

**Calling all shepherds! Some woolly sheep have gone missing around Aintree Village and Old Roan - can you help find them?!**

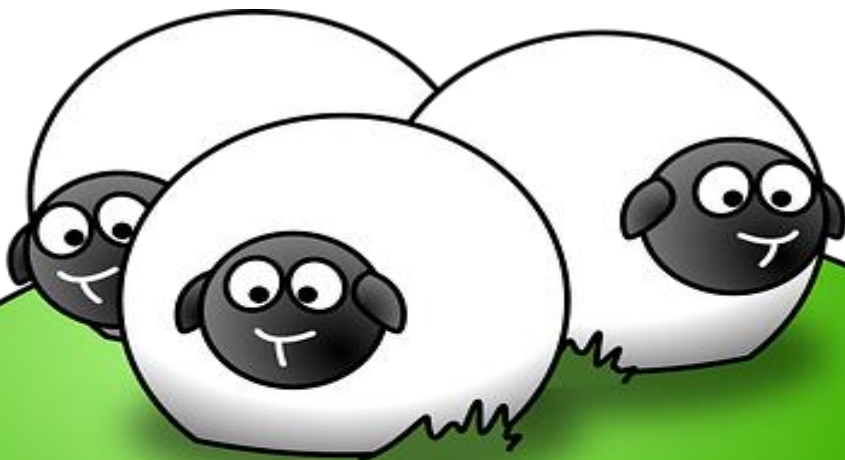
**Every sheep you find has one of the missing words from the Christmas story on the next page. Can you find all of the words the sheep are looking after, and add them in to the story?**

**Follow the order of the sheep trail below to find all the missing words...**

1. Holy Rosary Parish Church (Altway)
2. Alistair Saville Post Office (Ormskirk Road)
3. Nette's Café (Copy Lane)
4. Petrichor (Molyneux Way)
5. Hope Community Church Aintree (Aintree Lane)
6. St Giles Parish Church (Aintree Lane)
7. Kelly's Pharmacy (Altway)
8. McColls (Altway)
9. Christmas Tree (Valentine Pub, Altway)
10. Old Roan Methodist Church (Altway)

**Why not take some photos of the sheep and tag them using #sheeptrailaintree**

**The churches together in Aintree Village invite you to an outdoor, family Christmas service on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December outside Old Roan Methodist Church starting at 4pm to sing carols and hear more about the first ever Christmas. Don't forget to wrap up warm!**



**Happy Christmas from the Churches Together in Aintree Village:  
Holy Rosary, St Giles, Hope Community Church Aintree and Old Roan Methodist Church**

Below is the story of the first ever Christmas... but some words have gone missing, just like our sheep! Every lost sheep that you find has one of the missing words from the story! When you find the sheep, you'll need to work out where the word fits in the story below.

Can you find all the sheep to complete the story?

On 25 December Christians celebrate Christmas, to remember the birth of Jesus. About 2000 years ago, an 1 \_\_\_\_\_ visited a girl named 2 \_\_\_\_\_. The angel explained that she would soon have a baby. The baby would be called Jesus and would be God's son. This was a shock for Mary and 3 \_\_\_\_\_ who was soon to be her husband, but they said, "Ok" to God's plan.

When the time came for the baby to be born, Mary and Joseph travelled to 4 \_\_\_\_\_. It was very busy, and they couldn't find anywhere to stay. A friendly innkeeper let them sleep in his stable with the animals. Jesus was born, and Mary wrapped him in cloths and put him in the manger. A 5 \_\_\_\_\_ appeared in the sky over the stable.

Out in the fields, some shepherds were looking after their sheep, when suddenly an angel appeared who told them that Jesus had been born and that he would be the person who would save the world. The angel told the shepherds to go and see Jesus. Then there were lots more angels who sang, "glory to God and 6 \_\_\_\_\_ to all on earth".

The shepherds went to see baby Jesus. When they left, they told everybody they met about Jesus and about how he was going to save the world.

Later, some wise men saw the bright star. They knew it was a sign that a new king had been born, so followed it until they found Jesus. They brought gifts to Jesus of 7 \_\_\_\_\_, 8 \_\_\_\_\_, and 9 \_\_\_\_\_ so, each Christmas we celebrate Jesus being born. God gave us Jesus as a gift to show His 10 \_\_\_\_\_ for us.

