



I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

Isaiah 43:19

The artist painted this canvas on the occasion of the birth of his first child. He is portrayed as Joseph and his wife as Mary with their child. There are three approaches to the child the eager, the apprehensive and the fearful.

Reflective action:

Stand, literally, at a threshold- a doorway, a shoreline, the edge of a room. Feel the weight of where you are and where you are not, yet! Pause, breathe. Let your body recognise what your spirit already knows: that you are on the edge of something holy. Name it, silently or aloud, what is pressing to be born in you, what ache, what love, what fear?

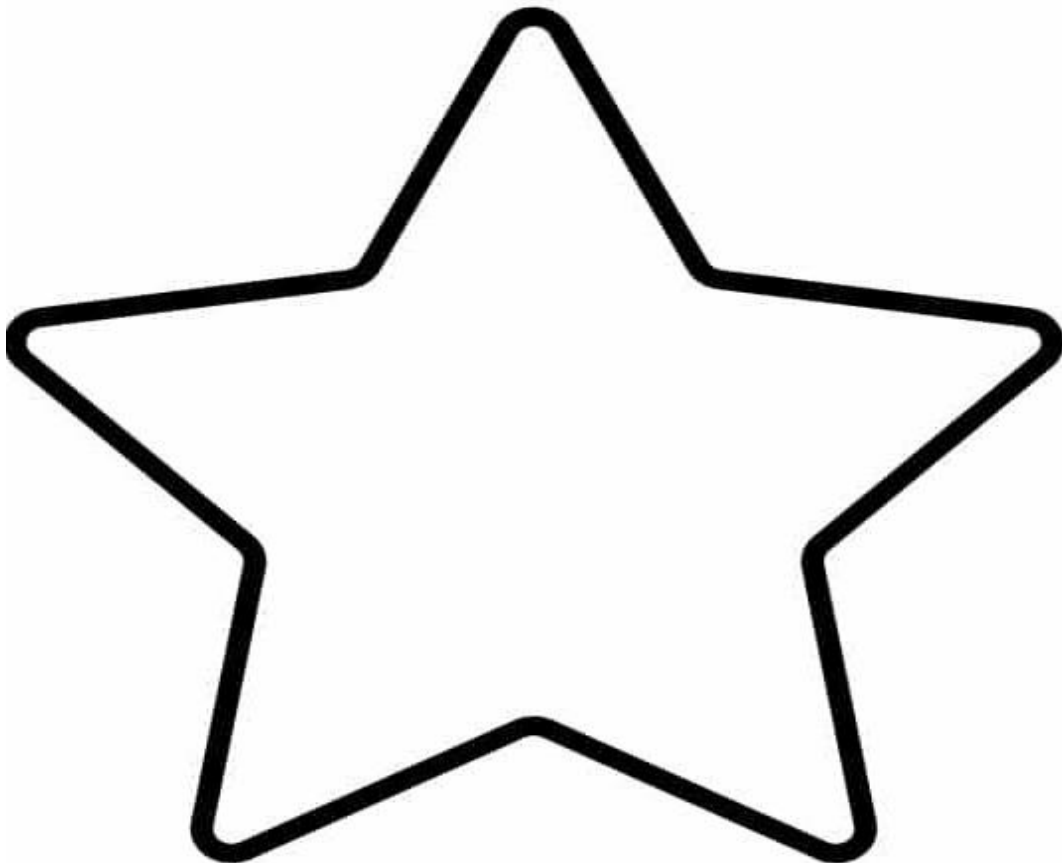
How is God birthing something new in your life? During the 150th anniversary of Mothers' Union celebration, in Church life, in reaching out in community (round the corner or worldwide).

Creative response:

Incarnation doesn't end in birth, it continues in the life of the Church, at the edges, in justice ,joy, community and hope. Draw as a prayer focus (IN A STAR shape) something you are eager about, something you are apprehensive about and something you may be fearful of. (3 Epiphany Signs). God is not only with us, but through us growing new life. So pray for that growth and mission each day

**Christ among us,
You are not just born once,
But again, and again – in food banks and
shelters, In open doors and shared bread,
Encourage, song and protest.
May we bear you into the world. Amen**

Permission: Heartedge



May you and your families have a joy filled Christmas and New Year