modern day Posada uses nativity figures of Mary and Joseph who travel from place to place. This gives each 'host' the chance to create their own celebration in their home or place in the community, worshipping and reaching out to their communities with the real message of Christmas, making room for Jesus in their lives.

We hope you will be a host to Mary and Joseph for a night.

### What is involved?

All you need to do is to keep Mary and Joseph for a night in your home then pass them on to a friend, colleague, neighbour or family member. They need to be back in one of our churches on 21 Dec 6.30pm for the Carol Service at St Lukes  
Christmas Eve.....4.30pm at St Aidans, 6.30pm in St Georges  
Christmas Day at 9.00am at St Perrans.

For the evening you 'host' Mary & Joseph you can choose to do what ever you like. Why not invite friends and family to sing carols and to talk about the meaning of Christmas?

It's as simple as that.

We hope you will enjoy taking part.

#### **A Prayer to welcome the figures into your home**

Eternal God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
You are always present in our home  
Unseen and often not acknowledged.  
Help us to experience the joy  
of looking forward this advent  
and make it a time of new beginnings.  
We welcome these figures from the nativity  
and pray that you will bless this house  
and all who live and visit here. Amen

#### **A prayer for others – to say before the figures leave your home**

Lord God our Father, as these Posada figures were welcome into this home,  
We pray that other people will open their homes and their lives to you.  
Help all who will be involved in the Posada to celebrate with expectation the waiting time between now and Christmas. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen