

## **Advent Poem**

Celebrate advent by writing a collective poem.

### **You will need:**

- A flip chart
- Paper
- A marker pen
- Advent words (Cut up the words below and scatter on a table)

### **Instructions:**

Ask your participants to pick their favourite word and to think of a rhyming word related to that word. Write it down on the flip chart and start your poem. It doesn't matter if it is a mishmash of different lines. It's more the process of creating together than the outcome that matters although you may be surprised at the talent within the group!

### **Rhythm**

Each poem style has a rhythm to it. The simplest way to create a collective poem is to do 4 lines in each verse. The ending words in line 1 and 3 will need to rhyme and the ending words in 2 and 4 will need to rhyme. This creates a simple rhythm.

### **An example of how to start:**

'I love yellow daffodils on a bright Spring **day**,  
When the birds are singing delightfully in the **trees**,  
All new life springing forth in the month of **May**,  
And a nice gentle breeze carrying the buzzing of the honey**bees**...'

<b>Coming</b>	<b>Arrival</b>	<b>Journey</b>
<b>Expectation</b>	<b>Angels</b>	<b>Shepherds</b>
<b>Wise Men</b>	<b>Gold</b>	<b>Frankincense</b>
<b>Host</b>	<b>Heavenly</b>	<b>Darkness</b>
<b>Donkey</b>	<b>Mary</b>	<b>Joseph</b>
<b>Wreath</b>	<b>Jesus</b>	<b>Baby</b>
<b>Candles</b>	<b>Hope</b>	<b>Bethlehem</b>
<b>Inn</b>	<b>Nazareth</b>	<b>King</b>
<b>Patience</b>	<b>Saviour</b>	<b>Awaiting</b>
<b>Son</b>	<b>Myrrh</b>	<b>Glory</b>
<b>Sheep</b>	<b>Fields</b>	<b>Magi</b>
<b>Oxen</b>	<b>Manger</b>	<b>Herod</b>
<b>Candles</b>	<b>Calendar</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>Birth</b>	<b>Peace</b>	<b>Adore</b>
<b>Justice</b>	<b>Gifts</b>	<b>Christ</b>