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Leeds Road, Ashcroft House, St. Giles Garth & Glenmore Court	30/12/18

Welcome to the December edition of SGR.

Well the Christmas preparations are underway! I hope you find the eco-friendly hints and tips both thought provoking and useful. Although some of the suggestions may be a few days late for the start of Advent, I am hopeful that between us all we can make a real difference to many people's Christmas.



Thank you again to Jonathan and Sue Grahame for providing yet more fascinating facts and reading materials. I am so grateful for their support in creating the magazine. If you would like to be part of the magazine production team, please do get in touch. SGR needs you!!!

And so I wish you a peaceful Advent, a Merry Christmas and a Joyful New Year.

Happy reading...

Louise

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From the Wardens

Hello Everyone

GREAT NEWS!!! GREAT NEWS!!! GREAT NEWS!!! GREAT NEWS!!!

We are delighted to announce that Revd Tom Lusty (below), currently serving as Team Vicar in the Headingley Team Ministry, has been appointed as Vicar of St Giles, Bramhope (part-time) in the Leeds Episcopal Area. The Licensing Service will take place at St Giles, Bramhope on 30 January 2019 at 7.30pm. Bishop Paul Slater will be officiating.

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With our very best wishes

Joanne and June





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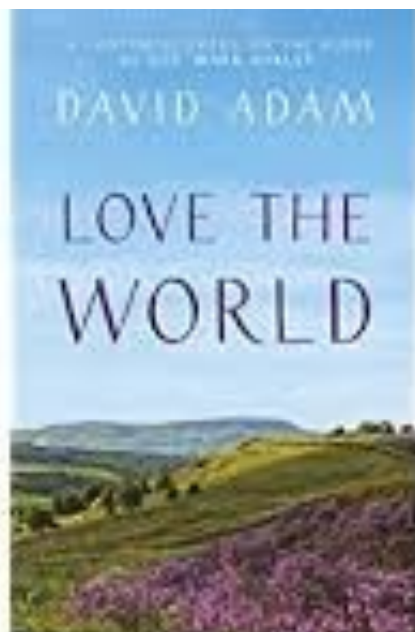
From the library shelf...

It will soon be Christmas- Advent Sunday is on the 2nd December – so it's time to think about some Christmas reading. We have several relevant books in our library, and I can recommend all of them if you want a good read. I am not however going to write a review of any of them; I suggest instead that you might like to look at the Christmas story as it is written in the Bible. There are 2 versions, one in The Gospel of Luke, the other in St. Matthew's Gospel. It's worth reading both; there are differences between them, and together they complement one another to give the complete Christmas story. My reason for suggesting this is it takes us back to the real meaning of Christmas, the event itself in all its simplicity and wonder.

I am not looking forward to Christmas this year, or I should say I am not looking forward to the run up to Christmas. The distractions of all the hype, shops full of expensive stuff, the advertising-driven expectation that we need all this to have a good Christmas. But pause for a moment; now think about the UN envoy's recent report on Poverty in Britain – what does Christmas mean to the people he writes about? Need I say more, except that I think it's something we should all read.

I did try to find a new Christmas book to

review this year – I was in Waterstones yesterday, looking for one, but failed to find anything. However, my eye lighted on 'Love the World' by David Adam (one of my favourite authors), which I could not resist buying. It is not a Christmas book, but a book which makes good reading for the pre-Christmas period – a wonderful antidote to the hype and materialism of the modern Christmas. Adam writes of the Glory of God and the wonder of his creation. I have not had time to read it for review but have dipped into it; it's the sort of book that you can open at any chapter and find something worth



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reading. Its theme is the Glory of God and the wonder of his creation. Two quotes from Page 25:

“We are not created out of nothing but out of love”

“The very source of your being is love”

Which brings us back to Christmas and the coming of Jesus into our world and our lives. So let us rejoice this Christmas in the birth of Jesus and in God’s creation!

Good Reading.

Sue Grahame

CATS

We originally planned to have Toddler Praise in the chapel. However as our numbers have grown so much we have had to decamp to the meeting room. In November we made poppies and talked about Remembrance.

CATS is continuing to be well supported. We have had lots of new babies arrive, as well as there being more in the pipeline! It's great for cuddles!! We are so grateful to all our members who have just about raised £1000 towards the new boiler and maintenance of the hall. Our Christmas party will be on December 12 when we hope Father Christmas will be making an appearance.

Gill Pinches

MEN’S SUPPER CLUB

After a good filling meal November Supper Club was a fantastic evening with 28 members attending the talk by Alun Pugh on the Leeds Liverpool canal. It was very informative. Elizabeth the new caterer got rid of the Church gremlins in the kitchen and served a fantastic meal with a scrummy ginger sponge pudding with custard. Next meeting December 13 with Christmas dinner and a talk by the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

Martin Lee

MOTHERS’ UNION

We had a great meeting in November and the information and slides about Rodley Wildlife Park were so

interesting. Next month on December 5, Jonathan is leading our advent service in church at 2pm. We shall then have refreshments in the hall. We will also be collecting money and names for our New Year lunch, in the church hall on January 16 at 12 noon.

Gill Pinches

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

A very wet event but a great turn out from across the village. As always, the local scout and guiding groups marched with members of the uniformed professions from Bramhope Village Hall down to the garden of Remembrance.



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It was a rather humbling experience – as we stood in the rain for at most half an hour, we reflected on the sacrifice of our armed forces and especially those men of World War I. We all trooped home to clean dry clothes and Sunday brunch. Imagine living in muddy, soaking wet conditions and being under fire. The rain did not seem so wet after that!

Louise

ST GEORGE'S CRYPT

We shall be collecting again this year for St George's Crypt.

They would like toiletries for men and ladies, new socks, new men's underpants, adult colouring books, puzzle books, felt pens, chocolates.

We shall be putting a box in the entrance hall or any items can be given to Sheila.

Many thanks,

Sheila Williams

A MESSAGE FROM THE GROUND'S TEAM

HOE! HOE! HOE!

Many thanks to all Santa's little helpers for all their endeavours this year gathering in the autumn leaves. Another year of ground-breaking work to ensure our Church continues to look good.

The Grounds Team

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The meeting started with a minute's silence as we remembered a past member Eileen Payne. Janet and Christine showed their talents at flower arrangements for the Festive Season. Who knew you could use a potato!!! This was a most enjoyable evening. December 11, an evening of wine and mince pies and Christmas Stalls In aid of Wheatfields Hospice.



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"For you it might be a time of joy and togetherness. Or perhaps it's all about planning and to-do lists. Many others can find it a sad and lonely time – nagged by the feeling that your Christmas is not like those 'perfect' ones we see in the media.

"But just like the unexpected assortment of people who were invited to meet the baby Jesus, #FollowTheStar doesn't ask you to be perfect. It says: come just as you are to take the life-changing Christmas journey."

Archbishops Justin Welby & John Sentamu

The Church of England has once again designed a great campaign for Advent and Christmas this year.

You can order #FollowTheStar resources from the Church of England website: www.churchofengland.org/christmas

Here is a sample:

God with us

Read Matthew 1.18-25 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid...'

Organising Christmas can be quite a strain. Saving, present ideas, shopping, wrapping, planning menus, travelling to relatives... It's a long lead up, and at the

same time many children feel like it will never arrive!

The first Christmas was like that – nine months in the making. God's journey in human form began long before the star started shining. No one knew what he would look like, or what kind of person he would be. God was hidden – he was with the people, but they did not really know it yet. How often is that the case? How often do we miss the presence of God because we do not know where to look? Or because life is hard and demanding and God feels distant? Joseph felt like that too. Frightened? Certainly. Confused? Definitely. Unsure of what the whole thing meant? Totally. But neither fear nor confusion take away the fact that right then, before Joseph even knew it, God was there beside him.

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presence of God?

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where you are around us, in
expected and unexpected places.
Amen.

A greener Christmas

At Christmas we obviously focus on God's great gift to the world – Jesus Christ. But many, many years before this, God gave us the earth. Christmas is becoming more and more commercial and alongside the spending comes huge mountains of waste, including a great deal of unrecyclable plastic: glittery cards and wrapping, tinsel and ribbon. The following are some ideas for a more environmentally friendly Christmas:

1. 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.'*
2. Give memories, not gifts. Our children's most lasting and memorable Christmas gift from their grandparents was tickets to see the Lion King in

London. 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...

***"The magic of
Christmas is not in
the presents, but
in His presence."***

Unknown

3. 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 www.woolandthegang.com)

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Today, Christingle Services are a part of Christmas Services. We know they originated in Moravia. But what is a Christingle? Where was the first Christingle Service held? How were they originally made? The following facts taken from 'A New Dictionary of Liturgy and Worship' Edited by J.G. Davies (Publisher SCM Press Ltd) help to answer these questions.

Compiled by Jonathan Slater

"Although little is known about the development of the Moravian Christingle, it had its origin in a Children's Service held on Christmas Eve, 1747 in Marienborn, Germany. At this time, a group of Moravians occupied the castle there and they and their families customarily met for devotions in one of its rooms. On Christmas Eve, 1747, Bishop John de Watteville conducted a service for the children belonging to this group; their elders also being present.

Then Bishop de Watteville spoke to the children of the unspeakable happiness which is ours through the Saviour's birth, and how his coming '*has kindled in each happy little heart a flame which keeps ever burning to his joy and happiness.*' For an impressive memorial of which each child shall now have a little lighted wax candle with a red ribbon...

This 'Candle Service' as it came to be called, became very popular in Moravian Churches throughout the world. But in Great Britain, probably at the end of the nineteenth century, the candle tied with a

red ribbon was replaced by a 'Christingle'. The name probably derives from the German 'Christ-engel' (Christ Angel) or 'Christ- kindl' (Christ Child).

The Christingle consists of an orange, in the top of which a small hole has been bored. A cleansed goose quill, from which the feathered portion has been removed, is wrapped in a white paper frill and inserted in the hole. The protruding end of the quill is cut into half a dozen sharp points to which are affixed blanched almonds, raisins, and small jellied sweets of different colours. A small Christmas tree



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candle is pushed into the heart of the goose quill to complete the Christingle...

In the Symbolism of the Christingle, the orange is the world, the white paper frill represents purity; the nuts, raisins and sweets God's gifts to his children; and the lighted candle stands for Christ, the light of the world..."

The above information was provided by J H Foy, Bishop of the Moravian Church, and a former member of the Governing Board of the Moravian Church in Great Britain and Ireland. Incidentally there is a Moravian Settlement near Pudsey and its school was founded in 1753. Its School Motto is "*Our Lamb has conquered, let us follow him*".

Jonathan Slater

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for details). For the crafters amongst us, there are many retailers online selling biodegradable glitter.

4. Buy local, this not only supports local businesses but also cuts down on the air miles of your purchases.
5. Take care when buying anything with 'fake' fur. If it feels really soft and realistic, it will be real fur. The poor animals this fur belonged to suffer greatly for these fashion items; small cages, fur removed inhumanely... I won't go on.
6. 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.

7. Use LED fairy lights, they use far less energy than regular fairy lights. Keep them on a timer so that they are not on all day, wasting a considerable amount of energy.

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Dr Ruth Brady



The Church of England website has a great set of advent resources for families this year. Please visit www.churchofengland.org/christmas for more details.

If your parents, or grandparents are doing a bit of winter pruning this weekend, ask them to save a few twigs. The twigs can be joined together with garden twine to make a wall hanging Christmas tree. The tree can be decorated with small baubles and LED fairly lights. Cut out a *#FollowtheStar* for the top.





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Church Services for December 2018

Sunday 2nd	FIRST OF ADVENT	
	8.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)
	6.30pm	Advent Carol Service
Wednesday 5th	10.00am	Toddler Praise
Thursday 6th	10.30am	First Thursday Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 9th	SECOND OF ADVENT	
	9.30am	All.together Toy Service with Healing Ministry
	6.30pm	Parish Communion (CW)
Thursday 13th	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 16th	THIRD OF ADVENT	
	8.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)
	6.30pm	Service of Nine Lessons and Carols
Thursday 20th	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 23rd	FOURTH OF ADVENT	
	9.30am	Together Communion (CW)
	6.30pm	Parish Communion (CW)
Monday 24th	CHRISTMAS EVE	
	3.00pm and 4.30pm	Christingle Services
	11.30pm	Midnight Holy Communion (CW)
Tuesday 25th	CHRISTMAS DAY	
	9.30am	Christmas Holy Communion (CW)
Thursday 27th	10.30am	NO SERVICE
Sunday 30th	NO SERVICES	
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Thursday 3rd	10.30am	First Thursday Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 6th	EPIPHANY	
	8.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong
Wednesday 9th	10.00am	Toddler Praise