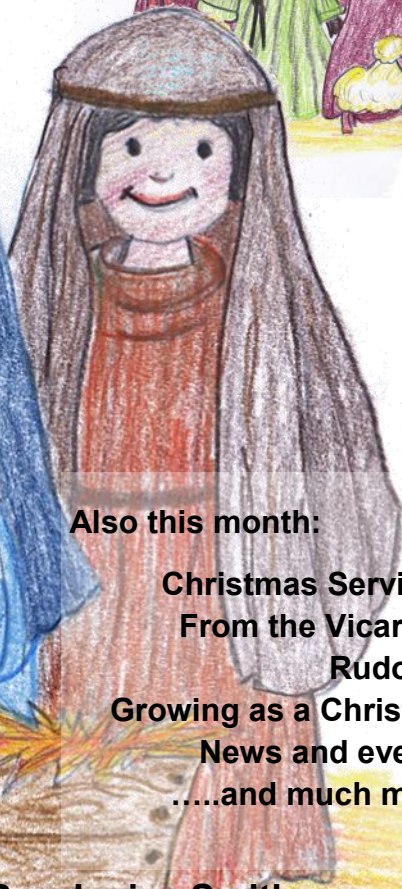


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May we wish you all a
very Peaceful
Christmas.

Thank you also for reading
our articles and reports in
2013 and we do hope you
have found something to
interest you. We love putting
together the magazine and
who counts how much coffee
we get through in a morning
or afternoon session when
we are discussing what goes
and what stays! However we
are always grateful to Nick

who insists on 'Proper
Coffee' at least on one
occasion.

Our series on 'Growing as a
Christian' is proving very
popular (p17) and we hope
that you all enjoy the
Christmas Quiz (p31).

We would also like to point
out that Bethlehem is spelt as
it is meant to be (p12)!

Gill & Marion

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From the Vicarage

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Just like the shepherds who visited the manger *'and when they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.'* Luke 2 17 – 18.

As Christians it is not only our duty to share the Good News with others it should be our joy and delight.



So this Christmas why not copy those early Christians and invite your family and friends to share in our celebrations of

the birth of God's Son, Jesus our Saviour? The celebrations are open to all who want to come and worship at his crib, just as everyone from shepherds to Kings were welcome at the manger on that first Christmas.

The three Kings brought presents for a child born of poor parents, born in a stable because there was no room at the inn. Each year we try to help the poor and needy. Please sort through your children's toys or even ask them to find a toy themselves to donate to our appeal for toys for children in the care of Social Services. The toy must be in good condition and unwrapped. Please bring them to our Toy service on the 8th December at 9.30. And while you sort through

your toys perhaps ask a neighbour or friend to do the same so they too can have that warmth that comes from helping others.



We also support the Children's Society through the collections taken at our Christingle Services. Thank you so much to all who attended last year when you raised the magnificent sum of £1340 including Gift Aid. Come to our Christingle services again this year and support deprived children.

Details of all our Christmas services from the Toy Service to our family Christmas Communion are on our website

www.stgilesbramhope.org.uk

Whether you like traditional or contemporary worship there is a service for you at which you can worship the newborn King.

May God bless you and all those you invite to worship at the manger of the newborn king.



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James Sutton and Elizabeth Clough

16th November

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Diary for December 2013

3	Tues	Circle Dancing 7.45 pm
4	Wed	Toddler Praise 10.00 -11.00 am
4	Wed	Luncheon Club 12.15 pm
4	Wed	Mother's Union 2.00 pm
		Advent Meditation led by Jonathan Slater
10	Tues	Women's Fellowship Carol Service
11	Wed	Toddler Group 9.15 am
12	Thurs	Men's Supper Club 6.30 for 7.00 pm
		Roy Pawsey "Nightshift at York Minster"
14	Sat	City of Bradford Brass Band 7.00 pm
15	Sun	Fair Trade Stall 10.30 am
15	Sun	Messy Church Christmas Party 3.00- 5.00 pm
17	Tues	Circle Dancing 7.45 pm
18	Wed	Toddler Group 9.15 am
18	Wed	Open House 2.00-4.00 pm
21	Sat	Crafts for Christmas 9.30-Noon
24	Tues	Christingle Services at 3.00 pm and 4.30 pm



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Bath Salts for the Baby

I suppose in a way you've got to blame those 'Wise Men'. Their gifts to the infant Jesus - gold, frankincense and myrrh - have probably got something to do with the fact that we give gifts at Christmas.

We can't give them to Jesus on his birthday, because even Amazon can't deliver to heaven, so we give them to . . . well, Auntie Jo, grandson Reuben and the nice woman next door who takes in our parcels when we're not there. And then there's the nephews and nieces, the brothers and sisters, friends at church and of course the beloved, who always poses the biggest dilemma. 'In as much as you do it for the least of these my brothers and sisters, you do it for me', said Jesus, but as I look at my presents list it doesn't honestly look like 'the least'. My nephew works for a merchant bank and his annual bonus would probably pay off my mortgage. What do you give to the young man who's got everything?

Which brings me back to those Wise Men, who weren't all that wise, in fact - pedlars of spells and high class fortune tellers, really. But their gifts were clever.

What do you give to the child who is 'born king', as they described him (rather unwisely) to Herod? Their answer was gold (because he was royal), frankincense (because he would be our great high priest) and myrrh (because he had been born in order to die). Their gifts may seem strange at first sight - and must have completely baffled poor Mary and Joseph - but they were absolutely right for the recipient: king and priest and sacrifice, as the carol says. When it comes to getting the presents exactly right, they're top drawer.

Which probably won't help much as we try to fathom out our presents list this Christmas. Do you remember John Betjeman's list of goofy gifts - 'bath salts and inexpensive scent, and hideous tie so kindly meant'? His lines make me wince every time I read them because it sounds exactly like my last-minute Christmas shopping. But his wry list of inappropriate gifts is to be found in a poem about the Nativity. And in it the pathetic presents we buy and wrap up and hand over at Christmas are contrasted with God's greatest gift - 'the Maker of the sky and

sea, become a child on earth for me'.

'It isn't the gift - it's the spirit in which it's given', we say. True. True, too, of that greatest gift of all, 'the baby in the manger stall'. And true, too, for the Wise Men, who got their gifts so exactly right. I reckon they'd thought hard and long about them, which suggests a truly wise approach to choosing presents. But on the whole I'd still avoid the myrrh for great-aunt Beryl (or the inexpensive scent).

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Bethlehem!

It was the week before Christmas and all through the school
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'Don't mention Nativity', came the loud cry,
'If we do it again I shall lie down and die!!'

At the dress rehearsal, was heard a loud wail;
Two shepherds have measles, and Mary looks pale.

Joseph has stage fright and so has the King
And even the choir has forgotten to sing!

The 'Wise Men' had tantrums; the Angels had fights
And all the St Lucia's can't find their lights.
One angel had nits, we suddenly found
And by trying on halos had passed them around!

'Don't worry the teachers, just leave it to me,
we'll have the school nurse disguised as a tree
And during the crowd scenes, amid the commotion



She can have a quick look and hand out the lotion.'

The star was entrancing bedecked out in gold
Except for her trainers which looked pretty old,
But she's got a verruca and can't have bare feet
So, we stuck on some tinsel which looked rather sweet.

The chime bars played endlessly, Gabriel was late,
'He's gone to the toilet, Miss – he just couldn't wait!'

Come back, King Herod, all is forgiven.
Ah well, we shall all be rewarded in heaven.

So put on your jackboots, staff, do it once more
And we'll have 'Silent Night' as an extra encore,
And when it's all over we'll give a loud cheer
For we don't have to do it again, 'til next year!!!



The story of the Candy Cane

There was once a candy maker who noticed that at Christmas time the people around him had become so involved in buying gifts that they had forgotten the meaning of Christmas – that it was the birthday of Jesus. He decided that he would try to help them remember, so he made a piece of candy in the shape of a 'J'. He made it white with red stripes. The white was to remind people that Jesus was perfect and the red to remind people that Jesus had died for them. As time went on people turned the 'J' upside down to hang it on the tree and it became known as the candy cane.

The year Gabriel burst into tears

"And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn." (Luke 2:7)

This verse always takes me back to my son, Daniel, and his first nativity play. He was just three years old and he was dressed up as the angel Gabriel - the cutest angel Gabriel I ever saw. All was going well until Mary and Joseph got to the scene where the inn keeper says 'No room'.

As those words were spoken, Daniel burst into tears and rushed out to attack the little innkeeper. He was totally inconsolable! The innkeeper started to cry, and then other children started to cry. Embarrassed and apologetic, we managed to remove him from the scene, still crying inconsolably. The audience were fighting back fits of laughter....

As the angels in heaven rejoice when one sinner

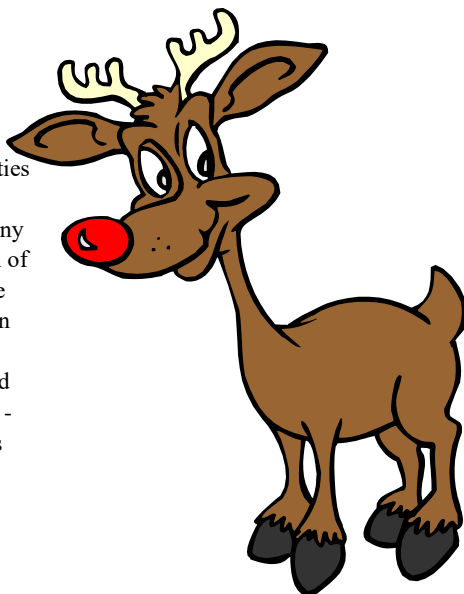
repents, I wonder if they cry, like Daniel did, when Jesus comes knocking at our hearts and finds no room. I wonder how they will feel as they watch our festivities this Christmas. Will they laugh and celebrate with us, or will our indifference to the Great Tidings of Good News break their hearts? Will you make room in your heart for Jesus? Will you make the angels smile, or cry?

Norma Murrain

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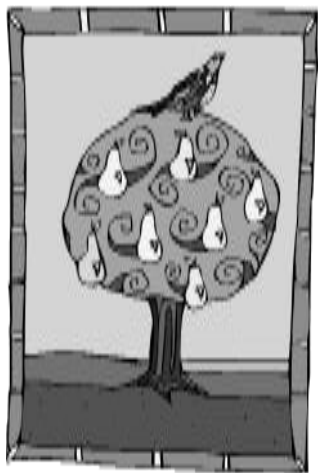
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The **true love** of the carol refers to God.

The **partridge** in a pear tree was Jesus Christ.

The **two turtle doves** were the Old and the New Testaments.

The **three French hens** stood for hope, faith and love.

The **four colley birds** were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

The **five gold rings** recalled the Torah or law, the first five

books of the Old Testament.

The **six geese a-laying** stood for the six days of creation.

The **seven swans a-swimming** represented the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: prophecy, serving, teaching, exhortation, contribution, leadership and mercy.

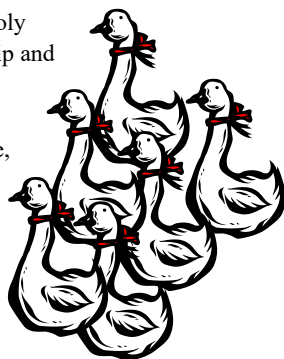
The **eight maids a-milking** were the eight Beatitudes.

The **nine ladies dancing** were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control.

The **ten lords a-leaping** were the 10 commandments.

The **eleven pipers piping** stood for the 11 faithful disciples.

The **twelve drummers drumming** symbolized the 12 points of belief in the Apostle's Creed.



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Growing as a Christian

- What's really going on?

In the last two months I've outlined some ways in which to use the coaching model GROW as a tool for moving forward in faith. If you've been working alongside me you will have identified an aspirational goal for the future and this month my intention is to explore the R of GROW - the reality of the situation.

To really move forward and take action we have to be truly honest with ourselves and recognise why we have not managed to achieve our goal so far. Sometimes it helps to imagine what your best friend or partner might say about what has been happening too as they could be more likely to get straight to the root of the matter. Just take a moment to think about what has happened so far and who is involved either directly or indirectly. Is there anyone else who is relevant in achieving your goal and what's their perception of the situation?

Reflection on a similar situation where you have felt really good about the outcome is also useful alongside recognising in what way (if any) it is different to this. Perhaps this is an appropriate time to say

that I'm not in the business of putting anyone off, in fact quite the opposite, it's just really important to get an accurate picture so we can check our goal is still attainable and achievable. If you can recognise how you achieved a success in a similar situation you can use the same tools for achievement in this case.

Now that we have been truly honest about where we are now we need to identify what is still missing or holding us back from moving forward and consider if there are any sessions, meetings or opportunities for support at St Giles that could help.

Lastly, coaches often use the scale of 1-10 to rate commitment so using this scale today how important an issue is achieving this goal for you? Scoring 8+ would indicate that you'll be very interested in the next article when we will look at how to establish all the options available to us to achieve that goal and really grow in faith together.

Exciting isn't it !

Valerie Lee Priestley

A Prayer for Christmas

Lord, in the middle of the busy-ness and bustle, help us to remember that this is nothing new. Jesus came into a world of rush and frenetic activity. He came to a town so busy that there was no room for his family. And help us to remember that you know what it's like to have a loved one - your dear Son - away from home at Christmas.

Lord, still our hearts, and open them to recognise and receive your great gift to us. May we make room for Jesus and know the peace and security of his presence this Christmas. Help us to know that this is what it's really all about.

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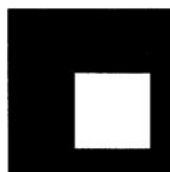
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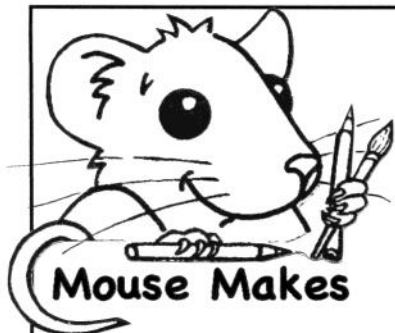
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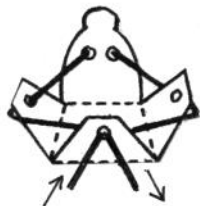
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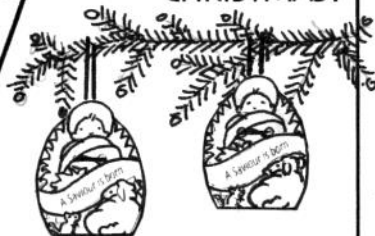
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Mothers' Union

Hilary Browne spoke to us on 6th November. She was part of the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme which recruits and dispatches observers to several Palestinian towns and villages to monitor the interaction between the Palestinian inhabitants and the Israeli military. The Programme was set up in 2002 in response to requests from the Heads of Churches in Jerusalem. The Accompaniers have four stated tasks:

- to offer protection through their non-violent presence,
- to monitor and report violations of human rights,
- to support Israeli and Palestinian peace activists
- to undertake advocacy work including public speaking.

It was a powerful, moving, enlightening, accurate eyewitness account with photographs taken by Hilary herself of the appalling current situation in Palestine and Israel.

This meeting celebrated 110 years since the founding of MU at St Giles. Marva made a wonderful celebration fruit cake iced and decorated with

the MU Logo. A very big thank you to her.

Our next meeting is on December 4th when Jonathan Slater will lead our Advent Service. We will also have our Christmas Appeal for toiletries, hats, scarves, underwear, gloves, socks etc to be sent to Leeds Women's Refuge and St. George's Crypt.

Anne Marshall

Women's Fellowship Tuesday December 10th Carol Service. 7.30pm.

This is not printed in your programme so please make a note of it. We look forward to seeing you and all your friends there. There will be the usual collection for Wheatfields and this will be followed with mince pies and mulled wine.

The previous week we are having two short carol practices and we would love to see the choir stalls filled at the service. It will not be at all arduous, only seven well-known carols, so if you feel like singing do come and join us (unfortunately Gareth Malone has previous engagements!!)

We shall meet on Tuesday, 3rd Dec at 4pm and on

Thursday, 5th Dec at 4pm in the meeting room.

Rosemary Cysarz

Walking Club News

On holiday!

Ken Ball 2673772

Men's Supper Club

The speaker at our November Meeting was Mark Walker, a West Yorkshire Police 'Dog Training Instructor'. Before the meal he had hidden a small quantity of amphetamine in the Hall and 47 members watched in amazement as Mark's colleague Simon and his dog Charlie proceeded to search for the hidden drug. Charlie finally stood quite still to indicate he had found the drug and was given his tennis ball as reward. Mark then gave a most interesting power-point presentation explaining how dogs are trained and licenced for specific purposes in the fight against crime.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 12th Dec. when we welcome Roy Pawsey, whose topic is 'Nightshift at York Minster'. As is traditional at our 'Christmas' meetings, we will finish the evening by singing a few carols. Please contact Brian Ridsdale (0113

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267 3293) by Sunday 8th Dec. if you need to clarify whether you are attending or not.

Fred Archenhold

Circle Dancing

Our dancing this week was on November the 5th. We debated whether to forego our usual standing in wellies at home watching fireworks in a chilly wind, in favour of coming to dance. You can imagine what the decision was!

So we built a bonfire in the centre of the church hall, but don't get alarmed, it was only a mini bonfire with red tissue paper in the middle + orange tinsel which reflected the light from the surrounding circle of lanterns. It was quite convincing. We just used the wall lights in the hall, and managed to create quite a cosy glow.

We DID enjoy our dances. We started off with Rhythm of Life to remind us that Guy Fawkes Night is just one of the events which form the framework of our lives. Next, an energetic fiery one called Bedouin Flame with lots of loud

stamps like fireworks going off. In the dance called The Wheel, we imagined we were a Catherine Wheel, gradually gathering speed while we tried to whirl round with our hands on the shoulders in front. We reminisced about days gone by when Dad used to hammer a nail into a tree, light the touch paper and it would make a feeble effort to revolve then fizzle out!! Then we did several dances with loud claps and rocket-like movements.

In the break we had hot drinks and ginger biscuits. We didn't think of making some parkin until it was too late.

Before farewell hugs, we each had an indoor sparkler. What a lovely end

to a memorable evening. An Email I received the following day said: "That feeling of delight is still with me today".

Our next excitement will be on 17th December when the musicians will be playing for our Christmas celebration.

Joan Peart

Home Nurture Groups

Nick & I have managed 4 out of the 5 first sessions of the Just10 course.

We have received excellent hospitality at our group venue and would like to thank the McIntoshes for this.

On the videos, Canon J John has been an inspirational speaker and this has led to some very thought



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provoking discussion. It has led us to realise the true relevance of the Ten Commandments in the 21st Century. They have totally stood the test of time, and are just as significant today as they were when written.

Our next meeting will be after Christmas and we cannot recommend these sessions enough. If you were wary about them to begin with, do give them a try. Contact Kevin McIntosh on 345 3147.

Gill Pinches

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Wonder what the meaning of life is? Don't believe in God? Need a way to understand Christianity better? Join our Alpha course at St Giles every Wednesday evening 7.30pm. Contact Janice for details.

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We have a wonderful willing team of distributors for the magazine but occasionally they need to have a holiday! If you are willing to go on a list to 'fill in' occasionally, please give your name to Joanne Dawdry (see p3 for details).

Thank you to those who have already volunteered but as they say, many hands make light work.

For Sale

A baby grand piano needs a new home! The piano is in the apartment of the late Canon Hammerton and his daughter is looking to re-house it. If you are interested please contact Bryan Bunday (267 8534) or Eileen Clarke.

Luncheon Club

Just a reminder that after what promises to be a splendid Christmas Lunch on 4th December 2013, we shall be meeting again on 8th January 2014 and NOT 1st January. Please book your place with Mary Burnell (267 1742).

Messy Church

At the time of writing this, November Messy church will be about to take place under the excellent leadership of Fiona Wrightson, as Rev Janice is on Pilgrimage in Israel. Thank you to Fiona for all her hard work and preparation!

On 15th December it will be Messy Church Christmas Party. Families, helpers and anyone wishing to partake will be made more than welcome! There will be fun, laughter, games and food for all. Do join us.

Congratulations

to Hazel Smith and her NSPCC Committee who raised the magnificent amount of £1600 at their Christmas Fayre and coffee morning.

ERNEST DUFFIELD

(1 February 1924 – 23 October 2013)

Ernest died peacefully at home in Ilkley on Wednesday 23 October 2013 at the age of 89.

The Funeral Service and Thanksgiving in celebration of his life was held at All Saints Parish Church, Ilkley, a church Joan and he chose to attend when they moved from Bramhope to Ilkley about 10 years ago. Several members of St. Giles Church were at the service to support Joan and the family but he was surely remembered by many others who knew him during the time he and Joan lived in Bramhope.

Ernest headed up the family Printing Business for much of his working life, becoming a well respected member of the local business community. At St Giles, he served faithfully as a Sidesman for many years. Socially, he was a regular with the St Giles Walking Group whose members will

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The Pope responds, 'That is impossible. The prayer is the word of the Lord. It must not be changed.'

'Well,' said the Nescafe man, 'we anticipated your reluctance. For this reason

we will increase our offer to \$300 million.'

'My son, it is impossible. For the prayer is the word of the Lord and it must not be changed.'

The Nescafe guy says, 'Your Holiness, we at Nescafe respect your adherence to the faith, but we do have one final offer.... We will donate \$500 million - that's half a billion dollars - to the great Catholic Church if you would only change the Lord's Prayer from 'give us this day our daily bread' to 'give us this day our daily coffee.'

Please consider it.'

And he leaves.

The next day the Pope convenes the College of Cardinals. 'There is some good news,' he announces, 'and some bad news. The good news is that the Church will come into \$500 million.'

'And the bad news your Holiness?' asks a Cardinal.

'We're losing the Hovis account.'

Notices.... Group News....

remember him as being the one who always had the cleanest, shiniest boots. In the community, he was a staunch supporter of the local Branch of the Royal British Legion, he was a member of the Coronation Lodge of Freemasons, serving as Worshipful Master on two occasions. In the wider local community, he was a popular member of the Otley Golf Club having been recently elected an Honorary Member. Here then was a man with a wide range of interests but one who nevertheless found time to spend with his family. He invariably had a good word

to say to everyone he met and always seemed to have a cheerful, mischievous smile on his face. He was a gentle gentleman, much loved by all who knew him.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Joan, his wife, and Martyn, Caroline and Alison and family at this sad time.

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A Christmas Quiz

Are these statements true or false?

1. The town of Bethlehem is just over 20 miles from Jerusalem.
2. The composer, Gustav Holst, who wrote the music for the carol 'In the Bleak Mid-Winter', lived in Thaxted, Essex.
3. A pheasant is one of numerous birds mentioned in the song: 'The 12 days of Christmas'.
4. The first light bulbs used to decorate a Christmas tree were switched on at London's Great Exhibition in 1851.
5. After leaving Bethlehem, Mary and Joseph with the baby Jesus went into Egypt.
6. The Christmas stamps produced by Royal Mail in 2009 depicted the Nativity on stained glass windows.
7. The second line of the carol 'Once in Royal David's city' is: 'Stood a smelly cattle-shed'.
8. 'Vrolyk Kerstfeest' means



'Happy Christmas' in the Slovakian language.

9. 'Merry Christmas Everybody' sung by Slade was top of the UK singles chart in 1983.
10. Bethlehem in Israel stands 2,550 feet above sea level.
11. Mistletoe is nutritious to many animals, but poisonous to people.
12. In December 2001, the world's longest Christmas cracker was measured at 207 feet.
13. The carol 'Silent Night' was originally written in Russia.
14. Poinsettia plants were first discovered in Mexico by Joel Poinsett in the mid 1800s.
15. There is a village in Wales called Bethlehem.
16. The song 'Have yourself a Merry little Christmas' featured in the film 'Meet me in St. Louis' (1940).
17. The story for the film 'The Snowman' was written by Roald Dahl.
18. 'A Christmas Carol' was written by Charles Dickens in 1843.
19. Bing Crosby and Bob Hope starred together in the



film 'White Christmas' (1954).

20. Christmas Activities were banned in 1647 following an Act of Parliament introduced by Oliver Cromwell.

- Answers:
1. False: It is only five!
 2. True.
 3. False.
 4. False: Light bulbs were not commercially available until after 1879.
 5. True.
 6. True.
 7. False: Replace the word 'smelly' with 'lowly'.
 8. False: It is Dutch.
 9. False: It was 1973.
 10. True.
 11. True.
 12. True: It was also 13 feet in diameter, and made in Buckinghamshire.
 13. False: It was written in Australia.
 14. True.
 15. True: It's in Carmarthen-shire, north-east of Llandello.
 16. True.
 17. False: The story was by Raymond Briggs.
 18. True.
 19. False: The story was by Danny Kaye.
 20. True: Christmas was an illegal festival for 13 years!



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In December, Raymond said that, as well as finding joy in the Christmas message, there should also be joy in seeing friends and members of the family such as students who lived away from home. However, he said that there should also be compassion, remembering the ill, the lonely, the homeless and the war torn.



In November, the Men's Supper Club had a talk by Terry Exley, the Leeds Regional Parks Manager. He described the Golden Acre of the past and plans for the future – did he know about the huge new railway being planned?? Also they were joined by Rev Keith Martin of the Methodist church.

Also in November, the Mother's Union had a talk entitled "My Polish mother in law" by Mrs Jakusz and in December Canon Clayton provided music for carol singing for their Christmas party.

The Women's Fellowship held a superb fashion show by Intrigue of Bramhope when over £210 was raised. This tradition continues in



2013 when last month over £500.00 was raised for the Air Ambulance by their October Fashion show. They also visited Leeds Bradford Airport in the pouring rain and learnt about the day-to-day running of an airport and its fire service. We are sure that this would not be recognizable today.

Janet and Bill

Warden's Blog

Modern day communications do have their drawbacks. You go on holiday and because the world-wide-web is the easiest way of keeping in touch with the family, you also keep in touch with the rest of your life. This involves being very strict with yourself and not answering questions that are meant to be waiting for you when you get home. But who can resist having a sneak preview?

Consequently whilst lying on my sun bed in a wonderful Lanzarote hotel I was learning that the microphone wasn't working in the hall, that the Christmas card design had been accepted, that lots of lovely people had offered to do a resurrected Pew News and people wanted to advertise in the St Giles Review!

I also learnt that the family were fine but they had been sorting problems with alarms, work and children.

I still have to answer some of those emails.....

Gill

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15 Dec Christmas

22 Dec Christmas

29 Dec After Christmas

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08/12/13 Wellhead Close, Creskeld Drive, Crescent, Garth & Gardens

15/12/13 Creskeld Lane, Creskeld Park & Breary Lane East

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29/12/13 The Sycamores & Sycamore Close

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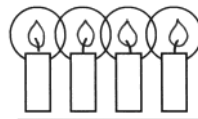
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 9.30am Parish Communion (CW)
 6.30pm Advent Evening Service
 Wednesday 4th 10.00am Toddler Praise
 Thursday 5th 10.30am First Thursday Holy Communion (BCP)



ADVENT

Sunday 8th SECOND OF ADVENT
 8.15am Holy Communion (CW)
 9.30am All.together Toy Service
 6.30pm Holy Communion (CW)
 Thursday 12th 10.30am Holy Communion (BCP)



Sunday 15th THIRD OF ADVENT
 8.15am Holy Communion (BCP)
 9.30am Parish Communion (CW) with Healing Ministry
 3.00pm Messy Church Christmas Party
 6.30pm Choral Evensong

Thursday 19th 10.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday 22nd FOURTH OF ADVENT
 8.15am Holy Communion (CW)
 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 Holy Communion (CW)



NO 8.15am or 6.30pm Services
Thursday 26th NO 10.30am Holy Communion Service

Sunday 29th FIRST OF CHRISTMAS
 8.15am Holy Communion (BCP)
 9.30am Parish Communion (CW)
NO 6.30pm Service



JANUARY 2014

Thursday 2nd NO 10.30am Holy Communion Service
 Sunday 5th SECOND OF CHRISTMAS
 8.15am Holy Communion (BCP)
 9.30am Parish Communion (CW)
 6.30pm Choral Evensong
 Wednesday 8th 10.00am Toddler Praise
 Thursday 9th 10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

