

# St Elizabeth's Catholic Voluntary Academy

"To provide a high-quality Christian education for all children, enabling them to achieve their full potential in a safe and caring environment."



## Visitors

Our Big Question

Are visitors always welcome?

### Key Knowledge

- **Advent** marks the beginning of the Church's year.
- **Advent** is when we prepare for the coming of God into our world at Christmas.
- The **Jesse Tree** represents the family tree of Jesus.
- **Isaiah** wrote about God's promise to send a son.
- The **Annunciation** is the visit of the Angel Gabriel to Mary to tell her about God's gift.
- Mary's words praising God when she visited Elizabeth are remembered in a prayer called '**The Magnificat**'.
- The shepherds (amongst the poorest and least important) were chosen first to visit Jesus. *This shows that Jesus came to serve the poor.*
- The Wise Men also came to visit Jesus. They were not Jewish. *This shows that God's love is for everyone.*



### Key Skills

- I can **retell** accurately the stories surrounding Jesus' birth and begin to **make links**. AT1 (i)
- I can **describe** how the Jesse Tree is used in Advent and begin to **give reasons**. AT1 (ii)
- I can **describe** and give many examples of ways in which Christians use Advent to prepare for the coming of Jesus. AT1 (iii)
- I can **share with** others my experiences and feelings about visitors. AT2 (i)
- I can **question others** about things that cause them to **wonder** about the joys/demands of visitors. AT2 (ii)
- I can **begin to express a point of view**. AT3



### Prior Knowledge and Skills

- In **Advent** we prepare for **Christmas**, Jesus' birthday.
- Isaiah wrote about God's promise to send a son.
- The **Advent Wreath** is an evergreen circle with 3 purple candles and 1 pink candle. A candle is lit each week to represent the 4 weeks of Advent.
- The **Angel Gabriel** visited **Mary** and told her not to be afraid, God had blessed her and she would have baby called Jesus.
- **Mary** loved God so much, she agreed to God's plan.
- **Mary** visited **Elizabeth** to help her prepare for having her baby.
- **Elizabeth's** baby jumped with joy when she heard Mary's voice.
- Mary was so happy she sang a song of praise to God.
- Mary and Joseph had to travel Joseph's Bethlehem.
- God gave us his only Son because He loved us and wanted us to know more about His love.

### Key Vocabulary and Definitions

<b>Advent</b>	The season of waiting and preparing for Christmas.
<b>Annunciation</b>	The story of the Angel Gabriel giving Mary the message that she would have a baby named Jesus.
<b>Isaiah</b>	A prophet who lived about 700 years before Jesus and wrote about his coming.
<b>Jesse Tree</b>	The family tree of Jesus. A traditional way of remembering the events that led to Jesus' birth to show we are drawing near to Christmas.
<b>Joyful Mysteries</b>	The meditations of the Rosary where we think about the Joys or Good News of Jesus: Annunciation, Visitation, Nativity, Presentation, Jesus in the temple.
<b>Magnificat</b>	Mary's song of praise.
<b>Messiah</b>	The one promised by God to save the world.
<b>Nativity</b>	The birth of Jesus.
<b>Visitation</b>	The story of Mary visiting her cousin, Elizabeth.



The Annunciation  
by Fra Angelico



The Visitation  
by Domenico Ghirlandaio



The Nativity  
by Gerard Von  
Honthorst

### Scripture

Isaiah 11: 1 (A shoot from the stump of Jesse)  
 Isaiah 40: 3-5 (Prepare a way for the Lord)  
 Romans 13: 9-13 (Cast off the darkness)  
 Luke 1: 26-31, 38=58 (The Annunciation and Visitation)  
 Luke 2: 1-20 (The Nativity Story and visit of the shepherds)  
 Matthew 2: 1-12, 16-18 (Visit of the Wise Men)

We are in **Advent**

The colour for Advent is purple.

It is a time when wait and get ready for Christmas – Jesus' birthday.

