Posada newsletter insert

**Sample copy to use as a basis for a story for a newsletter or as a handout to members of your community to help them understand Posada and encourage their involvement. (Fill in the gaps as appropriate).**

**What is Posada?**

Posada is an old Mexican tradition where young people dressed as Mary and Joseph travelled from house to house asking for a room for the night and telling people about the imminent arrival of Jesus in the weeks leading up to Christmas. On Christmas Eve they would visit the local church to re-enact the nativity and place figures of Mary and Joseph in a crib.

Our modern Posada uses nativity figures of Mary and Joseph who travel from place to place. This gives different ‘hosts’ the chance to create their own celebration in their homes or places in the community, worshipping and reaching out to their communities with the real message of Christmas, making room for Jesus in their lives.

Will you be a host to Mary and Joseph for a night?

**What is involved?**

All you need to do is add your name to the Journey Rota which you will find on (insert name or location of the display board) for a night that will suit you to ‘host’ Mary & Joseph. Another person from our community will make arrangements to bring the figures to your place at a time to suit both of you.

For the evening when you ‘host’ Mary & Joseph you can choose to do whatever you like. Why not invite friends and family to sing carols and to talk about the meaning of Christmas?

The next day you need to take Mary & Joseph to the next host on the Journey Rota.

It’s as simple as that.