



The Salvation Army in the Forest of Dean presents a Live Nativity on **Saturday 11th December**. Join us at 5pm at the Ruardean School Car Park.

So, come and meet the animals as we join together with Mary & Joseph in a candlelight procession through the village, following the Star towards 'Bethlehem'.

This is an event for all the family, and we are joined by Lydney Town Band, who will provide music as we sing carols together to help us explore the Story of Christmas.

Our journey will take us right through the village to the GLEAM field, where we will meet the shepherds and the sheep, before we experience the wonder of the stable - the place where baby Jesus was born.

Afterwards, we will gather in The Malt Shovel Inn, where we will share in hot drinks and mince pies and a final carol together.

This event is provided by The Salvation Army free of charge, all we would ask is that you wrap up warm, wear suitable clothing and footwear (our field is quite muddy!) and that you bring a torch/mobile phone light with you.

Children (and adults) are also welcome to come dressed as characters from the Nativity Story if they wish.

The event should last around an hour and a half at most.

See you there!

This is a first for us in Ruardean, where we run a project called GLEAM (Growth & Learning Equine Assisted Ministry). GLEAM provides a space for children and young people to learn how to deal with some of the tough issues in education, home and family life. We work throughout the year to provide support to Local Schools, Community Agencies, Police and Social Services to name but a few.

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