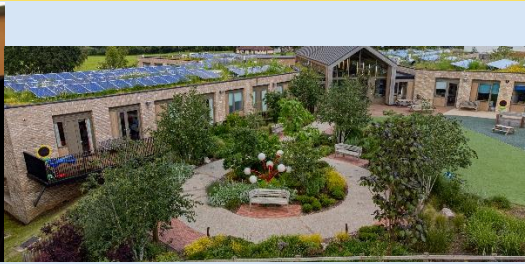


St Mary-at Finchley Good Gifts 2025

Supporting Noah's Ark Children's Hospice



Noah's Ark Children's Hospice is one of the UK's leading children's hospices, caring for hundreds of babies, children and young people who are seriously unwell, and their families.

They work in partnership with Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital and London's NHS Trusts, medical professionals and health and social care organisations to provide every child and family with the care, support and expertise they need to enjoy the time they have together.

They provide outstanding care and compassion to the babies, children and young people they support. Noah's Ark also offer families the help they need to make their lives easier. The support is carefully adapted for every child and is offered wherever it is required – whether that is in their home, their community or at The Ark - a state-of-the-art hospice building in Barnet, North London.

Noah's Ark is a fun and relaxed space where children with life-limiting and life-threatening conditions are accepted as they are, safe to play, explore, express themselves and build confidence. They focus on what children can do, rather than their perceived limitations. They celebrate every milestone.

This year they directly supported over 1,300 people and welcomed over 86 new families to Noah's Ark.

*Alongside your other Christmas gifts we hope you will also buy a **St Mary-at-Finchley Christmas Gift**.*

In 2025 we are raising funds for the Noah's Ark Children's Hospice based in Barnet.

Money collected through 'Good Gifts 2025' for 'The Ark' will support their amazing work with children and families. Some examples:

- offering specialist transport to and from The Ark for children and their families.
- Arranging specialist care for a child who is seriously unwell.
- providing hot meals for a family staying in The Ark .
- providing specialist play therapy for a child staying at The Ark.
- Organizing home support volunteering, providing care for children at their homes and

allowing parents some respite from caring responsibilities.

- providing art therapy.

All monies raised through Good Gifts will go directly to Noah's Ark Children's Hospice - no admin fees - a direct support for their work

What: Buy a 'Good Gift' – gift aid it – see the advice over the page and/or speak to John Bier

When: NOW!

Where: At St Mary-at-Finchley Church, Hendon Lane, London N3 1TR

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How does it work?

1. You can pay by cheque, cash or via the 'card reader' in Church. Donations should ideally be made using the **blue collection envelopes** available in the Church – write '**St Mary Good Gifts**' on the envelope. Cheques should be made payable to '**St Mary-at-Finchley**'. (If you wish to donate via the card machine – you must specify 'Good Gifts' and please inform myself and Pat Bagster).
2. **GIFT AID** your donation – your money can go further – **if you are a taxpayer please complete the information on the blue envelope**. If you are already registered for gift aid through your usual donations at St Mary's – please make this clear & known when you make your donation. Gift aid makes a considerable difference to the collection total. (In previous years this has added £hundreds onto the collection).
3. Once your donation and name/ address has been received you will receive a letter and a printed card with an explanatory letter as your 'gift'.
4. ***If you require more than one gift card*** – please indicate this when you make your donation (e.g. on the back of your blue envelope).
5. You complete the details in the gift letter and give it with the card to some lucky person as their 'St Mary-at-Finchley Christmas Gift'.

Buying St Mary-at-Finchley Christmas Gifts means you help 'The Ark' in their work directly. 'Administration' costs are at a minimum as all support activity is given freely by members of the St Mary-at-Finchley congregation. No 'admin fee' is deducted from donations.

Any gift donation is valued and will help to make a difference.

Thank you - from St Mary-at-Finchley and on behalf of all those who will be helped and supported at Noah's Ark Children's Hospice.