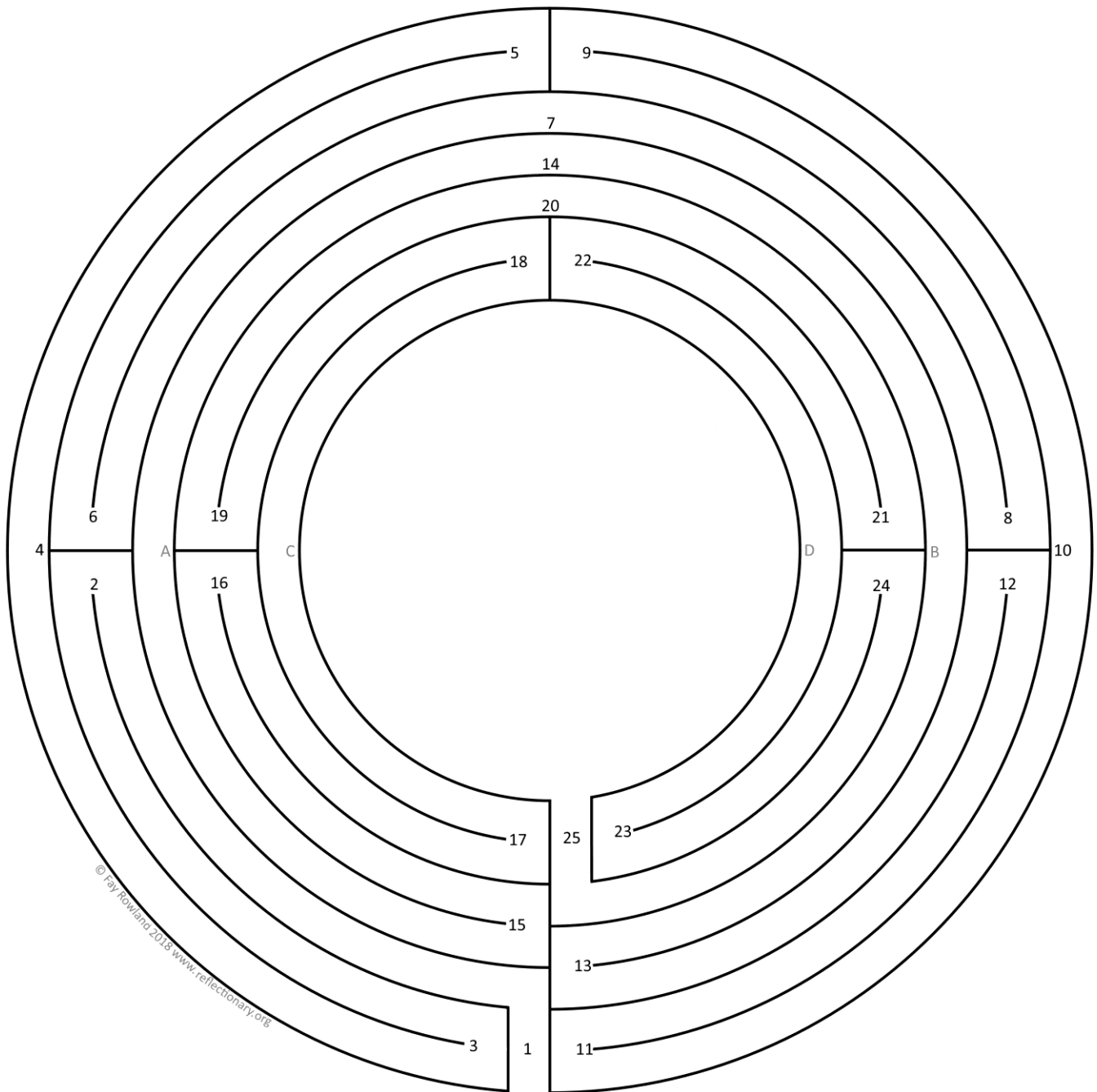


# Journey to Bethlehem Labyrinth

This shows positions for 25 stops for Dec 1<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>. For starting on Advent Sunday, follow the table below.



If starting on Advent Sunday, adjust the number of stops to allow for differing lengths of Advent

Christmas day falls on	Advent Sunday is	Number of stops	Add	Omit
Monday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	23		7, 20
Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	24		20
Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	25		
Thursday	30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	26	A, B	20
Friday	29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	27	A, B	
Saturday	28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	28	A, B, C, D	20
Sunday	27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	29	A, B, C, D	

# Journey to Bethlehem - 25 Readings for Advent

*Luke 1:26-27*

1

*God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary.*

*Luke 1:28-29*

2

*The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favoured! The Lord is with you." Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be.*

*Luke 1:30-31*

3

*But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favour with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus.*

*Luke 1:32-33*

4

*"He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."*

*Luke 1:34-35*

5

*"How will this be," Mary asked the angel. The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God."*

*Luke 1:38*

6

*"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled."*

*Then the angel left her.*

*Luke 1:46-49*

7

*And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name."*

*Matthew 1:18*

8

*Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.*

*Matthew 1:19*

9

*Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.*

*Matthew 1:20*

10

*But an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit."*

*Matthew 1:21*

11

*“She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”*

*Matthew 1:22-23*

12

*All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).*

*Luke 2:1, 4-5*

13

*In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken. So Joseph went to Bethlehem to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.*

*Luke 2:6-7*

14

*While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.*

*John 1:14*

15

*The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

*Luke 2:8-9*

16

*And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.*

*Luke 2:10-11*

17

*But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord."*

*Luke 2:12*

18

*"This will be a sign to you:*

*You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."*

*Luke 2:13-14*

19

*Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests."*

*Matthew 2:5-6*

20

*For this is what the prophet has written: "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."*

*Luke 2:16-17, 19*

21

*So they hurried off and found the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word about this child, but Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.*

*Matthew 2:1-2*

22

*Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."*

*Matthew 2:8-10*

23

*[Herod] sent them to Bethlehem, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.*

*Matthew 2:11*

24

*On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.*

*Isaiah 9:6*

25

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*