

To all Art and RE subject leaders in primary schools

# The BIG Christmas Crib Exhibition 2011



November 25th - December 3rd in a BIG church near you

The local Dioceses in East Anglia invite you to join them  
in a BIG celebration this Advent.

## BIG challenge

- Create a BIG crib – any materials, any style, to include Mary, Joseph and Jesus, plus any other appropriate figures.
- Exhibit up to three BIG cribs per school (KS1, Y3/4 and Y5/6) in one of 18 locations.
- **Register interest by July 15th** – late entries accepted up to mid-October – see reverse for how to register.

## BIG resources

- Pack of materials to inspire you including assemblies and RE plans
- 4 **FREE** twilight briefings with ideas for production of cribs, Collective Worship / assemblies and for RE to use in connection with the cribs

## BIG celebration

- From 3<sup>rd</sup> December to early January your crib can have pride of place in your local parish church or other community venue...a fantastic backdrop for your Christmas celebrations
- Norwich Diocese is writing a special musical nativity 'A Gift for All' to help you celebrate



## Proposed plans for the BIG Crib Exhibition

- All schools entering the exhibition will be allocated an exhibition venue at one of 18 'exhibition' churches around Norfolk, chosen principally for size. You will be notified of this from September.
- From September, schools will be registered with a local co-ordinator, who will be in charge of local arrangements for the Exhibition.
- The Exhibition will open on Friday Nov. 25th.
- The Exhibition will remain open until at least Saturday 3rd Dec. for visitors.
- Take the children to see the crib exhibition and encourage parents and friends to visit.
- Schools will pick up cribs by arrangement on or after Dec 3rd so they are available for their own end of term celebrations.
- We hope the BIG cribs will then be offered on loan to a local church, chapel, hospital or care home for others to enjoy over Christmas.

## Organising your own celebrations

- **A Crib Event:** You may like to organise your own crib event at the same time. Make and borrow cribs of all shapes and sizes for display. You might like to ask other groups in your village/town to make cribs e.g. the local WI, pre-school, PCC, youth group, Beavers/Brownies and so on. Parents, friends and members of the local community could all help.
- **A Gift for All:** Kathryn Wright (Norwich Diocese RE Adviser) and Gill Hipwell (Norwich Diocese Schools Adviser) are writing a musical nativity called 'A Gift for All'. This will include a specially written script linking the nativity story with the foundation of church schools 200 years ago. For community schools, there are suggested links with other key figures who have helped others such as William Wilberforce and Desmond Tutu. You may like to ask your local vicar if s/he can obtain a copy for you, or contact Norwich Diocese to purchase your own copy.

## Registration

- To help us plan for the event (sort out exhibition spaces etc!), simply email or phone your interest to Kathryn Wright on 01954 261457 or to [kathryn.wright@norwich.anglican.org](mailto:kathryn.wright@norwich.anglican.org)
- Make sure you leave both the **school name** and a **contact name**.
- Registration will be confirmed by email. If possible please register your interest **by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**.

## FREE Twilight Briefings

For anyone who wants to talk in more detail about the event, four free briefings are being held but are not a requirement to enter the exhibition!

- 3rd October (East) 4-5pm with Gill Hipwell
- 4th October (Easton, Diocesan House) 4-5pm - with Gill Hipwell
- 5th October (West) 4-5pm – with Kathryn Wright
- 6th October (South) 4-5pm – with Gill Hipwell

**Please let Kathryn know if you plan to turn up by 30th September.** The resources from the briefings will be posted on the Diocesan website after these dates.

**For more details or to discuss any aspect please phone or email Gill Hipwell**  
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