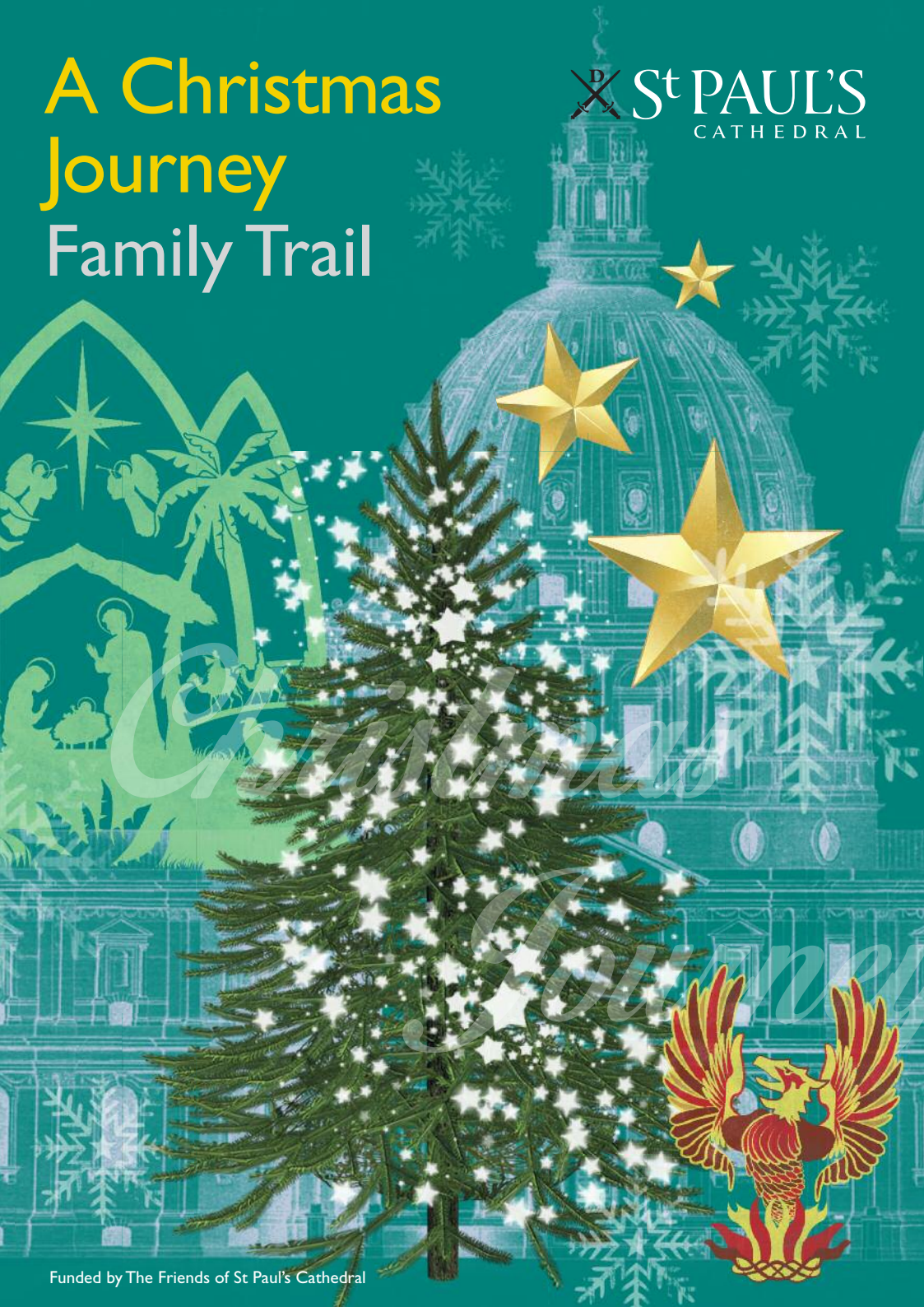


A Christmas Journey Family Trail

 **St PAUL'S**
CATHEDRAL



WELCOME TO ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL



Cathedral Floor

Entrance



The Crypt

Hello, my name is Flame and I live in St Paul's Cathedral. Lots of people visit us every year but Christmas is our busiest time.



1 CHRISTMAS AT ST PAUL'S

Fact File: We call the nativity the crib. It was made in the 1980s. The Master Carver put the Dean's wife's dog in the scene. Did you find it? His assistant used the Master Carver as the model for one of the Shepherds. Can you guess which one?



Fact File: Every year the Queen gives the Cathedral three Christmas trees from her Sandringham Estate. One is outside (maybe you saw it on your way in?) and two are inside.

CAN YOU... FIND ? Can you find all three trees?

CAN YOU... SEE ? Every Christmas a nativity is placed at the west end of the Cathedral. Can you find it? What animals can you see?

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2 ICONS

At Christmas we remember the birth of Jesus.

There are some pictures and sculptures of Jesus as a baby throughout the Cathedral. Shall we see if we can find them all?



This is an icon. They are very popular in Orthodox churches. This one is of Jesus and his mother Mary. Do you think that Jesus looks like a real baby? Look how tenderly he is touching Mary's face. What might they be thinking?



Fact File: Many people light candles in front of icons. Sometimes they pray, or say thank you, or just spend a moment being still.

Maybe you would like to light a candle and think about what Christmas means to you?

Fact File: *This statue used to be part of a larger decoration called a reredos behind the High Altar, but it was badly damaged by a bomb during the second World War, and removed.*



CAN YOU...THINK ? There are patches of gold on Jesus' hair and his blanket, and on Mary's clothes. The statue used to be decorated in gold. Why do you think the sculptor used gold? Look at Jesus. How old do you think he is?

4 HENRY MOORE



This sculpture is an example of modern art. It is an abstract piece. That means that it doesn't look real, but it is meant to make us feel something when we look at it.

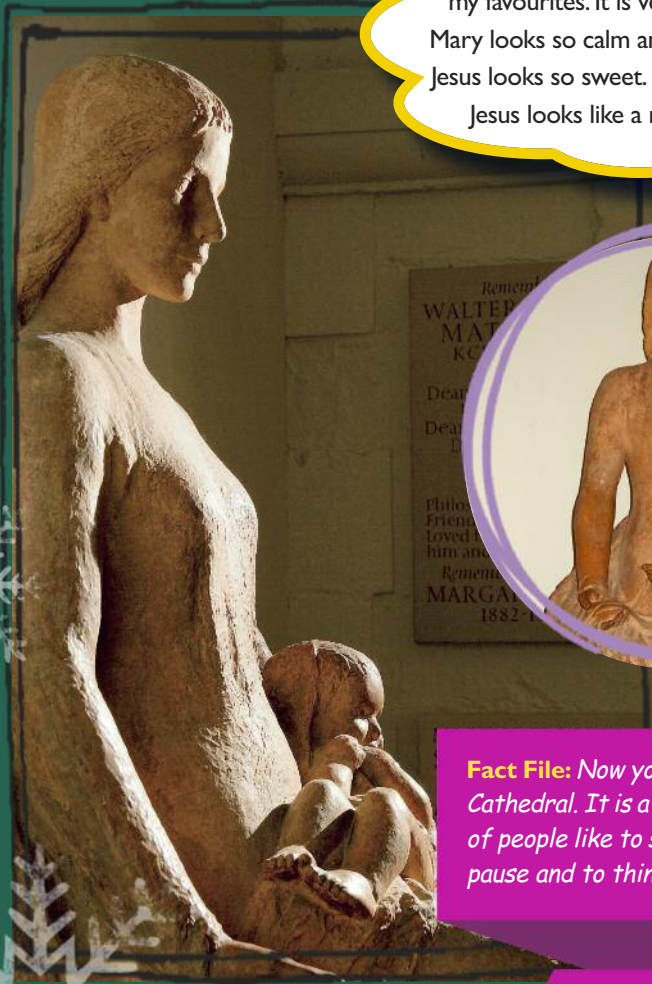


CAN YOU... SEE? Walk around the sculpture and look at it from different angles. Touch it. How does it feel? Can you see the mother and the child? Can you see that they are carved from one piece of marble. Why do you think Henry Moore did that?

5 JOSEFINA DE VASCONCELLOS

This sculpture is one of my favourites. It is very realistic.

Mary looks so calm and gentle, and Jesus looks so sweet. Do you think Jesus looks like a real baby?



Fact File: Now you are in the crypt of the Cathedral. It is a very peaceful place. Lots of people like to sit here to be still and to pause and to think.

Maybe you would like to sit and think about what Christmas means to you? Is it a holiday from school? A special time with family? A fun time with friends? A time to remember the birth of Jesus?

Which is your favourite - the Henry Moore or the de Vasconcellos? Why?

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CAN YOU... DRAW ? Why don't you draw your version of a mother and child? It could be modern or traditional, realistic or abstract.

Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν ὁ λόγος, καὶ ὁ λόγος ἦν πρὸς τὸν θεόν, καὶ θεὸς ἦν ὁ λόγος.



Joseph went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to the town of Bethlehem in Judea, the birthplace of King David. Joseph went there with Mary, who was promised in marriage to him. She was pregnant, and while they were in Bethlehem, the time came for her to have her baby. She gave birth to

her first son, wrapped him in cloths

and laid him in a manger

-there was no room for them to stay in the inn.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

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their flocks at night.

And there were shepherds
living out in the fields,
keeping watch over

and said, 'I bring you good news that will cause great joy
for all the people. Today in the town of David

a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah,
the Lord.

This will be a sign

to you: you will find a baby
wrapped in cloths and

lying in a manger.'



In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.



Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν ὁ λόγος, καὶ ὁ λόγος ἦν πρὸς τὸν θεόν, καὶ θεὸς ἦν ὁ λόγος.



Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.'

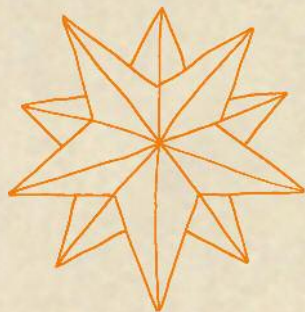
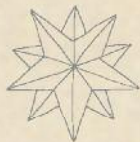
When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds

said to one another, 'Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.' So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.



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Soon afterward, some men who studied the stars came from the East to Bethlehem asking, "Where is the baby born to be the king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose in the



East, and we have come to worship him." They followed the star until it stopped over the place where the child was.



Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν ὁ λόγος, καὶ ὁ λόγος ἦν πρὸς τὸν θεόν, καὶ θεὸς ἦν ὁ λόγος.

They went into the house, and when they saw
the child with his mother Mary, they knelt down
and worshipped him. They brought out their gifts
of gold, frankincense,
and myrrh, and
presented them to him.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.





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Imagine you have been asked to design a Christmas card that tells the story of the first Christmas journey. Which part of the story would you use? Draw your design here.

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