



St Aidan's Church, Gillamoor



St Mary's Church, Farndale

SURPRISE VIEW

DECEMBER 2020 / JANUARY 2021



All Saints' Church, Kirkbymoorside

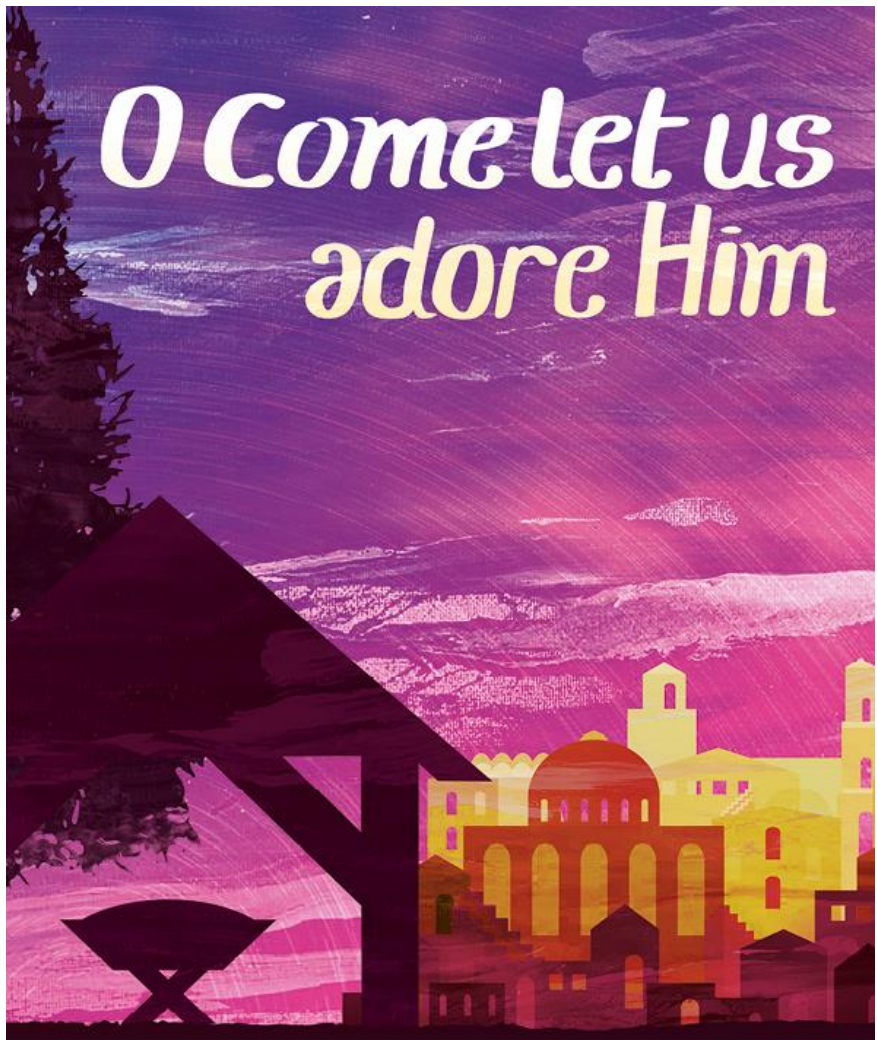
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St Nicholas' Church, Bransdale



St Michael's Church, Edstone



FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Funerals: *We pray for the family and friends of:*

24 th October	Geoff Scurr - Interment of ashes at St Mary's Farndale
29 th October	Carole Lee (77) at Scarborough Crematorium
9 th November	William Henry Horner (95) at St Nicholas' Bransdale
12 th November	Tony Baines (86) at East Riding Crematorium

JUST A THOUGHT

As 2020 draws to a close, who could have imagined the year the world has experienced?

This time last year, we were all beginning to prepare for Christmas. We were writing cards, buying gifts, planning parties, attending Nativity plays and trying to agree who was visiting who at Christmas.

It may be that some of these activities will take place this year, but they will do so in a very different climate. Whatever our personal views and experience of Coronavirus are, we have all been deeply changed and challenged by these last twelve months.

Christmas is quite rightly, a time for sharing, a time for being with loved ones, a time of giving and receiving. It is a time when we remember God born as a human baby; that eternal truth of "*The Word made flesh*."

At Christmas we are reminded of the importance of simple human values – like love and joy and thanksgiving.

However, at Christmas we are also reminded that "*The Word made flesh*" means more than just 'party, party, party' – it also means we have a commitment to the poor and the sick and the lonely who live within all our communities, for God comes to rich and poor, young and old alike.

The love of God which leads us all with shepherds and kings to Bethlehem, never ends. It is an eternal truth told and shared year after year.

His love shines in the darkness of the world, and no matter what befalls, that love will never be lost to us.

May the Love and Peace of God be with you and all whom you love this Christmas,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

SERVICES IN SAINT AIDAN'S, GILLAMOOR

- 20 8:45am Holy Communion (BCP):** The Vicar the Revd. Mark Brosnan /
The Revd. Bridget Gillespie
- 24 7:30pm Christmas Communion (BCP):** The Revd. Bridget Gillespie

SERVICES IN SAINT NICHOLAS' BRANSDALE

- 24 2:30pm Christmas Family Communion:** Canon Francis Hewitt

SERVICES IN SAINT MARY'S, FARNDALE

- 13 2.30pm Holy Communion:** The Revd Bridget Gillespie
- 24 7:30pm Christmas Communion:** The Vicar the Revd. Mark Brosnan

SERVICES IN SAINT MICHAEL'S, GT. EDSTONE

- 6 11:00am Morning Praise:** The Vicar the Revd. Mark Brosnan
- 25 10:00am Christmas Family Communion:** The Revd. Bridget Gillespie

**Holy Communion (BCP) each Wednesday
at 10.00 am in the Lady Chapel All Saints' Church**

**Please let Simon Mumford know (01751 430180) if
anyone wishes to receive Communion in their own
home**



JANUARY'S SERVICES IN ALL SAINTS'

3 **Feast of The Epiphany:**
10:30am Parish Eucharist: The Vicar the Revd. Mark Brosnan
Readings: Isaiah 60.1-6
Matthew 2.1-12



10 **Baptism of Christ (First Sunday of Epiphany):**
10:30am Parish Eucharist: The Revd. Bridget Gillespie
Readings: Genesis 1.1-5
Mark 1.4-11



17 **Second Sunday of Epiphany:**
10:30am Parish Eucharist: Canon Francis Hewitt
Readings: 1 Samuel 3.1-10
John 1.43-end



24 **The Conversion of St Paul (Third Sunday of Epiphany):**
10:30am Parish Eucharist: The Vicar the Revd. Mark Brosnan
Readings: Jeremiah 4.1-10
Matthew 19.27-end



31 **The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas):**
10:30am Parish Eucharist: The Vicar the Revd. Mark Brosnan /
The Revd. Bridget Gillespie
Readings: Malachi 3.1-5
Luke 2.22-40



**AS THIS IS THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH THIS IS
THE ONLY SERVICE IN THE PARISH TODAY**

FEBRUARY

7 **Second Sunday before Lent:**
10:30am Parish Eucharist: The Vicar the Revd. Mark Brosnan /
The Revd. Bridget Gillespie
Readings: Colossians 1.15-20
John 1.1-4



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NEWS FROM ST. MARY'S, FARNDALE

Well despite Boris and his lockdown and Mark been unwell we at St. Mary's had a very moving Remembrance Service, outside of church with everyone keeping to Covid rules. Fifteen of us met to remember those who had fallen in battle for us. Our thanks to Shirley Ann for stepping at short notice and to Eleanor for The Last Post and Reveille. Our retiring collection went to the British Legion. They like a lot more put out an appeal for funds, did see you see anyone selling poppies this year?

Where we will be this Christmas to celebrate is anyone's guess. So for Christmas services, as they say, watch this space.

From all at St. Mary's we wish you all a Joyful and Peaceful Christmas and A Prosperous 2021.

Phill Collier



CHURCH EMAIL CIRCULATION

'Dear all

If anyone from any of the parishes or even further afield would like to be added to the church email circulation list please let me know on katrina.mallories@gmail.com

This is primarily to circulate reflective services, music created for the Benefices and generally to keep us all in touch during these unprecedented times.

All correspondence is by blind copy so no one will see your address other than me and I will not use your address for any other purpose.

Keep safe. Love to all

Katrina



NOTICES

LOST & FOUND

We have in the vestry a (?silver) brooch which was found on the church path a few weeks ago. Please contact Les or Anne if you or anyone you know may have lost one.

CRISIS LOOMING

At this stage we do not know whether December weekly services will take place, but we hope, nonetheless, to have a collection for the homeless charity 'Crisis' as we would normally do by means of retiring collections.

Donations can be passed to the Vicar or Curate, or Churchwardens, or posted through the Parish Office letterbox. Cheques should be payable please to 'Kirkbymoorside PCC'.

Thank you all

FROM THE WARDENS

A huge thank you to everyone for all that has been done during this very difficult year to help keep the life of the churches in our Benefice going. We will get through all this together!

A Happy Christmas to you all and a peaceful New Year.

Love and prayers

Les and Anne



Have you ever wondered how the parish office came to be?
Below are extracts from old magazines

**From the parish magazine for All Saints' Kirkbymoorside cum
St. Aidan's, Gillamoor and St Michael, Edstone NOVEMBER 1943**

At a recent sale of property the two cottages at the west gate of the church were bought by the Church Council. It is our purpose to deal with a situation which for long has been both an eyesore and a nuisance. The purchase-price was £110. Our friends are now asked to help defray the cost. Gifts may be made to Mr. Hoodless, The Midland Bank, where a fund is open.

Please help

and from

**"The Church Window" the parish magazine for Kirkbymoorside and
Gillamoor NOVEMBER 1954**

MONEY

We have to pull down the cottages by the churchyard gate. It is unfortunate to have to spend money on that. On the site we propose to build a shed to house the coke and churchyard tools, (we've no proper provision for that at present.) The cost will be over £300. We daren't delay much longer in case the houses fall down! So will you please help us by generous giving to the ordinary collections as well as to extra efforts.

and finally from

Surprise View JUNE 1999

Notes from the P.C.C. meeting held on Monday 26th April: agreement was reached on the following

Conversion of the Crown Square outbuildings into a parish office and disabled unisex toilet is to go ahead.



JOURNEYS OR LOCKDOWN THIS CHRISTMAS?

Christmas is a busy time for travel, as many of us venture a great distance to see family or friends again. But this year coronavirus has put an end to all that. Seeing all our loved ones this Christmas will be difficult, if not impossible. Soon we may not be travelling anywhere very much at all.

Have you noticed that the Christmas story is about journeys? It begins with Mary and Joseph travelling from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Then, some shepherds receive news from an angel about a special birth. They travel through the night, across dark fields and down unlit streets to search for the baby Jesus.

After this, in an eastern country some wise men see a new star, one that heralds a new king. They leave home and set out with only the star to guide them, and their faith to reassure them that Someone special is waiting at the end of their journey.

All these travellers must have wondered what really lay ahead. Nothing was fully understood, carefully planned for, or safe. They all travelled with questions and uncertainties. But God had come unexpectedly into their lives, and suddenly they were given new roles to serve Him. Despite worldly circumstances that could have crushed them, they stood firm and trusted God all the way.

These travellers' tales tell us that God may suddenly enter into our familiar, or this year, unfamiliar circumstances. He may come in surprising ways, to prompt us into new avenues of service. At first His call on us may be uncomfortable and challenging.

If our response is anything like Joseph, Mary, the shepherds and wise men – to be obedient to His call in serving, witnessing and worshipping, we shall be greatly blessed and rewarded.

We are all on life's journey. If we travel with God, He will be faithful and lead us to His heavenly Home.



HOPE AMID UNCERTAINTY

'Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign: the virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and will call Him Immanuel.' (Isaiah 7:14)

This promise to King Ahaz in 8th century Judah is fulfilled in the coming of Jesus at the first Christmas: 'God with Us' (Matthew 1:23). Ahaz faced the military threat of Syria invading Israel, but Isaiah tells him not to panic. He can trust God, who is in control of the nation.

For us, Coronavirus brings deep uncertainty as we come to another New Year. We live with the threat from the virus, economic uncertainty, separation from family and friends, the loss of loved ones and the anxiety that isolation brings. Yet the message of Immanuel brings hope, as it did for Ahaz! Christmas changes everything forever! God has declared in Christ that He is with us and for us, not absent from or against us. His love is larger than our sin, fears or guilt: 'If God is for us, who can be against us?' (Romans 8:31).

As we prepare for the most unusual Christmas ever, let's not forget:

God with us means that He is on my side and by my side. In the uncertainties of life, I am never alone.

God with us means that everything will work out according to His plan. My life isn't just a series of meaningless occasions or mistakes.

God with us means that even when others show they are not there for me, God is.

God with us means when circumstances change, He will give me the strength I need.

God is with me: He isn't far away but has made the journey into my world. Here is the hope for the future, once we get past the trees, gifts, turkey stuffing and pudding!

Canon Paul Hardingham



SO MANY DENOMINATIONS!

Church leaders often talk about new churches and church planting, but probably talk less about new denominations. Yet new denominations are also being started. In the UK the number has grown from the 97 listed, when they were first counted in 1977, to 250 by the year 2000, falling to 230 by this year.

The number of denominations has grown worldwide also. When first counted globally in 1970, the total number was 16,100. It reached 33,100 by 1995, and the number is now reckoned to be 44,800.

In 2020, Africa had almost half (46%) of all the global denominations. This is primarily because the charismatic Pentecostals are extremely strong in Africa, and, as in the UK, they are formed of many small denominations. Across the rest of the globe inter-continental comparisons are fairly even in terms of number of denominations, although Oceania has few



CATHEDRALS BATTERED BY THE PANDEMIC

Cathedrals have struggled this year, as Covid-19 drastically cut visitor numbers, and thus income has plummeted. Numbers of lay staff in cathedrals across the country have been facing possible redundancy, as the financial impact of the pandemic continues to hit.

Westminster Abbey alone is losing 20 per cent of its staff as it faces a “breath-taking” loss of up to £12million next year.

Now 20 other cathedrals have been handed a lifeline by the Government’s £1.57billion Culture Recovery Fund. They include Canterbury, Chichester, Coventry, Derby, Ely, Exeter, Gloucester, Hereford, Leicester, Lincoln, Liverpool, Portsmouth, Salisbury, Southwell Minster, St Albans, Sheffield, Truro, Wells, Winchester and Worcester.

The Rectory
St James the Least of All



My dear Nephew Darren

I am sorry I was not alive during that wonderful four-year period when Oliver Cromwell abolished Christmas; no Christmas parties, no carol services, no cards to send and no frantic last-minute shopping. That man was a hero.

Planning for Christmas at St James' normally starts on 2nd January. By Easter, the flowers for church have been carefully chosen to be colour coordinated, and the seating plans and table decorations for the Christmas party have been allocated (with nominated reserves in case someone should inconveniently die in the intervening eight months). Long before Summer is over, the tree lights have been tested, music for the 9 Lessons and Carols Service has been chosen and the service sheets printed. Way before the dark nights set in, car parking attendants will have been found, those who are to light all the candles will have been rehearsed to perfection, and the brass lectern has had its annual polish.

We do not do spontaneity at St James the Least of All. If ever there was a service when time for something unexpected had to be allowed, its place would be announced in the order of service, how long the unexpected thing would happen for would have been decided by a committee, and who was to be spontaneous would have been allocated on a rota.

But the one person none of these well-meaning, efficient, committed organisers can control is the Rector. You could call it a staff perk.

Carols will (accidentally, of course) be announced in the wrong order; if verse 3 was to be omitted, I announce it will be verse 4. This keeps the organist on his toes while the choir hovers on the point of a collective nervous breakdown. At the Christmas supper, my introductory welcome speech and extensive grace make those in the kitchen wonder if the vegetables being boiled should better be served as thick soup.

I offer the helpful suggestion that the tree, having been installed and decorated in the chancel, may perhaps look better in the sanctuary and I turn all the heating off throughout the season, explaining that it will help the flowers to last. All Services will start five minutes early (was my watch rather fast?) so I can look disapprovingly at those still coming in while we are singing the first carol and making it clear that I think they had spent too long in the pub next door.

And so we all reach Christmas morning, with 12 months of planning having gone yet again slightly awry, with parishioners exhausted and I exhilarated at the chaos that has been created with such ease. Mr Cromwell, your spirit lives on.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

Lines from Invocation of Peace

Deep peace, pure white of the moon to you;
Deep peace, pure green of the grass to you;
Deep peace, pure brown of the earth to you;
Deep peace, pure grey of the dew to you,
Deep peace, pure blue of the sky to you!
Deep peace of the running wave to you,
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.

By Fiona Macleod (19th century Celtic visionary and romantic)

PICTURE



The teacher asked her Sunday School class to draw a picture of a Bible story with a Christmas theme. She was puzzled by Kate's picture, which showed four people on an airplane.



She asked her which story it was meant to represent. 'The Flight to Egypt,' was the reply.

Pointing at each figure, the teacher ventured: 'That must be Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus. But who is the fourth person?'

'Oh,' explained Kate happily, 'that's Pontius – the pilot!'

MISTLETOE

This time of year you can see all sorts of traditions played out with regard to Christmas decorations. Strict adherents use holly, ivy and of course, mistletoe. While holly and ivy are to be found in gardens and hedgerows, mistletoe usually only appears in greengrocers' shops, or high in a tree well out of reach.



Mistletoe is *hemiparasitic*, meaning that although its leaves enable it to feed itself through photosynthesis, its roots invade the host tree or shrub to extract water and other nutrients. Its favourite host trees are apple, lime, hawthorn, poplar or oak and it normally hangs as a large globe, tantalisingly high and totally visible once winter arrives and it is the only green left on the tree. There are some spectacular examples in Windsor Great Park, clearly visible from the path on the opposite side of the River Thames.

We all know about the almost translucent white berries, fleshy and sticky, which form in the forks of mistletoe's many branches. While they are toxic to humans, they are attractive to birds. When birds have enjoyed the juicy flesh, they wipe the remaining seeds off their beaks onto the nearest branch [somewhat like small children wiping sticky hands on any surface close by – mummy's face or clothes?]. With luck the seed remains stuck to the bark and solves mistletoe's problem of reproduction.

In Greek mythology, mistletoe gave access to the Underworld. Romans thought it represented Peace, Love and Understanding and perhaps that is how it has sidled into our Christmas celebrations. The earliest documentary evidence for kissing under mistletoe dates from the sixteenth century. Some people think a berry should be removed after each kiss. Given the small size of pieces generally available these days, perhaps that is a practice not to be pursued!

NEXT CHRISTMAS



The grandson had just taken a photograph of his grandmother who'd come to stay for Christmas and her 89th birthday. 'Grannie, I sure hope I'm around next year to photograph you on your 90th birthday,' he said tactfully.



'Why not?' his grandmother shrugged. 'You look healthy enough.'

JOHN LENNON – 40 YEARS SINCE HIS DEATH

It was 40 years ago, on 8th December 1980, that John Lennon – rock musician, peace activist and a founder of the Beatles – was shot dead, aged 40, outside his New York City apartment by Mark Chapman, a deranged fan.

Lennon is usually regarded as anti-Christian, but he denied being “anti-Christ or anti-religion”. Three months before he died he said he had a spiritual side, but “the whole religion business suffers from the ‘Onward, Christian Soldiers’ bit. There’s too much talk about soldiers and marching and converting”.

As a youngster Lennon attended St Peter’s Anglican Church in South Liverpool, where he was a member of the youth group, but his post-Beatles single *Imagine* is widely regarded as being an “atheist anthem”, and his remark in 1966 that the Beatles had become more popular than Jesus led to threats, protests and record-burning in America.

However, in the 1970s Lennon did in fact show a strong interest in Christianity, saying the Beatles were always on the side of Christ. In 1977 he wrote some Christian songs and told friends he had become a born-again Christian. But his wife Yoko Ono took him to Tokyo and pulled him away from this; eventually he was said to have retained only universalist ideas.

HOW TO IMPRESS THE CAT THIS CHRISTMAS

If you are going to spend Christmas in a house with a resident cat, it may be worth knowing how to win its favour on the big day.

Recent research at Sussex University has found that humans become more attractive to a cat when they slowly blink at it, and mimic what is known as a ‘cat smile.’

Cats are more likely to slow-blink at their owners after their owners have slow-blinked at them. Cats are also more likely to approach an outstretched hand after a person has slow-blinked the cat.

As one professor said, this is something ‘you can try yourself with your own cat at home, or with cats you meet in the street. It’s a great way of enhancing the bond you have with cats.’ (Presuming you want such a bond!)

Try narrowing your eyes at them as you would in a relaxed smile, followed by closing your eyes for a couple of seconds. You should find they respond to you in the same way. You might even start a sort-of conversation.

BEETHOVEN: 'FROM THE HEART TO THE HEART'

This year, 2020, is a special year for Beethoven: it marks the 250th anniversary of his birth on 16th December 1770.

And so it was very fitting that back in August, at the first Live Prom this year in the Royal Albert Hall, the BBC Symphony Orchestra played his 3rd symphony, the *Eroica*.

Beethoven composed it in 1804. A few years earlier he had noticed the first symptoms of his deafness. He wrote in a letter to his brothers that was found after his death, '*I must live like an exile.*' The deafness brought in its wake depression and thoughts of suicide, but Beethoven wrote that '*the only thing that held me back was my art.*'

He went on to compose works which expressed the tragedy this cross of deafness brought, but also conveyed the power of the human spirit which proved indomitable in the face of that struggle. '*Music,*' he wrote, '*is the electric soil in which the spirit thinks, lives and invents.*'

Beethoven was to compose six more symphonies after the *Eroica* and a wealth of other music up to his death in 1827. He spent most of his life in Vienna, but through his music his creative genius travelled far and wide.

Scholars divide his work into three stages. Up to 1800 he composed very much in the classical tradition. That year marked a second stage with works like the 5th Symphony, which opens with the famous eight-note motif of fate knocking at the door, and his opera *Fidelio*. Then in 1817 came a final stage when his compositions explored new territories of the human spirit altogether.

Although his deafness brought loneliness and isolation, he found in music the means to express those experiences: his struggle with Destiny, his love of Nature and that search for an inner peace and serenity. Weighed down by physical limitations, he found a freedom to express himself and his longing for transcendence and light.

It is there in the Prisoners' Chorus in his opera *Fidelio* as they emerge from the dungeon into the sunlight. And it is quintessentially present in his last great works: the late String Quartets, the 9th Symphony with its exultant hymn to Joy, and the Missa Solemnis where there is a beauty and a serenity in the Benedictus and Agnus Dei.

On the score of this work, Beethoven wrote above the Kyrie *It comes from the heart - may it go to the heart.* In this month which marks the 250th anniversary

of his birth, we give thanks for his music which continues to speak to hearts in every age. It is music that tells us of the pain and struggle of life, but also the discovery of a courage and freedom that can help us to step out in his company and welcome the light and the joy, the peace and the beauty.

CHRISTMAS FRUSTRATION????

I said to God, upon my knees
“O Lord, I am so cross!
“That gift I sent to Aunt Denise
“Within the post is lost!
“That tree I bought for forty pounds
“(Well, just a penny less)
“Its needles lie upon the ground
“It looks a total mess!”

“I know,” said God, “I understand,
“I sent my Son, you know.
“He came to Earth, just as I’d planned
“Two thousand years ago
“Was born within a stable bare –
“The cattle heard Him cry
“He spoke of love, men didn’t care
“They led Him out to die.”

“No gift was given with such love
“No higher price was paid.
“He left His throne of light above
“For sin His life to trade.
“But even after all these years
“This gift you men eschew,
“So Christmas is a time of tears

“For Me, as well as you.”

By Nigel Beeton



WAYS TO AVOID STRESS THIS CHRISTMAS

Change your expectations this Christmas. Don't waste time lamenting what should have been. Instead, try and enjoy whatever is possible this year.

Make a list. Include sending cards, buying presents and organising food for the big day. Having a list helps keep you in control of your life.

Set a reduced budget this year. With a pandemic raging, this is no time to take on Christmas debt. If you can't pay for it this month, probably best not to buy it.

Exercise each day – it releases happiness-inducing serotonin. That will help you to keep calm and positive over the festive period.

Don't overindulge. Too much alcohol and rich food won't improve your life.

Keep calm and keep kind – urge your family members to try and avoid any flare up of family tensions. If you need to cry, cry, but then, keep on keeping on.

Remember those everyday essentials: batteries for new toys, toilet paper, milk, paper towel. Those things you never think about – until they are gone.

Entertain the kids: plan ahead various films, games and whatever it takes to give them a memorable Christmas.

Make the most of Zoom this year with far-flung relatives and friends.

Most of all, include God in your Christmas! This is His Son's birthday – include Bible readings and carols in your family routine over the festive period.



HOW MANY CHRISTMAS CAROLS DO YOU REALLY KNOW?

Here is a challenge: why not spend some time learning the words to traditional carols this year? Polls have found that too many of us know the title of a carol and the tune and the opening line or so, but then we have to make it up. This year you probably have more time at home, so get going!

REMEMBERING BONNIE PRINCE CHARLIE

Three hundred years ago, on 31st December 1720, Charles Edward Stuart, commonly known as “Bonnie Prince Charlie”, was born in Italy. He was leader of the unsuccessful Jacobite rebellion of 1745-46 – a turning point in British history.

Charles believed the British throne to be his birthright as the grandson of King James II, a Roman Catholic who had been ousted to make way for the Protestant William of Orange in the Glorious Revolution of 1688. Charles intended, with the help of France and the Scots, to remove William’s Hanoverian successor George II – in his view a usurper.

Although Charles was a Catholic, not all his Jacobite supporters were, but they did believe a Stuart on the throne would give them relief from the austere Presbyterian form of Protestantism imposed on the Church of Scotland by William.

So they supported Charles, but despite big initial successes – the 6000-strong army got as far south as Derby – their cause eventually foundered at the Battle of Culloden, where Charles eschewed the advice of his brilliant general Lord George Murray (a Protestant) and was routed.

The backing of the French had waned after a 1744 invasion fleet was scattered by a storm. After hiding in the Highlands, Charles eventually escaped back to the Continent, had many affairs and died in 1788.

ANGELS?



Two daughters had been given parts in a Christmas pageant at their Church. At dinner that night, they got into an argument as to who had the most important role.



Finally, the 14 year-old said to her 8 year-old younger sister, ‘Well, you just ask Mum. She’ll tell you it’s much harder to be a virgin than it is to be an angel.’



"Nice idea, Amelia, but I don't think that the Angel of the Lord Zooming with the shepherds would have the same dramatic effect."

LET'S HEAR IT FOR THE CHRISTMAS CARD!

A folded piece of Christmas cheer
Came through the post today!
I love it when those cards appear
I love the things they say!

And at this busy Christmas time
I'm always glad to see
The Christmas scene or Christmas
rhyme
That you have sent to me.

The trouble that good people take
Is really, really kind -
Some people even sit and make
A card for me to find!

And in our virtual world of text
And pictures on a screen
These bits and bytes leave me
perplexed
If you know what I mean?

And so I think that it is fine
To see your kind regard
I can admire this Christmas time
Your real Christmas card!

By Nigel Beeton



ALL SAINTS'100 CLUB

The purpose of the 100 club is to raise much needed funds for the upkeep of All Saints' Church and Churchyard.

Joining the 100 Club is a fun way of supporting your Church. By paying £5 per month either by standing order, cheque or cash. You will be allotted a number which will go into the bag for the monthly prize draw. Application forms can be obtained from the Parish Office

Prize money of 30% of the total contributions for the month will be shared between 1st& 2nd lucky winners. 75% & 25% each. Winners' names will be published on the Church notice board.

The remainder of the money will help the Church to carry out the repair and maintenance of the Church and Churchyard.

The winners of the November draw were

First Prize	No. 22	Mrs J Sutherland	£40.50
Second Prize	NO. 7	Mr J Warriner	£13.50
Total stake		Total prize money	

There is still time to join, or to join a friend for Christmas, before the December draw! Please contact Les Clarke.



DECEMBER/JANUARY'S CROSSWORD

Across

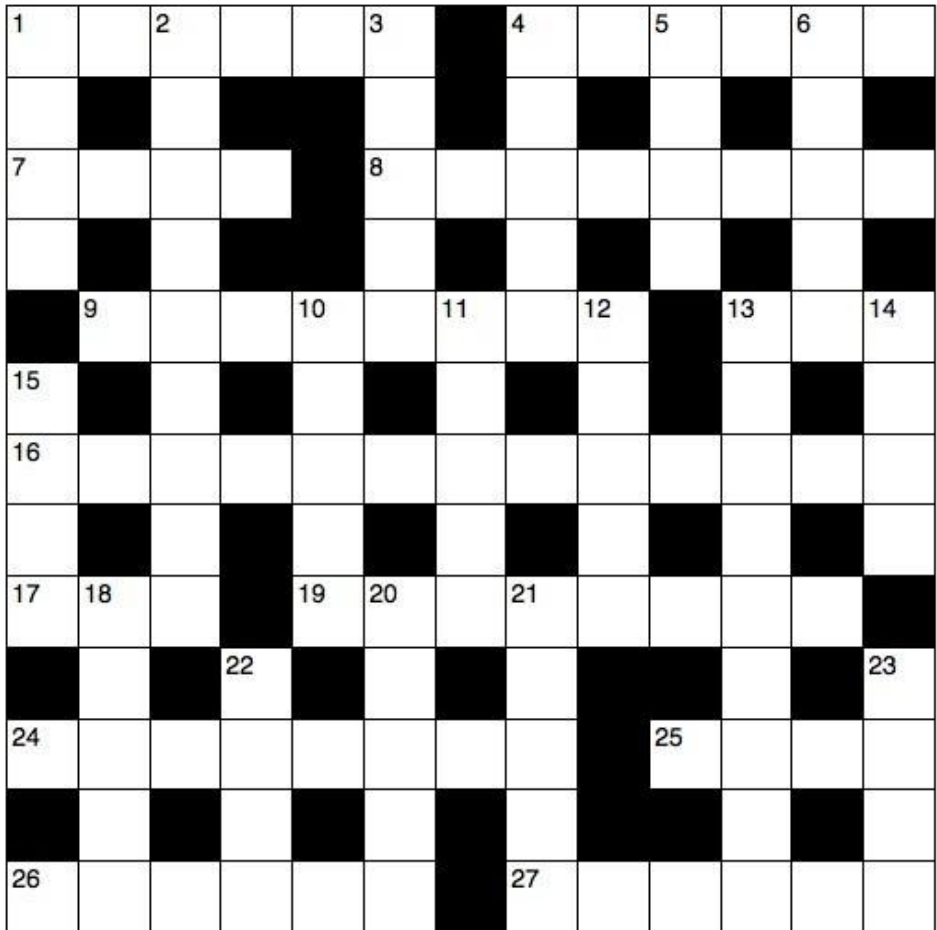
- 1 Rely (Psalm 62:7) (6)
- 4 'He stretches out the heavens like a — , and spreads them out like a tent to live in' (Isaiah 40:22) (6)
- 7 What the dove carried the olive leaf in, when it returned to Noah's ark (Genesis 8:11) (4)
- 8 Annoy (1 Samuel 1:6) (8)
- 9 Judah's last king, who ended his days as a blind prisoner in Babylon (Jeremiah 52:11) (8)
- 13 'They all — and were satisfied' (Luke 9:17) (3)
- 16 Eliphaz the Temanite was one; so was Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite (Job 2:11; 16:2) (4,9)
- 17 National Association of Evangelicals (of the USA) (1,1,1)
- 19 Popular song for New Year's Eve, Auld — — (4,4)
- 24 Able dock (anag.) (8)
- 25 The number of stones David chose for his confrontation with Goliath (1 Samuel 17:40) (4)
- 26 Elgar's best-known 'Variations' (6)
- 27 Soak (Isaiah 16:9) (6)

Down

- 1 Money owing (Deuteronomy 15:3) (4)
- 2 Conciliatory (Titus 3:2) (9)
- 3 'Do this, whenever you — it, in remembrance of me' (1 Corinthians 11:25) (5)
- 4 A group assisting in the governance of the Roman Catholic Church (5)
- 5 One of the gifts Joseph's brothers took with them on their second journey to Egypt (Genesis 43:11) (4)
- 6 'Reach out your hand and — — into my side. Stop doubting and believe' (John 20:27) (3,2)
- 10 Be outstandingly good (2 Corinthians 8:7) (5)
- 11 'What — — that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?' (Psalm 8:4) (2,3)
- 12 Horse's feet (Judges 5:22) (5)
- 13 Notice (Deuteronomy 17:4) (9)
- 14 Comes between 2 Chronicles and Nehemiah (4)
- 15 One of Israel's northern towns conquered by Ben-Hadad (1 Kings 15:20) (4)
- 18 Narnia's Lion (5)
- 20 One of the two rivers in which Naaman would have preferred to wash (2 Kings 5:12) (5)
- 21 Avarice—one of the evils that come from inside people (Mark 7:22)

22 Knight Grand Cross of St Michael and St George (1,1,1,1)

23 Jacob's first wife (Genesis 29:23) (4)



NOVEMBER'S CROSSWORD ANSWERS

ACROSS: 1, Thanks. 4, Banner. 8, Esher. 9, Azariah. 10, Compare. 11, Ishma. 12, Doorposts. 17, Oaths. 19, Galatia. 21, Papyrus. 22, Frail. 23, Listen. 24, Hyssop.

DOWN: 1, Trench. 2, Ashamed. 3, Karma. 5, Ananias. 6, Neigh. 7, Reheat. 9, Areopagus. 13, Observe. 14, Satraps. 15, Compel. 16, Gallop. 18, Tapes. 20, Lofty.

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