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January 2015

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Happy New Year to all our readers! We have a couple of lovely prayers/poems about the New Year (p 15) and thanks to Krystyna for sending the one by Charlotte Anselmo. We have also an article (p25) by David Winter who is a former head of religious Broadcasting at the BBC.

Do please read Janice's article about the Asbestos Appeal (p9). Thankfully the amount of asbestos we have is only small but even so a very costly business to remove it.

Thank you to all those people who keep sending us funnies (p23)...I apologise if you have seen them before.

Finally may we take this opportunity to thank you for supporting St Giles and buying this review over 2014. We do hope you will renew your subscriptions in 2015.

Gill & Marion

Ps Please note the new times of the Evening service (p32)!

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From the Vicarage

Hello Everyone

Lucy Maude Montgomery in her classic book, *Anne of Green Gables* said, “Isn’t it nice to think that tomorrow is a new day with no mistakes in it yet?” The New Year begins with great fanfare, fireworks, celebrations and excitement. It’s caused in part by the prospect of a New Year full of hope to be better – the hope of a new start – a fresh clean New Year with no mistakes in it...yet.

As Christians we can make a new start anytime not just once a year. Peter put it this way:

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” *1 Peter 1:3*

New birth, a living hope now that’s something to really start the New Year with, these are not just human resolutions that can be broken within hours of making them but life long eternal life long promises of hope made by God to us, His people.

As disciples of Christ we have made promises to follow Him and we can learn to see Christ more clearly, love him more dearly, and follow him more nearly; through:

Worship – The reason for worship is to be in a relationship with our God the one we profess to follow – even our Lord ‘went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day as was his custom.’ *Luke 4:16*. Our Lord regularly worshipped with others. Can you say that you do the same? We have a variety of services, from traditional to contemporary, quiet to lively and always, no matter the



style, God-centred.

Word – when was the last time that you learnt anything about your faith or joined a group with others to give and receive support in your Christian journey?

“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”

Hebrews 11:1

St Giles offers many opportunities throughout the year to find out about that hope. We run home nurture groups throughout the year as well as a Lent course and Alpha in the autumn.

Sharing – the Good News of our hope with others and support our church in its vision to be a church that welcomes, worships and shares God with all our community and beyond. We do that in many ways by making sure the church is always there for everyone sharing the love of God with everyone.

My prayer for you all this New Year is that you seek the new hope which our Lord offers to us every day.

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(including Parish Register)

Parish Registers

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7th December

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Funeral

21st November

Ann Lawrence

15th December

Garry Parr

'Condolences'

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funerals should be made to
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Diary for January 2015

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| 6 | Tues | Circle Dancing 7.45 pm |
| 7 | Wed | Toddler Praise 10 – 11.00 am |
| 7 | Wed | Luncheon Club 12.15 pm |
| 8 | Thurs | Men's Supper Club 6.30 for 7.00 pm
Peter Rix "The life and work of Barnes Wallace" |
| 12 | Mon | PCC Meeting 7.30 pm |
| 13 | Tues | Women's Fellowship Christmas Party 7.30pm |
| 14 | Wed | CATS 9.15 – 11.30 am |
| 18 | Sun | Fair Trade Stall 10.30 am |
| 18 | Sun | Messy Church 3.00 - 5.00 pm |
| 20 | Tues | Circle Dancing 7.45 pm |
| 21 | Wed | CATS 9.15 – 11.30 am |
| 21 | Wed | Open House 2.00 – 4.00 pm |
| 22 | Thurs | Mothers' Union 12.00 for 12.30 pm
New Year Lunch |
| 25 | Sun | Activities for under 7's during 9.30 am Service |
| 28 | Wed | CATS 9.15 – 11.30 am |



Please ask your friends or relations to let us know if you wish for someone to pray with you and/or bring Holy Communion whilst you are ill or in hospital and unable to get to Sunday Worship. In the first instance they should contact:
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A Distant Grave

This is based on the story of one soldier, and one distant grave, but typical of so many. That soldier is Alexander Rae, a Rotherham lad but serving with the Suffolk Regiment, who died near Overloon in Holland on 12th October 1944, at the age of just twenty.

A distant grave, a foreign land
Kept neatly, with respect
Though not at all what he'd have planned
Yet what he did accept.
The Yorkshire lad, from Rotherham
Just twenty short years old
Like thousands of his fellow men
Fought up a beach, named 'Gold'.
And he survived, though many died
He fought his way through France
And, though quite likely terrified
To Holland he advanced.
Then 'Market Garden' – a quaint name
For brutal deeds of war
But none heard those brave troops
complain
In darkest forty-four.
And there our soldier met his fate
His life cut short too soon;
A shell fell close, to detonate
At far-off Overloon.
And so he lays, so far from home
So far from kith and kin
But he, with fallen comrades showed
The way to fight and win.
For none of these have died in vain
He and his fellow men;
They died – but we have freedom gained
We must remember them.

Nigel Beeton

Asbestos Appeal- £9000

I am writing to all who read this magazine to help us with a problem which has arisen.

During an inspection of the building we have found some asbestos in our boiler room. As you may be aware the cost of the removal of asbestos is very costly even when there is a minimal amount such as we have.

So early in 2015, in order to comply with government regulations we are having the asbestos removed. The cost needs to be found over and above our usual running costs. Normally when we have extraordinary expenses we raise the money over a period of time. However on this occasion the work required needs to be done as soon as possible.

I am therefore asking anyone who has a connection with St Giles, and a love of your parish church to contribute to this appeal. The full cost of removal and the associated making good work will be in the region of £9000.

You can make your donation by cheque or bank transfer. Please speak to our treasurer, Bernard Williams (0113 318 8707) for details of the account. You can hand cheques in at church. If you pay UK income or capital gains tax please gift aid your donation so we can claim gift aid from the government. Gift Aid envelopes are available on request to me or Bernard and in the lobby at church.

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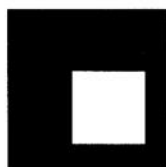
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A hymn for Epiphany

Epiphany, 6 January, is also known as 'Twelfth Night', or the last night of the Christmas festival.

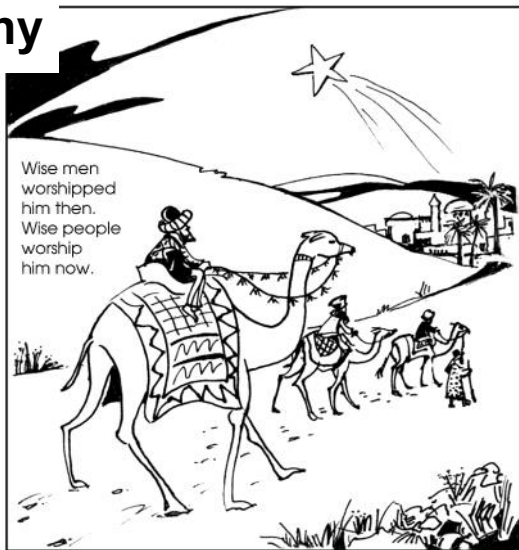
According to the song, it is also the day when that over-enthusiastic 'true love' of yours dumps no less than 78 presents on your doorstep, among them a dozen leaping lords of the realm and a final partridge – to go with the 11 you have already been given.

In many parts of the world, 6 January is celebrated as Christmas Day. As we Western Christians are packing away our tree, the Greek Orthodox world and Catholic Spain are giving presents and celebrating the wise men, or magi. For what better time to give presents to each other than on the day the wise men presented gold, frankincense and myrrh to the infant Jesus?

As the famous carol 'We Three Kings of Orient Are' puts it:

Born a king on Bethleem plain
Gold I bring to crown him again –
King for ever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign.

Frankincense to offer have I;
Incense owns a deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, all are raising,



Wise men
worshipped
him then.
Wise people
worship
him now.

Worship him, God most high.

Myrrh is mine: its bitter
perfume
Breathes a life of gathering
gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding,
dying,
Sealed in the stone-cold
tomb...

What do we make of these
presents? Gold is for kingship,
proclaiming a royal child.
Frankincense carries a feeling
of worship about it: it was used
in the temple, and indicated
access to the presence of God.
Frankincense is thus for
worship and incarnation. The
third gift, myrrh, finds it place
at Calvary. After the
crucifixion, Nicodemus and
Joseph of Arimathea prepared
Jesus' body for burial, using
myrrh as an embalming fluid.
(Thus when the wise men visit
the baby Jesus, the shadow of

the cross falls on the crib.)

But myrrh is also symbolic of
love, so you could say that the
third gift is about adoration as
well as death. Christ's death
on the cross is for love of the
Church, his bride.

As for the magi, they were
NOT Jewish grantees, but
foreign Gentiles. And so it
was clear, even as early as the
manger in Bethlehem, that
Jesus was not just the Messiah
for the Jews, but the Saviour
of the whole world.

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The Way I See It – remembering the War

Those of us who can remember the Second World War are now a shrinking minority. Anyone who actually fought in it would now have to be in their mid-eighties. Of course, that makes 'remembrance' on a public scale difficult. The youth organisations line up at the war memorial each year, but with the best will in the world the exhortation 'we will remember them' is asking a lot of boys and girls whose grandparents were probably not born until years after the war ended.

So perhaps those of us who can remember, however distantly, what that war was like have some kind of duty to share those memories. In my case, the most vivid is leaving London on a bright morning in early September 1939 in a red double-decker bus and heading for an unknown address in rural England. In the case of my brother and me it was a village in Essex, right in the path of an invading army from the Continent. By Christmas that year my parents had decided that there were safer places for us to be, and we spent the rest of the war - blissfully, I'm ashamed to say - in the mid-Wales hills with my Welsh

grandparents. We played in the fields, learnt to speak Welsh, made lifelong friendships - and were almost entirely sheltered from the reality of war-time life in London and the other great cities of our land.

Mind you, the nightly news broadcast on the wet battery wireless was a reminder that our parents were much less fortunate. Like millions of others, they endured the blackout, the shortages of food, the terrors of the blitz with nightly air raids and the anxiety of my older brother eventually being 'called up' and landing on the Normandy beaches under enemy gunfire. The bombs missed the family home - on one occasion only just - but the trauma inevitably took its toll.

At the end of the war there were the usual speeches promising that the sacrifices made should not be in vain - we would ensure that nothing like this would ever happen again. But it did, and has - over and over again. Korea, Vietnam, the Falklands, Iraq, Afghanistan - the roll-call seems endless; evidence, if we needed it, of the strange addiction of human beings to violence, conflict and war. It is one thing to remember -

and a duty, in view of the sacrifices of so many. But it is no good remembering and then forgetting.

War, says the New Testament, flows from ordinary human sins - greed, envy, bad choices (see James 4:1-4). To expunge from our race the hideous horrors of war and armed conflict would mean eliminating each of these manifestations of our fallen nature. Difficult? Impossible, it seems, without help from beyond ourselves. Prayer, commitment, repentance, example - even a private peaceful life-style - are steps towards that goal: small things, some would think, but history has been changed by less.

David Winter

Forgiveness? It's a way of life

'Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?' (Matthew 18: 21)

A national newspaper poll was conducted in Egypt some years ago. Readers were asked, 'Of all the good things you could desire in life, what would be your greatest wish?' Easily top of the list was: 'To know that I am forgiven.'

Would that have been our priority?

Here is Jesus, speaking about forgiveness and the part that the Church has to play in the releasing (the 'loosing') of unforgiven people. The disciple Peter comes back with his question - imagining that you can quantify forgiveness, not understanding that forgiveness is a way of life. Jesus puts him straight.

1. Real forgiveness never gives up. It even takes the initiative in looking for reconciliation (v.15) – for the aim is to 'win' the transgressor. So, no whispering campaign, no letters or accusing e-mails. Learn from Jesus!

2. Real forgiveness never goes soft (v.15-20). Sin is the most expensive thing in the universe – for how can

God, in the face of appalling deeds, say, "It doesn't matter; let's say no more about it"? It cost the Cross of Jesus to make it possible for us to be put right! Even so, there are many who don't wish to receive forgiveness. For our own part, we should be more than ready to forgive, but realise that no one is forgiven in fact until they have repented.

3. Real forgiveness never keeps count. Some Jewish teachers had said that you could forgive three times. Peter thought that he was being generous! Jesus says, Stop counting! (v.22). Archbishop Anthony Bloom has written, 'To forgive one's enemies is the first, the most elementary characteristic of a Christian. Failing this, we are not yet Christian at all, but are still wandering in the scorching wilderness of Sinai.' Forgiveness means total cancellation; you don't then record it in a book!

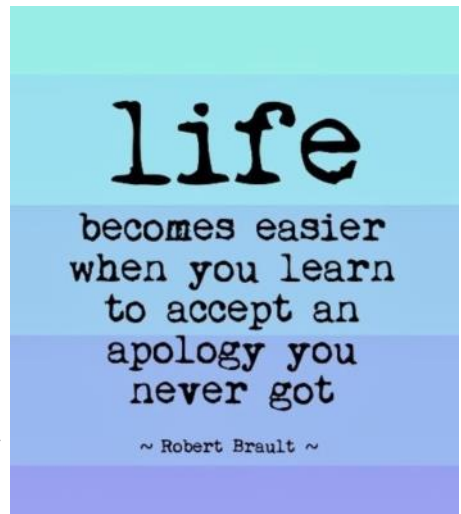
4. Real forgiveness never looks back. In

verses 23-35, Jesus tells the terrifying story of a man who, having been forgiven his debt, continued as an extortioner himself – and ends up in a prison of his own making.

"I never forget a friend or forgive a foe." So said a certain sea-captain once to John Wesley. The preacher replied, "It is to be hoped, sir, that you have never sinned against God!"

Once we have been forgiven at the Cross, forgiveness is to be our new mindset.

Richard Bewes



A New Year's Prayer Poem

Thank you Lord for giving me
The brand new year ahead
Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread

Give me the gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend

The year ahead is empty
Help me fill it with good things
Each new day filled with joy
And the happiness it brings

Please give the leaders of our world
A courage born of peace
That they might lead us gently
And all the fighting cease

Please give to all upon the earth
A heart that's filled with love
A gentle happy way to live
With your blessings from above

The New Year lies before you,
like spotless tracks of snow
be careful how you tread on it,
for every mark will show.

Charlotte Anselmo

New Year Prayer of Trust

Father of all time,

We release to you the old year, the year that has passed, with all the celebrations and all the crises; with all the things we did and organised and enjoyed - with all the things we couldn't do or control, the things that caused us sadness or pain. We release them to you.

As another year begins Lord, help us to start by putting our trust in Jesus, right here in the newness of January. Thank you that he died to close the gap between us and you. Help us to renew our trust daily, so that when difficult days come, dark days when we can't understand why, or see the way forward, we will know his presence and strength to carry on.

May his Holy Spirit, guide us; may he fill us with expectation and courage and confidence to know that we are your children; that you will love us not only right through this year, but always.

So thank you Lord, for the gift of this New Year, but most of all we thank you every day for Jesus who makes the difference. Amen

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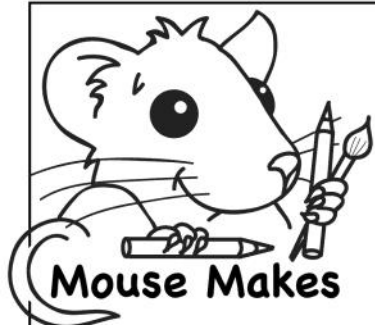
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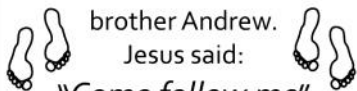
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A NEW BEGINNING- Jesus calls his first disciples

As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee he saw two fishermen, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew.



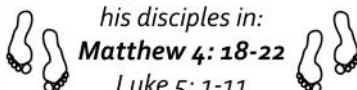
Jesus said:

"Come follow me"

At once they left their nets and followed him. Further on he saw James and his brother John in a boat with their father. Jesus called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him.



Read this story and the other stories of how Jesus called his disciples in:



Matthew 4: 18-22

Luke 5: 1-11

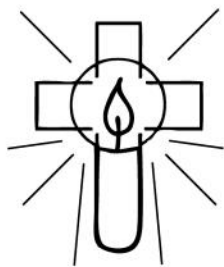
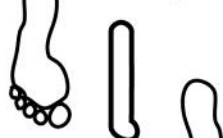
John 1: 35-51

Matthew 9: 9

**When Jesus calls you
will you follow him?**

JESUS said

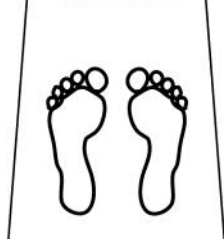
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JESUS said

"I am the light
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If you follow
me, you won't
have to walk
in **darkness**,
because you
will have the
light that
leads to life."

John 8:12



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Mothers' Union

We had a lovely Advent Service in December, kindly taken by Janice and we were pleased to welcome other MU members of the Deanery. The service was followed by refreshments in the hall. Thank you to all those who both helped and partook in the event.

On 22nd January we have our New Year Meal which this year will be a buffet. If you haven't booked your meal please contact June Pickles. The cost will be £10.50p. Happy New Year to all.

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Children's Society

The final total raised by the boxes in 2014 was £1738.03. The committee and more importantly the Children's Society thank you all most warmly for your continued very generous support.

Anne Marshall

Women's Fellowship

A very happy and healthy New Year to you all.

I am sure I do not need to remind you that this month is our New Year Party on Wednesday, 14th January at 7.30. The price is the same as last year, £10.50. Come and have a good meal and

some fun.

In February it is the AGM. Please do not think the meeting is the one you can miss as we will need a new leader, secretary and treasurer as well as some new committee members! There will be a reminder in the February magazine.

Rosemary Cysarz

Men's Supper Club

At the time of writing (before our meeting on Thurs 13th Dec), we were looking forward to hearing one of our parishioners, Matthew Laird, speak about 'The Work of a Probation Officer' and, as is traditional at the Christmas Meeting, singing a few carols.

The first meeting in 2015 will be on Thurs 8th Jan. when we welcome Peter Rix of the Barnes Wallace Trust, who will speak about 'The Life and Work of Barnes Wallace'.

Please contact **Derek Owsram (0113 284 3301)** by Sunday 4th Jan **at the latest** if you need to clarify whether you are attending or not.

Fred Archenhold

CATS

We've had a wonderful term at CATS and have made many new friends. Our final session was on 10th

December when we were

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on 7th January when it will be Toddler Praise followed by the return of CATS on 14th January 2015.

See you there!

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Circle Dancing

We love Candle Dances. In this darkest time of the year, it is good to bring a bit of warm light and cheer into our lives. In our right hand, we each hold a small red candle pushed through the centre of a gold star (to catch any drips) and then link little fingers round the circle. Our faces are lit up with a warm glow, and the effect of moving gently together in the darkness is quite magical. However, there is a more serious reason for doing Candle Dances. The idea originates from Armenia, where they are traditional.

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massacred by the Turks 100 years ago because they were Christians. Much of their music and art has been lost. The remaining Armenian people believe that what was destroyed can be put back together by its survivors. Even those who have emigrated, get together to re-create their culture.

Therefore, by doing their dances, we are helping them to maintain their culture, and we can connect with these people, and feel something of their plight.

Joan Peart

The Nearly Christmas Do

Once again the talent at St Giles shone out when a variety of people entertained us for our Christmas social event.

Both young and old enjoyed the music performed by Lydia, James, Andrew, Alan, Leslie and the excellent ladies...Julie, Krystyna, Julia and Suzanne.

Of course the food, bar, raffle and decorations were good too, expertly provided by Keith, Marva, Julie, June, John, Sheila, Bernard, Krystyna, Joanne and of course all of you. (Fingers crossed I haven't forgotten

We three kings of Orient are... what?

"A cold coming they had of it at this time of the year, just the worst time of the year to take a journey, and specially a long journey, in. The ways deep, the weather sharp, the days short, the sun farthest off, in solstitio brumali, the very dead of winter."

It was 1622, and the Bishop of Winchester, Launcelot Andrews, was preaching a magnificent sermon to King James I. Reckoned one of the best preachers ever, Launcelot Andrews' words were later taken up by T S Eliot and transformed into his wonderful poem 'The Journey of the Magi'. What a vivid picture – we can see it all! The camels' breath steaming in the night air as the kings, in their gorgeous robes of silk and cloth-of-gold and clutching their precious gifts, kneel to adore

the baby in the manger.

Yet the Bible does not give us as much detail as some people think. Tradition down the centuries has added a great deal more. For instance, we know from St Matthew that the magi were 'wise', or learned men of some sort, but we do not know if they were kings or not. The Bible tells us there were several; tradition has decided upon three, and even named them: Balthassar, Melchior, and Gaspar. But the Bible does tell us that the magi gave baby Jesus three highly symbolic gifts: gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. Gold stands for kingship, frankincense for worship, and myrrh for anointing – anticipating his death.

There is a lovely ancient mosaic in Ravenna, Italy, that is 1,500 years old. It

anyone ...sorry if I have, it was not intentional). It got us all into the festive season with relish. Well done and thank you all!

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A New Alphabet

A is for apple, and B is for boat. That used to be right, but now it won't float! Age before beauty is what we once said, But let's be a bit more realistic instead.

How about this?

A is for arthritis; B is the bad back, C is the chest pains, perhaps car-di-ac?

D is for dental decay and decline, E is for eyesight, can't read that top line! F is for flatulence and fluid retention, G is for gut droop, which I'd rather not mention.

H is high blood pressure--I'd rather it low; I is for incisions with scars you can show. J is for joints, out of socket, won't mend, K is for knees that crack when they bend. L is for libido, what happened to sex? M is for memory, I forget what comes next. N is neuralgia, in nerves way down low; O is for osteo, bones that don't grow!

P is for prescriptions, I have quite a few, just give me a pill and I'll be good as new! Q is for queasy, is it fatal or flu? R is for reflux, one meal turns to two.

S is for sleepless nights, counting my fears, T is for Tinnitus; bells in my ears! U is for urinary, troubles with

flow; V is for vertigo, that's 'dizzy,' you know..

W is for worry, now what's going 'round? X is for X ray, and what might be found. Y is for another year I'm left here behind, Z is for zest I still have-- in my mind!

I've survived all the symptoms, my body's

deployed, And I'm keeping twenty-six doctors fully employed!

Anon

Biblical Humour

Q. What kind of man was Boaz before he married Ruth?
A. Ruthless.

Q. What do they call pastors in Germany ?
A. German Shepherds.

Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?
A. Noah He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.

Q. Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?
A. Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.

Q. What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?
A. Jehovah drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden in a Fury. David's Triumph was

heard throughout the land. Also, probably a Honda, because the apostles were all in one Accord.

Q.. Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?
A. Samson. He brought the house down.

Q. What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden?
A. Your mother ate us out of house and home.

Q. Which servant of God was the most flagrant lawbreaker in the Bible?
A. Moses. He broke all 10 commandments at once.

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The Allure of the New

All over the land in January - pantomime season - the evil Abenazar will be crying his seductive offer, 'New lamps for old'. And (as we all fear) stupid Aladdin will assume that



'new' is always better than 'old' and hand over his lamp, and with it its magical powers.

It's a wonderful annual reminder of the seductive allure of the new. New car, new kitchen, new trousers in the sale, a new job or a new friend: we can't wait to tell someone about it.

And of course there is something alluring about new things. For a start, they usually work better, look better, shine with their very newness. Perhaps that's why at the New Year people celebrate, jump into fountains, get drunk and sing 'auld lang syne'. Surely new is always better - and especially when we didn't like the old one very much?

There's a touching if slightly pathetic naivety about it all,

as though we didn't already know that new things quite rapidly become old, and sometimes (like New Years) prove a terrible disappointment. Old shoes are generally more comfortable than new ones. Old friends are often the ones who stick longest. The Allure of the New can lead us down some frustrating paths.

At this point, my reader may assume that I'm going to say that it serves us right, because the Christian faith, for instance, which is undeniably old, is surely a far better guide to life than any of its brand new, modern alternatives. Go to church, and find out what 'old' really means! Turn the clock back. Put on your best suit or frock and make your way through those iron-studded doors.

In fact, that's more or less the opposite of what I wanted to say, because right at the heart of the Christian message are the last words of God himself in the Bible: 'See, I am making everything new!' The 'old' was suffering, pain, evil, tears and death. The 'new' was their abolition: 'God will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying

and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' Given that choice, who would settle for the 'old'?

The truth is that clothes and kitchens and cars get old, but God doesn't, no matter how old-fashioned the Church may sometimes seem. His real name is 'Yahweh' (we used to call it 'Jehovah'), which means 'I am'. God is present tense, always and for ever. You can't be more up to date than that.

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The Children's Society

The Children's Society continues to make the biggest positive impact it can for disadvantaged children and families in the UK. Poverty and adolescent neglect are at the forefront of their work. Their campaigns aim to reduce the impact of poverty on children by making sure their health, well-being and learning needs are met. The Fair and Square campaign was launched in 2012 and in autumn 2013 the government

“We are determined to give every child in this country the greatest possible chance in life.”

announced that all infant school pupils would receive a free school meal by September 2014.

The Society has been leading the research, policy and practice agenda to protect young runaways for almost 30 years. Now, over 40 local authorities have signed up to

the Runaways Charter and all councils have to offer young runaways a return interview, crucial to understanding what drives children to run away in the first place and to offer a safe place to stay where possible.

They have long campaigned for a system of independent legal guardians for all children from overseas who have been separated from their families including child victims of trafficking.

There are over 166,000 children and young people in England caring for parents, siblings and family members affected by illness, disability and substance misuse, some as young as 5 years old. A historic amendment this year to the Children and Families Bill means that when a young carer is identified the needs of everyone in the family will be considered.

With the new Debt Trap programme the charity is looking at how problem debt is driving families into poverty and how to prevent it by campaigning for alternatives to high interest loans and getting the right help and advice available.

The logo for The Children's Society, featuring the text "The Children's Society" in a serif font, with "The" and "Society" in a smaller size than "Children's". The logo is set against a white background within a black rectangular frame.

**The
Children's
Society**

This is really just an outline of some of the Charity's work. We will continue to put information on our notice board to keep you up to date. The Society also has a new logo in black and white so look out for that. It is already on our quizzes and will eventually find its way on your collection boxes.

Anne Marshall

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Sunday 4th **SECOND OF CHRISTMAS**
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9.30am Parish Communion (CW)

5.30pm Epiphany Carol Service

Wednesday 7th 10.00am Toddler Praise

Thursday 8th 10.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday 11th **BAPTISM OF CHRIST**

8.15am Holy Communion (CW)

9.30am All.together Service

5.30pm Holy Communion (CW)
 with Healing Ministry

Thursday 15th 10.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

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Sunday 18th **SECOND OF EPIPHANY**

8.15am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am Parish Communion (CW)
 with Healing Ministry

3.00pm Messy Church

6.30pm **United Service for Christian Unity**

Thursday 22nd 10.30am Holy Communion (BCP)



Sunday 25th **THIRD OF EPIPHANY / CONVERSION OF PAUL**

8.15am Holy Communion (CW)

9.30am Together Communion (CW)

5.30pm Choral Evensong

Thursday 29th 10.30am Holy Communion (BCP)



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FOURTH OF EPIPHANY / PRESENTATION OF CHRIST

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