



# The Jesse Tree

*"A shoot shall come out of the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots."*

*Isaiah Chapter 11 verse 1*



## What is a Jesse Tree?

The Jesse tree is linked to the prophecy in Isaiah about the branch growing out of the stump of Jesse. It shows Jesus' family tree.

Jesse is shown at the bottom of the tree with his son King David above him. Above David is his son Solomon and at the top are Mary and the Christ Child. The rest of the tree might include the prophets, Old Testament figures or stories that point to the coming of the Messiah.

## What's Involved?

The Jesse tree is used in churches today during Advent, each day wooden symbols are added to the tree, which tell the Old Testament story leading up to Christmas. These are accompanied by short bible readings and prayers that point the way to Jesus the Messiah.

Any one can take part: our Jesse tree will be located in **St Bartholomew's Church**. Each day please add the relevant decoration to the tree, accompanied with a short bible reading and prayer (the book is kept with the decorations).

**Starts 30th November 2015**



There will also be a modern twist to the Jesse Tree: alongside the real tree in St Bartholomew's there will be a virtual Jesse tree on Facebook.

Please like, share and enjoy the Christmas story.

I hope you enjoy taking part. **Revd. Charlene**