

No room in our inn

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I think this is one of the most powerful protests this Christmas:

<https://twitter.com/mirrorpolitics/status/1736121133043184109?s=66&t=fQEnD35XLiGi hXLT1M1wyA>

The [article is here](#).

As it notes:

In solidarity with people enduring the conflict just 46 miles away in the Gaza strip. Instead, Dr Munther Isaac, a Palestinian pastor at Bethlehem's Evangelical Lutheran Church, created a manger scene depicting baby Jesus surrounded by rubble and concrete.

He is not alone. The Christmas celebrations in Bethlehem have been cancelled this year.

And, as the article concludes:

The UK government currently has no programme for accepting refugees from the conflict in Gaza.

There is, apparently, no room in our inn.

That is not true, of course. But Rishi Sunak was out with the Italian far-right yesterday warning, [according to the Guardian](#) that "migration would "overwhelm" European countries without firm action".

I am, to be honest, not convinced by much of the Christmas narrative in the Gospels. Mark, after all, skipped it entirely. But, if I did believe in them I could not help but think that our leaders are on the side of Team Herod this year.