



St Mary-at-Finchley Christmas Gifts 2025

Supporting Noah's Ark Children's Hospice

Money collected through 'St Mary-at-Finchley Good Gifts 2025' will be directed to supporting the Noah's Ark Children's Hospice in Barnet. – a core project of for HAB.

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 & London's NHS Trusts, medical professionals & health and social care organisations to provide every child & family with the care, support & 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 – and also offer families the help they need to make their lives easier. Support is carefully adapted for every child and is offered where it is required – in their home, their community or at The Ark, the 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. The Ark focusses on what children can do, rather than their perceived limitations and they celebrate every milestone.

From creating and sharing sounds in Music Therapy, to holding the hands of parents during their child's final moments, Noah's Ark Children's Hospice believe in making the most of every day for the children and families cared for. They are there for families every step of the way, however and whenever needed. The Ark says:

"We cannot change the diagnosis, but we can do everything possible to help families enjoy their time together".

This year the Ark supported over 1,300 people and welcomed over 86 new families to Noah's Ark. Some examples of how money raised will be used:

- £15 pays for specialist transport to and from The Ark for children and their families.
- £25 for an hour of specialist care for a child who is seriously unwell.
- £50 provides hot meals for a family staying in The Ark for one week.
- £100 provides six hours of specialist play therapy for a child at The Ark.
- £200 pays for one day of home support volunteering, providing care for children at their homes and allowing parents some respite from caring responsibilities.
- £500 provides art therapy for two days.

Cheques should be made payable to **'St Mary-at-Finchley'**. Please **GIFT AID** your donation – your money can go further – **if you are a taxpayer please complete the information on the blue envelope. Payment also possible in cash or using the card reader**

For more details of how the scheme works – please read the leaflets (at the South Aisle entrance of St Mary-at-Finchley) or contact: **John Bier**
at St Mary-at-Finchley Church – see me at Church on Sunday or leave a message for me at the Parish Office or you can call / text me: 0779 30 60 171

Examples of where the money from will go!