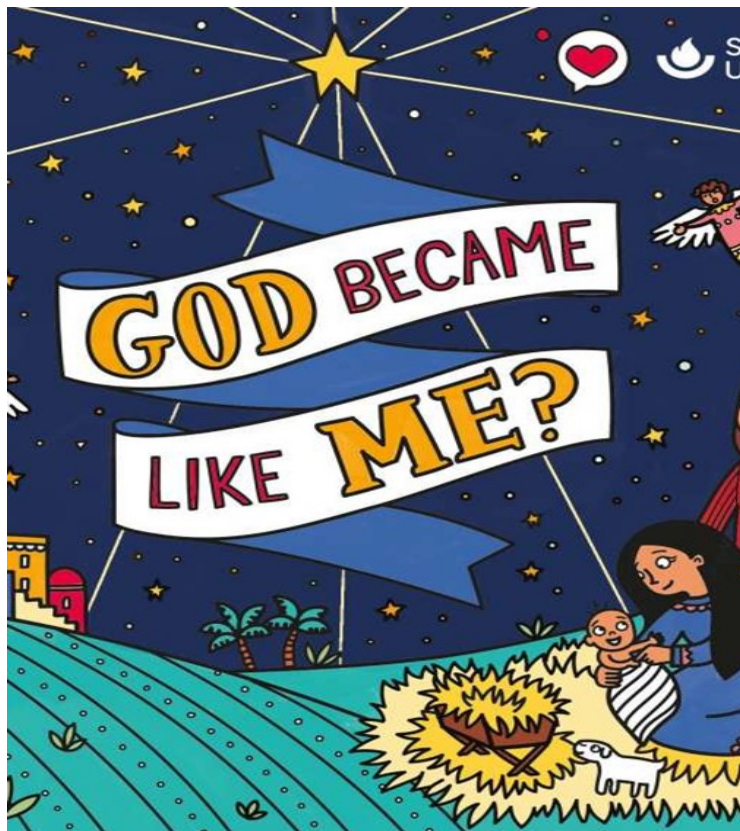


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8.12.19 Breary Lane, Breary Rise & Breary Court

15.12.19 Parklands, Parklands Gate, Parklands Crescent & Parklands Walk

22.12.19 Eastgate, The Parade, Eastgate Close, The Cross & Old Forge Mews

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THIS group is made up of ordinary Christian people who believe in the power of prayer, put their faith in God and want to pray for you.

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If you would like prayer either write your request in the Book of Prayer at the back of church or contact Tom, Bryan, Jonathan or Mary Mumby (see above).

Healing Prayer

PRAYER for Healing takes place in the small chapel. It is usually at the end of a service, either morning or evening.

You can ask for prayer for yourself or for someone else.

We will pray with you that you may experience God's healing and that you may have a sense of his presence with you, his love, his peace and his support through the Holy Spirit.

Whoever you are, and whatever your needs, you are welcome to come and ask for prayer.

Countdown to Christmas

Advent is 'the final countdown' to Christmas day and many children will have an Advent calendar to help them count the days. It's also a special time for the church.

The words Advent simply means 'coming' – it is the season when Christians remember that God came to earth to be born as the Christ child, Jesus. God also promised that Jesus will come again at the end of time to heal all the world's hurts and divisions.

Advent remembers this amazing promise, so it's a time of hope, of getting ready, and expectation. Waiting is hard, but Christmas is worth waiting for – at its heart is a gift of love from God to the world.

Do talk to your children / grandchildren / nephews / nieces about which things about Christmas are hard to wait for and which are worth saving until the day. They might surprise you!

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The Advent of the Badvent Calendar

Advent Calendars have always been a commercial product so no one can really complain that they have been wrecked by supermarkets in their quest to squeeze every last drop of goodness out of Christmas.

Tom writes

The satirical website *Ship of Fools* launched a search for the year's worst Badvent calendar, the calendar furthest away from the original Christmas story. This includes the Lego Star Wars Advent Calendar complete with Darth Vader dressed as Santa - the Nativity according to the Gospel of Luke Skywalker.

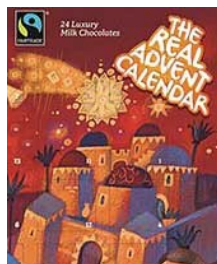
Now we have the Advent scratch-card. In one £5 offering entitled "Christmas Advent Calendar" you will find Santa standing in the middle of a snow-covered village, complete with a Church and sleepy houses. Each house can be scratched



away to reveal instant cash prizes of up to £250,000.

It is depressing that no Advent Calendar on the UK market tries to tell the first Christmas story, or gives anything to charity, or uses Fairtrade chocolate. They all seem to operate entirely outside the spirit of Christmas. Except for one: The Real Advent Calendar. It's worth a Google.

On the front cover of this edition of the Review is the title of a new booklet by Scripture Union, "God became like me?", which brings the story of Jesus's birth to life.



I was going to get copies to hand out to all of the children who attend our Christmas services. Sadly demand for the (free) true meaning of Christmas has been high and they have sold out.

The booklet begins with some great questions ("God became human? Like a human being? Are you sure?"). It ends with a poem which I have put at the back of the review (p.31 with the Brain Teaser) in case you want to save the real meaning of Christmas ... for Christmas.

Tom

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Christingle on Christmas Eve

The Moravian Church in Germany held the first Christingle services in the 1700s, to explain in a simple way the happiness that came to people through Jesus.

The Children's Society adopted the idea when their first Christingle service was held in 1968 at Lincoln Cathedral. For the last 50 years local churches, schools and Children's Society committees have organised Christingle services to raise money, and it has become the Children's Society's biggest fundraiser. Last year more than 6000 celebrations raised almost £1.3million to help young people in the UK.

The Children's Society supports young people aged 10-18 in a variety of ways, the specifics have changed in recent years, to encompass support for young runaways, families trapped in debt, support for children in danger of sexual exploitation, to support young carers, and to campaign and lobby government.



In 2018 the Society worked directly with 9,782 vulnerable children; and made life better for 621,000 young people through policy and campaigning work.



In Bramhope there has been an active Children's Society committee for over 40 years, and in conjunction with the youth members of St Giles Church, Christingle services have traditionally been held on Christmas Eve. The event has become so popular that we have been holding two services to accommodate everybody! We have always emphasised the benefits of gift aiding the donations; and have raised over £1,000 in donations every year for the past 8 years.

We plan to once again hold our Bramhope Christingle Services at St Giles on Christmas Eve. Please look out for the timings in the Church magazine, and we look forward to welcoming you to this joyful service.

Jo Simpson - Treasurer, Children's Society Committee, Bramhope



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PCC Update

Tom chaired a meeting of the PCC on 4 November 2019.

The PCC were sorry to receive resignations from Jean Bradshaw and Karen Giles. Their contributions to the PCC have been so valuable and we shall miss their work and wise counsel. In particular, Karen's work on communications will be sorely missed, but we are all pleased she continues to be involved in such work as Healing Prayer and music for the second Sunday services.

On a more positive note, Bernard was pleased to announce that our Parish share for next year is rather less than before and we should be able to balance our books more or less unless there is major unforeseen expenditure. However a report from the Fabric Committee rather took the gilt off the gingerbread as there is considerable work to be done to the church.

Pizza Church met in October and was a considerable success, attracting some 87 children and adults. The next meeting will be at the Methodist Church on **Sunday 1 December**.

June Pickles reported to the PCC on her work on Pastoral Care as part of our Responding to Change initiative. She has some really imaginative and forward-thinking ideas and we look forward to her continued work.

Angela Smith continues to 'tidy up' our safeguarding work, with Liz taking over new safeguarding issues.

The next PCC meeting will be on **20 January** next year. If you would like to become a member of the PCC please speak to Tom or the Churchwardens Angela or Nick for more information.

Jenni Hall
PCC Secretary

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Advent Course: Haphazard by Starlight

This year's Advent course will be a joint course run by the two Churches in Bramhope, co-led by Revd Roger Smith and Revd Tom Lusty.

The course will run for four weeks
from Thursday 28 November.



The afternoon session (2 - 3pm) will be held in 'the Loft' at the Fox and Hounds pub; the evening session will vary between the two Churches. We will be looking at poems from Janet Morley's poetry anthology "Haphazard by Starlight".

There will be space for reflection on a particular poem within an act of worship using liturgy from the Iona Community.



A candle burns,
the sign of your presence.
God amongst us,
born as one of us,
may we live in the light of your presence,
the Light who gives life to all.

28 November "Advent Calendar" by Rowan Williams

2pm The Loft / 7pm St Giles Church

5 December "Church Going" by Philip Larkin

2pm The Loft / 7pm Bramhope Methodist Church

12 December "The Second Coming" by W. B. Yeats

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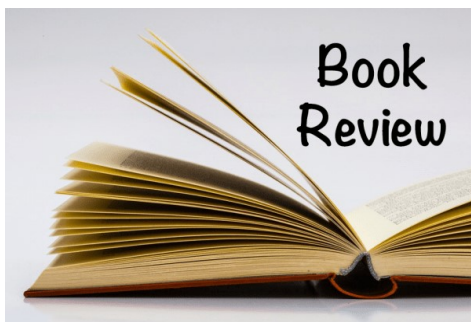
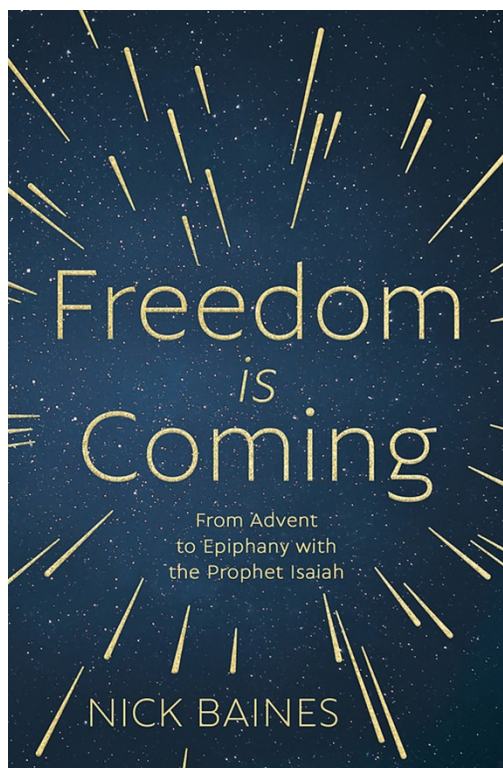
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Book Review for Advent

*"Freedom is Coming. From Advent to Epiphany
with the Prophet Isaiah"* by Nick Baines

Our very own Bishop Nick has written a great book of biblical and prayerful reflections based on readings from Isaiah. There are a couple of pages to read each day in Advent, so you need to start reading on the first Sunday in Advent (1st December).



In the book Bishop Nick considers what the words of Isaiah meant to the first hearers, that is to say the Israelites in exile in Babylon as they longed for their home, their freedom and the coming of the Messiah.

Each day he challenges his readers to think about their personal journey of faith in the context of being part of the church and our calling to seek peace and justice. It is a thoughtful book that is also a call to action. I highly recommend it.

Helen Reid

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FIRST CLASS DELIVERY (FCD) UPDATE

Your first heard about FCD in May 2004 – almost the last century!
Yours truly is still (thankfully) plodding up and down the leafy lanes



of the parish to inform you via your letter boxes of

forthcoming events. During the intervening years there have been some changes to the letter boxes because of new front, back or side doors. However it is sad to say most are not fit for a FCD.

My delivery rounds have varied considerably during these passing years, one particular route makes me grin smugly to myself, because I have come across letterboxes which are fixed either to the front gate or gatepost. No dogs to attack me or prevent FCD. WOW! – how FCD friendly is that? I guess the regular postie is rather chuffed also. It is so easy to pop the required bits of paper or magazines through. There is no need to bend down and lift a flap and try to shove things through resulting in everything in your other hand falling on the floor. What is

even worse, there are those idiotic ones with brushes inside which make it almost impossible to insert the required paper. I would really love to have a face to face meeting with the designers of these ridiculous apertures and take him/her on a delivery round and let them experience the frustrations their designs cause.

One letter box I came across or rather tried to find proved impossible so the next best thing was to knock on the door. Fortunately the lady of the house was in. She apologised for the difficulty in finding the mail box. It is on the gate which was open and the black refuse bin was parked in front of it. Ah well!

I have had two unfortunate experiences in connection with my very friendly FCD letter box. The first one involved the local postie, the paid one I might add, not a volunteer like yours truly. I came home and found my Royal Mail delivery was on the back doorstep. My letterbox is very visible and easy to pop the necessary paper through, thankfully the weather was fine. The next one was an extremely crumpled envelope

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A sermon preached at St Giles' reflecting on the parable of Dives and Lazarus and Paul's teaching on wealth

(Luke 16: 19-31 and 1 Timothy 6: 3-19)

"Godliness with contentment is great gain" (1 Tim 6: 6)

For those who don't know me, I'm Peter Vickers, a son and a father, a brother and a widower, resident of Bramhope on and off for 60 years, and chairman of an almost 200-year-old, family-owned, specialty lubricating oil manufacturer in Leeds. And in absolute terms, and in the eyes of most of the world's 8 billion other people - I'm rich. So these texts are *personal*!

At the literal level, these texts remind us— we, comfortable in Bramhope—



of our obligation to our neighbours: the endangered, the homeless, the hungry, the orphans, the abandoned, the oppressed, the illiterate, the sick, the poor. The danger that the parable of the rich man and Lazarus warns against is not so much wealth itself, but our *indifference*. The rich man is condemned not for what he did, but rather for what he *did not* do.

In 1933 my grandfather, a good Methodist who attended chapel twice on a Sunday and ran the local battalion of the Boys' Brigade, was challenged to take time in silent prayer to seek God's guidance in the depth of his heart. Expecting perhaps a divine revelation, he was surprised by the rather banal thought that he should go into our factory with his eyes open, as if he were a stranger. So he went: and somehow his heart was opened and he observed the actual working conditions of our employees: only a single cold water tap for them to wash under at the end of the day; no canteen, no sick pay, little paid holiday. But as the owner manager he got all these, of course.

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He was not a bad employer by the standards of the time – these conditions were normal. But he realised that, whilst they might be *legally* right, they were not *morally* right; and that they must be changed. So, in the midst of the Great Depression, he built new washing and canteen facilities, introduced holiday pay and sickness benefits, persuaded his sibling shareholders to give some capital to create an employee benefit trust, and from then on ran the business on the basis that people are more important than figures.

Although the economic and social context has changed, thank God, we still operate on that same basis - that people matter; so, for example, we have an annual profit-sharing bonus scheme that reflects the *whole company's* performance, not rewarding individuals who achieve their own targets. We can use wealth as a buffer, as an insulation against the misfortune which seems to afflict others. Wealth and success can make us indifferent, even arrogant.



I wonder if that thought from my grandfather's inner voice – “go into the factory with your eyes open” – pierced *first* his **indifference**.

But there's another, perhaps deeper, level and lesson too from these readings. And it is even more important, for it offers an alternative route, a different way of thinking.

In his letter to Timothy, alone and hard pressed in Ephesus, where some people were teaching false doctrines, Paul lays straight into the fake news of the prosperity gospel, the pernicious idea that living a good life will lead to material success. This is a modern heresy. But it also rests on a very old, very flawed, assumption: remember that Jesus had to explain to his disciples that it was easier for a camel to go through the eye of the needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. “Who then can be saved?” the disciples asked in bewilder-

ment. They too had thought that wealth was a sign of divine blessing.

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But Paul is quite clear about it: he *denounces* those who “think that godliness is a means to financial gain”. Paul goes on to warn Timothy that it is the *desire* to



be rich, and the *love* of money, that are snares and temptations, the root of all kinds of evil.

I’ve noticed that greed is exponential: the more I have, the more I want. Perhaps you recognise that, too? There’s a story that the capitalist, John D Rockefeller, was asked “Mr Rockefeller,

how much money is enough?” Allegedly he replied “Just a little more...”. Just a little more. That’s it, isn’t it? Usefully, Paul doesn’t leave us just denounced. Rather, he offers Timothy and all of us both a different goal, and a different way to reach it. The new goal? “Godliness with contentment is great gain”.

Interestingly, when I told our factory manager, Scott, that I’d been asked to preach and that the texts were about the love of money, he immediately said “we should aim for contentment, not wealth”. Now Scott, who grew up in the rough end of Hunslet, is not a professing Christian; but he does have a profound moral sense and a deep compassion for other people. And it seems to me that if two men as different in time and background as St Paul and Scott could come up with the same word – “contentment” – it’s probably worth taking seriously....

And the way to reach this contentment? Paul urges Timothy, and us, to “flee” from the love of money and instead to “pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness.” Flee. It’s a strong word. How can we “flee” from the love of money, from the desire to be rich?

I think we are called to *let go* of them – to consciously, deliberately, *let go* and *stop pursuing the love of money and the desire to be rich* — or, indeed, whatever

er else really drives us: the longing for a relationship? A lust for power? Ambition for our family?

Letting go is much easier said than done. But I've begun to learn what it means, in all sorts of areas, to "love; let go; let God; and go on". Maybe this process can be the antidote not merely to our pursuits and desires, but also to *our indifference* too - for one cannot both truly love and also be indifferent; it's one or the other!

It has certainly been my own experience in the last four years, since my wife's death, that to "love; let go; let God; and go on" is the way both to contentment, and to a transformed inner life and spiritual journey. Perhaps we might all pray, and take time in silence to consider: what situation we need to look at with fresh eyes; where we need to let our indifference be pierced; and of what we may be called to let go.

Peter Vickers



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Check out the local charity shops – we have a great selection in our area. If you don't find anything you fancy, consider having a pre-Christmas clear out and taking your unwanted items to the charity shop instead. To twist a phrase *'one man's rubbish is another man's treasure.'*

Give memories, not gifts. Our children's most memorable Christmas gift from their grandparents was tickets to see the Lion King. Especially the moment when Fred said "I no like the Lion King!" just as we were walking up the steps of the Lyceum theatre. Don't worry, he loved it and asked to see it again during the interval...



Make presents rather than buying. The knitters in our flock (sorry I couldn't resist the pun) Wool and the Gang recycle wool into new balls and have kits for all abilities. They also donate 30% of their profits to Friends of the Earth (see

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Christmas trees – if you have an artificial tree already, Friends of the Earth suggest you keep on using it but if you are buying a real tree, check for the FSC or Soil Association certification to ensure it has been grown sustainably. You can also buy a potted tree and keep it for years. Remember boys and girls: a tree is not just for Christmas and takes a lot of effort to ensure it stays healthy.



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shoved through, by an obviously grumpy postie who couldn't be bothered to do a FCD.

Recently I had the pleasure of meeting a young man who was on a mission delivering his leaflets. We had a most pleasant chat and he gave me some valuable tips and he has also experienced the snap, crackle and pop of certain unfriendly letterboxes.

In October a new housing estate in Norwich has been awarded the UK's best new building by the Royal Institute of British Architects. The article tells us 'Even the letterboxes built into external porches have been designed to reduce draughts and save energy'. I wonder if the 300 plus new properties being built on our once green fields (at present looking like a mud bath) will be so designed and therefore FCD friendly. More volunteers will be required!

Puck

P.S. Guess where the letter box is placed on the front door of the Vicarage? YES! At the bottom of the door, none the less all is OK for St Francis will bless you – isn't that right, Tom? *He will. Ed.*

ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR ST GEORGE'S CRYPT (BASKET IN THE LOBBY)

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New woollen hats, scarves & gloves.
Puzzle books. Chocolates.

Sheila & Bernard Williams will take our donations at the beginning of December to give St George's time to sort everything for distribution.

Thank You!

Our condolences

We write to let you know of the death of our former neighbour and a parishioner, Kathleen Clarke, who passed away in September in a Nursing Home in Basingstoke. Kathleen moved from Bramhope to Pewsey in Wiltshire in 1999 to be near her daughter Fiona. Kathleen and her husband Bob have long been associated with St Giles. Fiona was married in St Giles and Bob's funeral was held at the Church.

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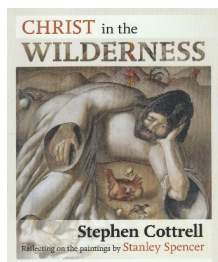
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From the Library Shelf



Christ in the Wilderness by Stephen Cottrell featured in Tom's sermon on Good Friday earlier this year.

The book is a series of reflections on 5 paintings from the 'Christ in the Wilderness' series by Stanley Spencer. They are preceded by an introduction which tells us about the origin of the paintings, and how they have influenced the author.

This is a small book, but huge in its scope and in its potential to increase our understanding of the meaning of Christ's sojourn in the wilderness. It offers us the chance by meditating on Spencer's paintings to find the place of our own stillness and to encounter God there.

In about four weeks' time we will be leaving Bramhope to live near Bangor in North Wales, so this may well be my last article for the St Giles review. I have enjoyed writing them and thank all those who have read them and for your kind comments.

Good Wishes to everyone
and Happy Reading!

Sue Grahame

Diary for December

Sun 1	Pizza Church 5pm Methodist Church (Low room) Advent Carol Service 6.30 pm
Tue 3	Circle Dancing 7.15pm
Wed 4	Mother's Union 2pm Advent Service
Thu 5	Advent Course 2pm The Loft 7pm Methodist Church
Sun 8	Toy Service 9.30am
Tue 10	Women's Fellowship 8pm Carols and Beetle Drive
Wed 11	CATS Xmas Party 9.15 – 11.30am
Thu 12	Advent Course 2pm The Loft Men's Supper Club 6.30 for 7pm Malcolm Johnson, Development of the English Language Advent Course 7pm St Giles
Sat 14	"Meet The Cast" 11am - 1pm Family Event with crafts and food
Tue 17	Circle Dancing 7.15 pm
Wed 18	Open House 2.00- 4.00 pm
Thu 19	Advent Service 2pm The Loft 7pm Methodist Church
Mon 24	Christingle Services 3.00pm and 4.30pm



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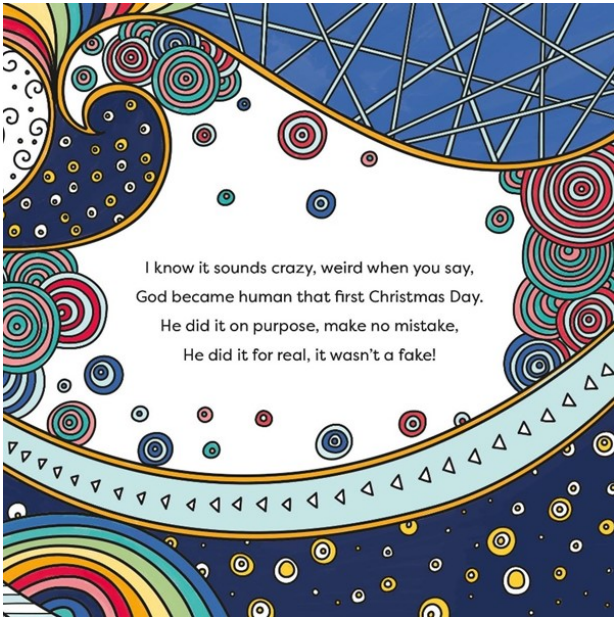
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BRAIN TEASER

What are the following,
and how are they related?

Bistoury
Bougie
Cannula
Curette
Grouge
Haemostat
Raspatory
Scoop
Snare
Trepan
Trepine
Trocar



Answers to last
month's Brain Teaser:

They are all capital cities, as here.

Quote of the month

“
Everything
enjoyable is either
illegal, immoral
or fattening!

Dorothy Parker”

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Luanda	Angola
Yerevan	Armenia
San Jose	Costa Rica
Banjul	The Gambia
St Georges	Grenada
Vaduz	Liechtenstein
Lilongwe	Malawi
Muscat	Oman
Windhoek	Namibia
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Jean Weatherill

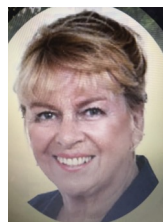
“From the Registers”

FUNERALS

1st November
Marjorie Mason



21st November
Elizabeth Davenport



YOUR PCC NEEDS YOU

We currently have two vacancies on the PCC and hope to fill these soon. Please consider this important role, an opportunity for you to have a say in church matters. The PCC meets every two months to discuss and consider all aspects of church life.

Jenni Hall PCC Secretary

2019-2020 PCC MEMBERS:

Revd Tom Lusty	<i>Chair</i>	Joy Smith	<i>Deanery Synod Rep</i>	Lesley Reeves
Nick Pinches	<i>Churchwarden & Vice-Chair</i>	Alan Tomkins		Eddie Whitehead
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Bernard Williams	<i>Treasurer</i>	Krystyna Novak		<i>Vacancy</i>
Jonathan Slater	<i>Ex Officio Reader</i>	Miranda Reynard		
		Sue Ball		

DECEMBER SIDESPERSONS & SOUND DESK*

SUNDAY	8.15am	9.30am	6.30pm
1st	Bill Cunliffe John Broadley	Philip Kendall-Smith WARDEN* Eddie Whitehead	Joan Archenhold
2nd	NO SERVICE	Mikey Riley Neil Simpson	Fred Archenhold
3rd	Janet Howard	Lisa Wright Diane Thompson	Michael Coles
4th	NO SERVICE	Janet Cunliffe Jill Perkin TBC*	Alan Woodthorpe
5th	John Broadley	Sara Leefe Audrey Harrison	John Broadley
		Sue Ball WARDEN*	

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Rotas for December

CHURCH FLOWERS

Guild Member:	Janet Howard
Dec 1	Janet Howard
Dec 8	Janet Howard
Dec 19	<i>Wedding</i>
Dec 22	<i>Christmas</i>
Dec 29	<i>After Christmas</i>

COFFEE

Dec 1	Karen & Steve Giles
Dec 8	Elizabeth Johnson & Jo Simpson
Dec 15	Alison & Jim Richardson
Dec 22	Jenny & Rosamund Platt
Dec 29	Jill Perkin & Diane Thompson

WELCOME

Dec 1	Alan & Eddie Whitehead
Dec 8	Martin Lee
Dec 15	Fiona & Ewan Wrightson
Dec 22	Sue Ball
Dec 29	Suzy Bidgood

CATS & TODDLER PRAISE

11 December Everyone — party!

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Hazel Lee	284 2573

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Church Services for December 2019

Sunday 1st	FIRST OF ADVENT	
	8.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)
	6.30pm	Advent Carol Service
Wednesday 4th	10.00am	CATS Toddler Praise
Thursday 5th	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 8th	SECOND OF ADVENT	
	9.30am	All.together Toy Service
	6.30pm	Parish Communion (CW)
Thursday 12th	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 15th	THIRD OF ADVENT	
	8.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong
Thursday 19th	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 22nd	FOURTH OF ADVENT	
	9.30am	Together Communion (CW)
	6.30pm	Service of Nine Lessons and Carols
Tuesday 24th	CHRISTMAS EVE	
	3.00pm and 4.30pm	Christingle Services
	11.30pm	Midnight Holy Communion (CW)
Wednesday 25th	CHRISTMAS DAY	
	9.30am	Christmas Family Communion (CW)
Thursday 26th	10.30am	<i>No service</i>
Sunday 29th	FIRST OF CHRISTMAS	
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW) with Healing Ministry
JANUARY 2020		
Thursday 2nd	Holy Communion (BCP) as usual	
Sunday 5th	SECOND OF CHRISTMAS	
	8.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW) with Healing Ministry
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong