

Timetable for St. Anthony's Christmas Card 2023

Announcement by clergy in notices at Mass (and in Children's Liturgy):

- For pictures – announce weekly from 22nd October to 19th November (October 22nd & 29th, November 5th, 12th, and 19th).
- For sign-up sheet – remind people weekly last day to sign up is November 26th

Picture for the front of the annual Church Christmas Card:

- Primary School age, coming to St Anthony's Church regularly.
- Use PLAIN WHITE PAPER, A4 size.
- A simple picture of something from the Nativity account, which is the real meaning of Christmas. No words needed.
- Any background colouring to be light shade (so good contrast).
- Remember that the picture on the card will be reduced in size to A6 (quarter of A4 in size) so needs to be clearly visible when small.
- NO glitter or shiny bits.
- Print your name on the back & place it in box at the back of church by start of Mass on 19th November.
- **Parents** - please encourage your children to take part – especially something to do over half term.
- The winning entry will be announced on Sun 26th November.

Sign-up sheet

Please announce:

- Please join in the Christmas Card scheme as this is a way of giving the money to a charity rather than to shops & card manufacturers.
- The sheet to sign is in the porch.
- Names only, NO message (as insufficient space for individual messages).
- Sign IN BLACK INK putting the family/individual name(s) as they want them to appear on the card.
- Please write ON the red lines only (they are of different lengths for longer & shorter entries) as that makes scanning in the names much easier.
- There is only limited space on the card, so only the lines on one sheet can be used, so it is a "first come first served basis"; if the sheet is full people will have "missed the boat" so signing up early is to be encouraged.

In the last 21 years, as a church, we have kindly given over £300 each year to support a Christian charity in The Holy Land. Currently we send donations to "EMBRACE the Middle East" - formerly called "BibleLands" - <https://EMBRACEme.org>

Last day for signing-up is START OF MASS on 26th November.

Cards available from mid-December, (one per signed-up household)

The card is each household's card to each of the other households on the list and from each household on the list.

Donations are invited to cover not only the cost of buying the cards, but also to cover the time spent choosing, buying, writing & delivering a card to those whom you know on the list.

THANK EVERYONE in advance for your generosity.

Finally, a reminder that anyone giving a donation for this year's charity needs to give cash, as there is no system for processing cheques or card payments.

Closing date for donations is the last Sunday in January (28th January)