

## The Christmas Crib

Our Christmas Crib is of European origin. Originally bought by Mr van Camp for St Benedict's Church, Newton it proved too small for this large church. Following the importing of a much larger crib in the 1950s, Mr van Camp a former parishioner, gifted the smaller crib to Ellerslie.

The many pieces include the Infant Jesus, Mary and Joseph, an angel, the three wise men, a rather handsome camel with its handler, a shepherd and piper, and a donkey, cow, ram and six sheep.

In 1998 the Crib was repaired and restored to its former glory. A very traditional Christmas Crib well suited to our Church which continues to be admired.

