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A Question: How did God translate his life and purpose into something we could understand?

A few years ago a translation company launched a campaign called "Think before you ink." The campaign was launched to highlight the risk of botched tattoos. They gave an example of a man who had 'Jenius' tattooed on his forehead – spelt with a J. Another asked for the Mandarin symbol for 'live and let live' but instead got one for 'sweet and sour chicken'. And so translation isn't risk-free. So the question again: how did God translate his life and purpose into something we could understand? The Answer: to live among us as one of us. When the Brixton riots took place in the 1980's, a group of Christians from an evangelical suburban church were talking to the local Brixton priest. 'What can we do to help?' they asked. 'Come and live here,' he said.

In the first chapter of St. John's Gospel we read "The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth." This passage is at the very heart of Christmas; this is at the heart of the Christian faith.

I was reading recently about a Bishop who went to see the great Himalayan mountain Annapurna which is 26,000 feet high. It is the eighth highest mountain in the world. The Bishop and his friends arrived at a place called Pokhara after a terrifying bus trip with a young bus driver who was clearly high on drugs only to find the mountain was hidden by the mist and rain. After a good nights sleep in the local hotel, the Bishop leapt up early the next morning and there, magnificent in the early morning sun, was the amazing peak of Annapurna. The Bishop said it was a heart-pounding moment. Finally the Bishop beheld its glory, this great mountain, full of grace and truth.

That is how it feels as Jesus comes out of the mists in the famous Gospel according to John. For John, it wasn't the calling of Mary, the misunderstanding about her pregnancy, and the wretched journey to Bethlehem. It wasn't about the stable, the shepherds or the wise men. John is concerned with the big picture. This is the God whose light has been

travelling towards us for billions of years. This is a God of extraordinary scale, emerging from the mists of time and pouring his life and purpose into a human life, the life of Jesus, the carpenter from Nazareth.

But this world that Jesus inhabited was as hard and fragile as it is today. Just look at what is happening in Syria, the killings in Afghanistan, the daily humiliation of the Palestinians; it is endless.

And so it isn't sufficient to be moved by the magnificent vision that John puts before us. Jesus came to this world with a purpose. He came to move in, live deep in, and to share everything. Jesus lived up to his elbows in human need; his life was embedded in all the contours of everyday life. He brought healing, hope, release, forgiveness and renewal of every kind to so many bruised and broken people.

This is where we come in. 'What can we do?' 'Come and live here,' said the priest in Brixton. God's call through Jesus is to move in, live deep in, and share everything. That is why so many Churches are getting involved in debt counselling, credit unions, food banks, street pastors, homeless and hungry shelters, walking alongside prisoners and so many more things. There are many acts of kindness everyday by ordinary Christians just getting on with it.

God has translated his life and purpose into something we could understand. We do the same when our lives demonstrate that love. Some can make considerable changes in the fabric of civil society, others can make a real difference in the life of another person. During this Christmas season we are all called to be change-makers whoever we are and wherever we are.

And with or without a tattoo....

Every Blessing to you at this Christmas time.

Canon Dave

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Dates for your Diary -December

8	Wedding - St. Peter's 12.30pm Christopher Boyle & Esme Rodger
11	BEELEY WI Monthly Meeting - 7.30pm Beeley Village Hall Christmas is coming! Making our now traditional and ever popular Christmas wreath followed by the Christmas Party Fuddle! <i>Refreshments: co-ordinated by Sarah Secret Santa: All</i>
12	CHATSWORTH WI Monthly Meeting - 7pm Baslow Church Rooms Entertainment! Mike Spriggs Singers & Christmas buffet <i>Competition: A small Christmas table decoration</i> <i>Vote of Thanks: Anne Teas: Val and Sue Smith</i>
13	Pilsley CofE School Christmas Fair 3.30 - 6.30pm in school
15	BEELEY Children's Christmas Party - 4.30 -6pm followed by Christmas window walk. A booking slip will be sent round shortly.
19	St. Peter's, Edensor - Carol Service 7.30pm

EVERYONE WELCOME

A service of Lessons & Carols
Everyone Welcome



Giving to St Peters Church

Traditionally for many years, members of the congregation have either used standing orders or the different coloured weekly envelopes as a way of their financial giving to the church.

The PCC has signed up to a new scheme called **Parish Giving Scheme (PGS)** which is a new way of giving by using Direct Debit, therefore helping the PCC avoid bank charges for handling cash or cheques and reducing time for our volunteers and importantly allowing for annual increases in line with the rate of inflation.

PGS is a scheme operating across seventeen Church of England Dioceses and has the backing of the Archbishops Council, being managed by the Diocese of Gloucester and importantly is free of charge for us to join and be part of.

When you join the scheme, the PGS will collect your gift to the church on the 1st of the month, and then the total of all gifts is sent direct to our bank account around the 10th of the month. The PGS also automatically reclaims any Gift Aid from HMRC and sends this direct to our bank account as soon as it is received.

This is a 21st century solution to help churches receive regular income, receive Gift Aid much more quickly and also help offset static giving.

For those members who feel they would like to place something on the plate at the offertory, there are tokens that can be placed in the collection stating that you give through PGS.

PGS is a much used and proven scheme that your PCC is committed to embracing and we are hoping that we can help you in your thinking to join as we would like as many members of the congregation as possible to convert to the scheme.

The wardens have packs of information available for you to take away and complete and will also be happy to answer any questions. Similarly you can contact the treasurer by email – mark.titterton@derby.anglican.org or on 07802 873199.

CHRISTMAS GREETING FROM ST. PETER'S & ST. ANNES



With all good wishes for Christmas & the New Year

To friends, fellow members of both congregations and readers of 'The Bridge' from:

*Jayne Boyd; Liz & Ray Bradshaw; Margaret & David Jackson;
Dick & Diana Walters; Pat & Roy Bosett; Gloria & Roger Sherwood;
Nick Giles & Juliet Laws; Caiden Holmes; Archie Holmes; Pauline Mather;
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Apologies! The wrong Sudoku grid appeared in the November magazine (it was a re-run of the October one!).

Here is the correct grid for **November** and the solution is at the back of the magazine next to the December grid.



'THE BRIDGE' Magazine Subscription

Your magazine subscription for 2019 is now due - £7.20. Please give the money to the person who delivers your copy of the magazine.

If I post the magazine to you please enclose a book of stamps, or include payment for a book of stamps, with your subscription (a book of 12 second class stamps is £6.96 bringing the total due to £14.16).

Cheques should be made payable to Edensor PCC. Thank you for your continued support. We welcome suitable items for possible inclusion in the magazine.

Items for the **JANUARY** magazine should reach me **NO LATER THAN MONDAY 3rd DECEMBER 2018**; email to: liz.bradshaw@w3z.co.uk

'The Bridge' Parish Magazine 60p per copy (£7.20 per year).

Easy Fundraising

If you already SHOP ONLINE, or if you haven't yet done so, then why not use Easy Fundraising and help raise money for St. Peter's Church? There is no extra cost to you and a percentage from your purchase will come back to the church.

To Register

- Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk
- Click on **Register**
- Choose **Saint Peter's Church - Chatsworth Park** as your charity and fill in the rest of the form

To Shop

- Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk
- Search for your store in the alphabetical list
- Go ahead and shop

Choose from over 2000 of the UK's best-known retailers including names such as Amazon, M&S, Argos, John Lewis and HMV and when you shop using the links on the easyfundraising site up to 15% from every purchase you make is donated to St. Peter's Church.

The Padley Centre

We are collecting: all types of warm clothing for adults including waterproofs and now that winter is with us, warm socks, gloves, hats, scarves etc. would be much appreciated. Warm sleeping bags are also very welcome as the nights become colder. Food - tins of meat, fish, soup and tomatoes; dried food such as pasta; biscuits and chocolate are always welcome and any Christmas treats!

Items can be brought to Sunday services or left at the back of the church at any time.

These donations of food and clothing are always very much appreciated at the centre.

NB The Centre is unable to accept bedding e.g. sheets, blankets, duvets, pillows.

BAKEWELL & ASHFORD FILM SOCIETY

THE MEDWAY CENTRE, NEW STREET, BAKEWELL
7.30pm 2nd Sunday of every month (except July & August)

December 9th 2018

A Street Cat Named Bob

2016 UK, Cert. 12A, 103 minutes. Biography, Comedy, Drama

The true feel good story of how James Bowen, a busker and recovering drug addict, had his life transformed when he met a stray ginger cat.

Introduction by Janet Byrne

Sizzling Circuits

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Cardio & strength workouts for all levels including HIIT, kettlebells, boxing, resistance, step and extra **MiniFit** weekly challenges.

Beeley Village Hall every Thursday at 7.30pm

£6.50 per session or £30 for 6 pre-paid sessions.

Your Journey to Stronger

*For more information & booking contact: Jo Torr, Personal Trainer,
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BEELEY CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 8th December

Cavendish Village Hall, Beeley

Doors open at 7pm Quiz starts at 7.30pm

In aid of The Dukes Barn & Cavendish Village Hall

Admission by ticket only - on sale at The Devonshire Arms, Beeley
£10 per person (includes Pea & Pie supper)

There will be a bar

PILSLEY CofE SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Tuesday 4th December 3.30 - 6.30pm
in Pilsley School

Stalls - Games - Refreshments

Everyone Welcome



A part time resident in Beeley has published a book 'Rags to Bones'

"A child is lost, a village searching through the night, a body found, an itinerant hawker seen in the vicinity but is he all that he appears to be? These are the ingredients of a murder story that really took place in the Derbyshire village of Brimington in August of 1881. The newspaper reporters of the day covered the story in the greatest detail - the arrest, the inquest, the funeral, the magistrates' hearings, the frenzy of the locals who wanted to take the law into their own hands, the incarceration of the alleged murderer, the trial before a High

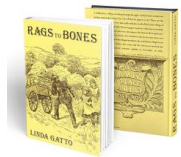
Court Judge and the verdict. Follow the events and the characters involved day by day until the eventual outcome unfolds in November of 1881."

More information can be found at <https://www.ragstobones.co.uk/>

Signed copies will be available. Please contact Sarah Porter if you would like a copy.

An ideal Christmas present.....

Sarah Porter
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BEELEY CHRISTMAS WINDOWS

2017 Christmas windows were a great success !

2018 theme 'Christmas Carols'

Please join in !

"The village looked warm and welcoming"

23 windows last year - We can have more
CVH Contribution towards materials!

Choose any carol to illustrate. Please can these be fully lit and on display in time for the **Children's Christmas party, 15th December**. Can these remain in place until 12th night and lit up when dark: for more information: ring Richard Torr, 07900 214286, Robert Gregory 01629 734752 or Siobhan Spencer 07947341873



Advice Notification From Trading Standards

The following message is from Trading Standards

Derbyshire Trading Standards Service has received information that there are cold callers ringing residents in Derbyshire claiming to be from Derbyshire County Council, informing them that they have overpaid Council Tax and seeking their bank details.

We would urge residents not to give bank details over the phone to any caller that they have not verified the identity of. Derbyshire County Council would not cold call residents

with an enquiry of this nature. Within Derbyshire council tax is collected by the District Councils and any enquiry regarding under or overpayment would be conducted by letter with contact details that can be verified.

If you have any concerns regarding the caller's motives, please notify the Police by calling 101 or ring Citizen's Advice Consumer Services (CACS) on 03454 040506.

Message Sent By

Tim Parkin (Office of the PCC,
Digital Engagement Officer,
Derbyshire)

The loneliness of our young people

With Christmas coming, and with it the annual 'celebration' of family happiness and parties and get-togethers, many of our young people will be feeling even more lonely than ever. And that is very lonely indeed.

A recent survey has found that 16 to 24-year-olds experience loneliness more often than any other age group. Two in five admit to being lonely often or very often, as compared with only 29 per cent of people aged 65-74.

The survey was conducted by BBC Radio 4's All in the Mind, in conjunction with the Wellcome Trust. Claudia Hammond, the presenter, said she believes the research reveals an 'epidemic of loneliness'. 'To help them to connect with others, young people today have social media. They are more connected than ever before. But this can bring its own problems. If you're feeling lonely, looking at pictures of other people appearing to have endless fun isn't going to help...'



Free parking for 11th year throughout December

Derbyshire Dales District Council is encouraging people to 'shop local' this Christmas by introducing free parking across the district from 1st December.

In a scheme designed to boost trade, for the 11th year in a row it will be free to park in any District Council pay and display car park after 2pm throughout December.

The free parking initiative was introduced by the District Council in 2008 to help local residents and businesses during the economic recession.

District Council Leader, Councillor Lewis Rose OBE, said: "It is well documented that these are tough times financially for local government, but we are absolutely committed to our number one priority of supporting and encouraging a thriving district.

"So while car parking income is vital in helping us to maintain some of the

excellent car parking, environmental and recreational services we provide for local people and visitors, we are delighted to announce the continuation of an important initiative that undoubtedly helps local businesses and our residents at this important time of the year."

The free parking from 2pm throughout December comes on top of residents' parking concessions that allow local people to park free every day of the year up to 11am and after 4pm.

Free parking permits were issued to every one of the 34,000 households across the Derbyshire Dales back in March.

It means Dales residents have free parking for 21 hours each day over the festive period, which helps local people and local traders.

Free parking extends to midnight each day and motorists are reminded not to leave anything valuable in their vehicles as the lead up to Christmas can also be a choice time for thieves.

New Year's Eve

Youth is when you're allowed to stay up late on New Year's Eve.

Middle age is when you're forced to.



#Christingle50 campaign

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Children's Society bringing Christingle to this country with a service held in Lincoln Cathedral in 1968.

To celebrate this landmark anniversary, the Children's Society is running its #Christingle50 campaign, which aims to support vulnerable young people through raising funds at Christingle events and a collaboration with The Royal Academy of Music.

Some 200,000 10 to 17-year-olds in the UK are experiencing emotional neglect on a regular basis, and many are also struggling with other difficulties at home. The charity found that:

11% of 10 to 17-year-olds experiencing emotional neglect also do not have their own bed; 21% 10 to 17-year-olds experiencing emotional neglect had also been

homeless in the last five years; and 20% of 10 to 17-year-olds experiencing emotional neglect also lived in a household that had used a food bank in the last five years.

Matthew Reed, Chief Executive of The Children's Society explains: 'Too many young people will wake up on Christmas morning like any other - feeling alone and unable to cope.'

The Children's Society has created an original song for schoolchildren, congregations or community choirs to include in their Christingle services. The song, 'Light a Candle', is available to download and listen to or learn for free from The Children's Society website.

You can support young people by donating to the #Christingle50 campaign, or by attending a local Christingle Service. For more information, visit www.christingle.org.

How a mouse got into the Nativity

If you are looking for something different for your children this Christmas, you could try a new film from Bible Society called 'The Mystery of the New Noisy Neighbour'. It places a mouse detective at the heart of the action – in the stable at Bethlehem, where he

slowly discovers who Jesus really is... Emmanuel, Rescuer and King. You can download the full film for free at <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/christmas/2018/the-mystery-of-the-new-noisy-neighbour/>



The legacy of Miss Potter

Tim Lenton recalls a much-loved writer who touched most of our childhoods

Beatrix Potter, the children's writer and illustrator, died of pneumonia in Cumbria 75 years ago, on 22nd December 1943.

Born in 1866 in Kensington to a well-off family, she had limited higher education but schooled herself to the extent that she could be described as a natural scientist, particularly in the study of fungi.

She published her first children's book, *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*, with encouragement from friends including her former governess Annie Carter Moore. Some of the stories appeared first in letters to her friend's children. She eventually wrote 30 books – 23 of them for children.

She was also widely known as a conservationist, buying Hill Top Farm in Near Sawrey in the Lake District, marrying a local solicitor and then purchasing other land and property. In all, she bought 4000 acres and 15 farms; almost all of which she left to the National Trust. She was a prize-winning breeder of Herdwick sheep and a generous patron of the Girl Guides.

Potter was always known as Beatrix, though her first name was Helen. Her stories were deeply influenced by fairy tales and fantasy, and she had little respect for outward forms of religion, which she described as 'almost useless', although her stories suggested belief in 'a great power silently working all things for good.'

Follow the Star (review)

by various authors, CHP, £1.50 single, see website for multiple orders

Follow the Star is a pocket-sized booklet inviting you to travel in the footsteps of the Wise Men this Christmas to meet Jesus. It contains 14 daily reflections, one for each day from Christmas Eve throughout the 12 days of Christmas, ending with the Epiphany on 6th January.

Each one includes a picture, a short Bible passage, a simple prayer and a challenge to reflect or act differently. Together, they form a journey through Jesus' early life – a journey that will help you take the joy and wonder of Christmas into the year ahead.

#FollowTheStar is the Church of England's Christmas campaign this year. Find out more and join in at: www.churchofengland.org/Christmas

Expensive Christmas cracker

If you are looking to splash around a vast amount of money this Christmas, why not contact The Royal Mint? It has just launched Britain's most expensive ever Christmas crackers - which include a solid gold bar and gold diamond necklace.

A pack of six of the crackers will set you back £5000, but at least they also include a traditional hat and joke.

Fortnum and Mason has previously sold sets for about £500.

There is a large demand for the £5000 crackers, which form the Mint's first gift range in its 1100 year history. And if for any reason you don't want to spend £5000 on six Christmas crackers, the other gifts on offer range from a sixpence spoon set to a gold teddy bear.

Go to: <https://www.royalmint.com/gifts/>

God's Biker - motorcycles and misfits (review)

by Sean Stillman, SPCK, £11.99

'Zac's Place' is a church in Swansea. It is a small chaotic community of Jesus' followers where the most fragile of life's walking wounded try to work out their faith, because they quite simply wouldn't fit anywhere else. It's also the spiritual home for the local chapter of the motorcycle club God's Squad.

'Zac's Place' was founded in 1998 and for nearly 20 years has been led by

Sean Stillman – a “painfully shy, nervous, preacher's kid”. In Zac's Place, chaos and disorder sit alongside community and grace in an environment that sometimes resembles an AA meeting mixed with a casualty department. This is Sean's personal story of a transformed faith alongside the broken, the story of the church he started and the European-wide growth of an unlikely bunch of biker missionaries.

Christmas stamps Smile.....

Maria went to the Post Office to buy stamps for her Christmas cards. 'What denomination?' asked the clerk. 'Oh! Good heavens! Have we come to this?' said Maria, 'Well give me 50 Methodist and 50 Church of England ones please.'

21st December - Winter Solstice

A Midwinter festival has been a part of life since pre-Christian times. When the hours of daylight are fewest, the warmth of the sun weakest, and life itself seemingly at a standstill, our ancestors, the pagan peoples of Europe and Western Asia, kept festival by lighting bonfires and decorating their buildings with evergreens.

Perhaps they believed that the dying sun could be enheartened by fire, and the life of the buried seed assured by the presence of evergreen branches.

With the advent of Christianity, the Spring gods became identified with Christ, and the birthday of the sun with the birthday of the Light of the World.

The early church father Tertullian did not approve of Christmas decorations. "Let those who have no

light in themselves light candles!... You are the light of the world, you are the tree ever green...." But by the time of St Gregory and St Augustine, four centuries later, this had changed. Pope Gregory instructed Augustine not to worry about harmless outward customs, as long as the right God be worshipped through them. And so many Anglo-Saxon customs were never discarded, but simply endowed with a new significance.

By 1598 one John Stow of London wrote how: 'Against the feast of Christmas, every man's house, as also their parish churches, were decked with holme, ivie, bayes, and whatsoever the season of the yeare afforded to be greene.'



Shared meals are more fun

One in five people over the age of 70 in the UK eat all of their main meals alone. This can have a detrimental effect on their health, as they tend to skip meals, or eat erratically.

The survey was carried out by the Royal Voluntary Service (RVS), one of Britain's largest volunteering charities. Now the RVS has launched its Cooking for a Crowd campaign, which

aims to praise the work of hundreds of volunteers across the country who run 76 lunch clubs and serve more than 50,000 meals each year.

The lunch clubs offer members a regular chance to eat a hot and healthy meal in the company of others, and provide an opportunity to make friends, build a support system and maintain social connection.

Emmanuel means ‘God with us’

The Rev Tony Horsfall reflects on the nearness of God, to each one of us

A friend of mine was diagnosed recently with breast cancer. A bright, vivacious lady in her fifties, she took the devastating diagnosis really well, but when the time came for her mastectomy, she understandably began to feel very nervous.

Sitting with her husband in the hospital cubicle awaiting the operation, she experienced for the first time ever a panic attack. She breathed slowly in and out to reduce her fear and offered the only prayer that came to her mind: ‘God is with us, God is with us.’ She repeated the words under her breath, asking that God would give her a sign of His presence to reassure her.

Just at that moment there was some noise from the next cubicle. A doctor had arrived to see the patient. He introduced himself like this. ‘Hello, my name is Doctor Emanuel and my name means ‘God is

with us.’ My friend turned to her husband, amazed, and asked him, ‘Did you hear that?’ He said he did and was also amazed at the wonderful reassurance from God.

When the nurse came in to attend to her, my friend asked, ‘Who was the doctor just now in the next cubicle?’ The nurse replied, ‘I’ve no idea, I’ve never seen him on this ward before.’ This only added to their sense of wonder at the intervention of God. The sign of His presence continues to encourage her – and others – throughout her long treatment.

Christmas reminds us that God stepped into our world, and became a human being, born as a baby at Bethlehem. In Jesus, God is with us, and He continues to come to us in our times of need, bringing us peace and reassurance. Remember, whatever situation you find yourself in, you are never alone. Jesus, our Emmanuel, is always with us. He will never leave us or forsake us (Hebrews 13:5).

Carol singing - to make you smile...

Samantha decided to go carol singing on Christmas Eve. She knocked on the door of a house and began to sing. A man, holding a clarinet, opened the door of the house. In a few seconds tears were streaming down his face.

Samantha continued singing for at least a further 20 minutes. She sang every carol she knew. At last she stopped. ‘I understand,’ she said softly. ‘You are remembering your happy childhood Christmas days.’

Choking back the tears the man replied, ‘No...I’m a musician.’

25th December - Christmas throughout the Christian world

For nearly four weeks leading up to Christmas Christians recognise a period called Advent. It means 'coming'. It is a time of spiritual preparation. 'Coming' refers to Jesus' first coming as a baby, but it also looks forward to a day when Jesus is expected to return in triumph at his 'second coming' to establish perfect justice and a new order of peace.

Originally Christians marked Advent as a time when they refrained from excessive eating and drinking. Then Christmas Day reintroduced them to the joys of feasting. Christmas celebrations lasted for twelve days, with gifts exchanged as a climax at Epiphany (6th January). Today, however, Advent is more likely to be associated with accelerating festivity, with the days following Christmas something of an anti-climax until 'twelfth night', on which decorations are removed. Many Christians worldwide are trying to revive the spirit of Advent by setting aside time to pray and address global poverty.

Christmas Day is celebrated as the anniversary of Jesus' birth, although the actual date is not known. Most Christians celebrate it on 25th December. However, the Orthodox Church (the ancient churches in

Eastern Europe and parts of Asia) follows a different calendar and celebrates on 7th January. Christians make a point of taking communion on Christmas Day. Many make it the first thing they do as the clock strikes midnight.

On 6th January the Christmas festival continues with a celebration of Epiphany, which means 'the appearance'. Christians remember the visit of wise men (magi) to Jesus, bringing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The Christmas tradition of exchanging gifts originally honoured these men, who were the first non-Jews (Gentiles) to worship Jesus. It forms a reminder that in Jesus, God was giving Himself for the benefit of the entire world.

Orthodox Christians use this day to recall the baptism of Jesus as a grown man. The significance of Jesus being baptised was that He identified Himself with human beings in all their need. They mark the day by praying for God's blessing on rivers, wells and water sources.

Christmas has never been just an escapist festival for Christians. Those who treat it seriously recognise that not all the world is able to face the days with frivolity or joy. The day after Christmas, Boxing Day, was historically marked as the feast of St Stephen. He was the first

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man to be put to death rather than give up his belief that Jesus was God. And two days later a day remembering the Massacre of the Innocents recalls Herod's attempt to destroy Jesus by killing all male babies in Bethlehem. Although not so widely marked as Christmas Day, it

25th December - Who is 'Santa Claus'?

On the whole British people are happy with the title 'Father Christmas', a suitably neutral name for the central character in children's Christmases, writes David Winter.

In America, however, and by a process of cultural indoctrination increasingly in other English-speaking countries, the same red-coated and bearded fellow with his sack of presents is known as 'Santa Claus'. They are, of course, one and the same person, distantly related to a bishop in Turkey in the fourth century (hence the red coat and hat – a cope and mitre originally). His name was Nicholas, and he was known as a patron of children, who would, from time to time distribute gifts to them.

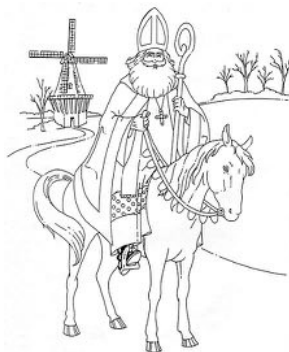
From that comes the practice of giving presents at Christmas. We can't give them to Jesus on His birthday, so we give them to someone else, in love and gratitude.

gives Christians the opportunity to pray for children in today's world who suffer as a result of the actions of adults.

This is from: https://christianity.org.uk/christmas-throughout-the-christian-world/#.W9LI_xNKhsM

That, at least, is the theory. Quite how the massive commercialisation of such giving developed probably owes more to smart marketing than Christian generosity.

It's not Nicholas's fault, of course, nor of the Dutch Christians who took the practice to America as migrants 300 years ago. In any case, his feast day, 6th December, is when 'Christmas' presents are handed over in Holland.



drawing courtesy of the St. Nicholas Centre - St. Nicholas in a Dutch village.

An On-Going Story

Lester Amann on the Christmas story.

We all like a good story. When God wanted to grab our attention, He gave us a book of stories. The Bible is full of God's encounters with people. At Christmas, we remember the story of Jesus born in Bethlehem. But this story begins back in Genesis and as we go through the Old Testament books, there are many pointers to Him.

Some prophets announced His coming, stating where He would be born, what He would be like and what He would do. They prepared the way for the arrival of the Holy Child.

Perhaps, Mary, on seeing her old cousin Elizabeth pregnant, reminded her of the amazing conceptions and births which God had given to Sarah, Rachel and Hannah. And now the angel Gabriel had announced that she, of all women, would bear the Messiah. No wonder Mary praised God with all her heart.

The Christmas story is so attractive, with memorable ingredients: angels; poignant dreams; a pregnant mum on a long and tough journey; the lack of a clean room at an inn and a stable for a birth. The story has a wealth of characters: an innocent young girl, a kindly older man, bright angels, rough

shepherds, wealthy men from the East and a tyrannical ruler out to kill the baby. And over all hangs that mysterious lone star that marked the place where Jesus lay!

But the story of Jesus doesn't end here. He grew up. Jesus became the teacher and miracle worker - He became the Messiah. It culminated with His death, resurrection and ascension. This is a story of sacrificial love. A Saviour who died on a cross to remove our sin and give us eternal life.

And the story hasn't finished, as WE are its final part! Our response to the Christmas story determines our future. Are we living in the light of Christ, in service, worship and prayer? We are now part of God's continuing story and the last chapter has still to be played out. We are involved in it. Now, that is something to celebrate!



Just hay in the manger?

We all know the scene – children dressed up as shepherds, wise men and angels smiling round a baby Jesus in a hay-filled manger. But how much do we know about the real story of Christmas? What was Bethlehem really like? Who were the three Kings? Who was Mary?

Now a new, short guide takes you behind the scenes of the nativity play

to explore what we really know about the time, place and people who played their part in the true story of Jesus' birth. If you are running a school nativity or production at church, these booklets make ideal giveaways at just £1.20 each (plus P&P)



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PEACEFUL PRAISE ON A SILENT NIGHT

by Canon David Winter

200 years ago this Christmas Eve a parish priest near Salzburg in Austria and his organist wrote a new carol for the midnight mass. The priest, Fr Joseph Mohr, provided the words in a poem he had recently written. The organist was Franz Xavier Gruber who created a tune of haunting beauty. The carol, *Stille Nacht*, was duly sung at the service.

We don't know what the congregation thought of it, though I bet someone said, 'I can't stand all these new tunes!' But the simple words and wistful melody were to become one of the world's favourite carols, translated into hundreds of languages, 'Silent Night' as we know it.

My father told me of his experience in the First World War, when on Christmas Day the British troops heard the sound of German soldiers singing *Stille Nacht*. They responded with *Silent Night*, and the sacred words echoed across the blood-stained no man's land. It is a carol that breathes peace, quite unlike the traditional ones that stir us to action – 'O come all ye faithful', 'Hark the herald angels sing'. This German song is about the infinite peace of nativity – Mary pondering in her heart all that was happening and the shepherds returning to their fields.

The birth of this royal baby went largely unnoticed. There were no crowds, no cheering, no processions. But for two centuries people have sung this precious song of peace to recall that silent and holy night.



Learn a poem by heart this Christmas - and stay sharp

So here is a challenge for you: learn a poem, by heart, by Christmas. That is the challenge that Gyles Brandreth, actor and broadcaster, has set his grandchildren this year.

Memorising poetry is good for everyone. Brandreth cites scientific

research to say that memorising poetry can help keep your brain fit and well.

The Duchess of Cornwall, who recently took over from the Queen as patron of The Royal Society of Literature, admits to reciting poems to herself as she goes to sleep. Dame Judi Dench can still recite the whole of Twelfth Night and A Midsummer Night's Dream.

This is for those of you who remember reading Dr. Seuss as a child, or perhaps read it to your children.....and something we should all remember about Christmas!



“How the Grinch Stole Christmas” by Dr. Seuss

...So he paused. And the Grinch put his hand to his ear.

And he did hear a sound rising over the snow.

It started in low. Then it started to grow.

But the sound wasn't sad! Why, this sound sounded merry!

It couldn't be so! But it WAS merry! VERY!

He stared down at Whoville! The Grinch popped his eyes!

Then he shook! What he saw was a shocking surprise!

Every Who down in Whoville, the tall and the small,

Was singing! Without any presents at all!

He HADN'T stopped Christmas from coming! IT CAME!

Somehow or other, it came just the same!

And the Grinch, with his grinch-feet ice-cold in the snow,

Stood puzzling and puzzling: "How could it be so?"

"It came without ribbons! It came without tags!"

"It came without packages, boxes or bags!"

And he puzzled three hours, till his puzzler was sore.

Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before!

"Maybe Christmas," he thought, "doesn't come from a store."

"Maybe Christmas...perhaps...means a little bit more!"...

How A Christmas Carol first began - 175 years ago

Tim Lenton tells the story of 'A Christmas Carol'

Charles Dickens' novella A Christmas Carol was first published 175 years ago, on 19th December 1843, at a time when the author was hard-pressed financially but appeared inspired by his themes of redemption and poverty.

The first edition sold out by Christmas Eve, and by the end of the next year 13 editions had been published. In 1849 he began public readings of the story, which proved so successful that he completed 127 before he died in 1870. The book has never been out of print.

The "ghost story" was completed in six emotional weeks: he apparently

composed much of the work in his head while taking night-time walks of 15 to 20 miles around London, weeping and laughing.

He was interested in the revival of Christian festivities such as trees, carols and parties in the Victorian era, but his main concern was the deeper themes of poverty and transformation. His central character, Scrooge, has become a byword for meanness, but he was in fact changed completely.

Dickens' biographer, Claire Tomalin, sees the story as 'an allegory of the Christian concept of redemption.' The author himself was broadly Anglican but suspicious of any forceful expression of religion, whether evangelical or Roman Catholic.

*It may be Christmas, but does it meet
Health and Safety.....?*

While Shepherds Watched

*While shepherds watched
Their flocks by night
All seated on the ground
The angel of the Lord came down
And glory shone around*

the Lord is reminded that before shining his/her glory all around she/he must ascertain that all shepherds have been issued with glasses capable of filtering out the harmful effects of UVA, UVB and Glory.

*The Union of Shepherds has complained that it breaches health and safety regulations to insist that shepherds watch their flocks without appropriate seating arrangements being provided. Therefore benches, stools and orthopaedic chairs are now available.
Please note,
the angel of*



When people want your money for their charity

David Pickup, a solicitor, considers all those people out to collect money this month...

I had a bit of a Scrooge moment recently. There was a man outside my usual supermarket collecting money for the local children's hospital. He was a bit scruffy and was holding a bucket which had some writing on I could not see clearly.

Do not get me wrong, charities depend on people being generous and open-air collecting is vital. What concerned me is that there is no children's hospital within miles of where I live... so who exactly was he collecting for?

Collecting money for a charity is hard work and a difficult thing. Just ask anyone who has been selling poppies or delivering envelopes for Christian Aid. We should be grateful to anyone who gives their time to do this. There are all sorts of regulations about collecting, and legally it is complex. The law is there to protect the genuine charity and to prevent nuisance. Well known charities usually act within the law and will gladly deal with enquiries or complaints.

Most forms of collecting in public places require a permit, usually from the local council. There are different rules depending on whether you are

standing still on a street, or shaking a tin, or going door to door.

Another type of fund raising is chugging. Chuggers are people who accost you at busy places in towns and try to sign you up to support a charity. They are paid for their work and often support worthwhile charities, but they can be pushy. As they are not collecting money as such, there are not many legal restrictions. In fact, money is the last thing they want. They are looking for direct debits for a few pounds, which are followed up later by telephone canvassing to increase the amount. *Be careful what information you give.*

The man outside my supermarket remains a mystery. I should have asked to look at his bucket and see if there was an address and charity registration number on it. I think supermarkets should have a collecting area with a sign saying, "this week's charity is" Then you would know it is legitimate.

Christians are called to be generous as givers and helpers. Any charity we are involved in should be well run. What I should have done after avoiding eye contact with the man, was donate inside to the food bank.

As always this is a light-hearted article on the subject. Plenty of guidance is available on line especially from your local council. There is some very useful information at <https://www.fundraisingregulator.org.uk/>



MOVIE MOMENTS Nick and Carol Pollard from EthosMedia.org share thought-provoking reflections on the latest films.

Everything I need?

Disney's *The Nutcracker and the Four Realms* is a visual and auditory feast that will both delight the senses and stimulate the brain as it explores the essential human question: 'What is everything I need?'

Building on Tchaikovsky's famous ballet score and Hoffmann's lesser known story *The Nutcracker and the Mouse King* this delightful film draws us into the mind of Clara, played brilliantly by the teenage actress Mackenzie Foy. Deeply upset by the recent death of her mother, Clara has retreated to an attic, where she uses her precocious skills in science and engineering to build a fabulous contraption for catching mice. Demonstrating this to her younger brother she recounts Newton's Third Law of Motion - that every action has an equal and opposite reaction.

The wider social and cultural application of this principle gradually becomes evident as Clara then journeys into a fantasy world where the inhabitants of four realms (flowers, snowflakes, sweets and amusements) are at war. Clara has entered these realms in search of the key to a locked egg-shaped box that was left to her by her recently deceased mother, who said 'everything you need is inside'. But what is everything I need? What formula will be unlocked by this key? Gradually she discovers that the solution is not simplistic and one-dimensional, indeed there is much to learn even in the process of the quest itself.



This evocative film offers great opportunities for a stimulating shared experience. As well as marvelling together at the beautiful sets, costumes and dance it provides an excellent post-viewing opportunity to discuss what might be 'everything I need', and what we also can learn from our own quest for answers to life's big questions.



Released on November 2nd

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EthosMedia.org provides free resources to help people explore spiritual, moral, social and cultural issues through the latest feature films.

NETFLIX AND NARNIA

Netflix is off to Narnia. The streaming service is to produce new Chronicles of Narnia projects for film and television.

The streaming service has signed a multi-year deal with The C.S. Lewis Company to develop the classic

stories. This makes it the first time that rights to all seven books including *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, have been held by the same company.

The Narnia books have sold more than 100 million copies and been translated in more than 47 languages.

Baslow Health Centre – Church Lane, Baslow

www.baslowhealthcentre.co.uk

Flu Vaccinations: Are you 65 and over, or have Asthma, Diabetes, Lung/Heart/Kidney/Liver disease? If so, please book in for your Flu Vac with one of our Nurses

Appointment Times: Clinicians will endeavour to keep to time; however, they also need to afford the patient the appropriate consultation time, which may lead to them overrunning. Therefore, it is imperative that patients arrive on time for their appointments as it will have a rolling knock on effect if you are late. Patients, who miss their appointment by 10 minutes or more, will be marked as failed to attend and have to rebook. If you are later than 2 minutes you may have to wait to be seen.

Patient Online: Have you registered to use the online service, allowing you to book and cancel appointments on line and order your repeat medications? You can also request access to your Summary Care Record, and Detailed Coded Data contained within your medical records. You can also look at your test results*.

Telephone Numbers:

Reception: 01246 582216
Surgery Fax: 01246 583867
Dispensary: 01246 582366
District Nursing Team: 01629 593050
Health Visitor: 01629 816633
(The Dispensary line is open 12noon – 1.00pm and 2.00pm – 3.00pm)

Normal Surgery Opening Times

Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri 8am - 6.30pm;

Wednesdays 7.30am - 6.30pm

(closed Bank Holidays)

(Phones 8am – 6.30pm Mon - Fri).

Surgery Closure for training -

Wednesday afternoons -

**9th January & 13th February
2019 from 1.00pm**

Email- Please contact the reception and give us your email address if you would like to have the option of being contactable via email and receive the Practice and the Patient Participation Group newsletter.

Patient Participation Group -

(PPG) – If you want to be kept up to date and have the opportunity to express your views please consider joining Baslow's PPG. Contact Keith Maslen on kmaslen@aol.com T.01246 582274 Virtual members welcome.

Ordering Repeat Medication All requests for repeat prescriptions must be:-

- In writing or with our on-line access
- Return form to surgery by Post/Fax/Box on Dispensary Reception
- **Allow two working days before collection**
! To ease the parking congestion, please collect your prescription between 12noon – 4pm

Samples – if you need to leave a sample with us please ensure it is labelled with your name and date of birth and returned in a bag if provided.

Test Results – As we do not receive test results from hospital until lunchtime, please ring for these after 2pm.

For Urgent Calls when we are closed

call 111

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December
Sudoku ☞

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St. Peter's Church 100 Club October Draw 2018

1st prize £30 no. 18 Joy Thrower
2nd prize £20 no.95 Margaret Jackson
Funds to church this month - £50

Subscriptions for 2019 are due in
January at £12 per number held. Please
make out cheques to:-

St.Peter's Church 100 Club.

We have vacancies for new members to
join in 2019 to help us achieve our
target of 100 numbers.

Thank you for your continued
support.

Ann Hall

Pilsley C of E Primary School

3 - 11 years

Our new and exciting Foundation
Stage unit is now running all day
Tuesday, Wednesday and
Thursday plus two afternoons
(Monday and Friday).

The unit is led by a fully qualified
Early Years teacher with two highly
experienced teaching assistants.

Visits to our lovely school are
warmly welcomed.

Please contact Emma Bond,
Headteacher on 01246 583203.

Thank You

A big 'Thank You' to everyone who has
helped in any way at our two churches
during the past year. The cleaners,
coffee makers, flower arrangers, brass
polishers, clock winders, organists,
sidesmen and readers. Clive Thrower
for organising the bellringers for St.
Peter's once a month on a Sunday
morning and those who have organised
and helped with events. Your help is
really appreciated and comments in the
visitors books show how much our
open churches are appreciated by
those who visit them.



Pilsley C of E Primary School Toddler Group

Every Friday morning (term time)
from 9am - 10.30am

Everyone Welcome

£2 for a parent and 1 child -
50p each for additional children



SERVICES & ROTAS FOR DECEMBER 2018



<u>ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY</u>			<u>FLOWERS & BRASSES</u>	<u>CLEANING</u>
2	9.30am	Holy Communion	Barbara Hawksworth*	28 th -1 st Jane Hornsby
9	9.30am	Holy Communion	Sarah Porter*	
16	9.30am	Holy Communion	" "	All - Pre-Christmas
23	9.30am	Holy Communion	Fiona Swain	Clean & decorations up
24	6pm	Service of Lessons & Carols		
25	9.30am	Holy Communion for Christmas Day		
30	9.30am	Holy Communion		
* NB Brasses only during Advent				
<u>ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR</u>			<u>SIDESMEN</u>	
2	10.45am	Holy Communion	Mr & Mrs Wardle	
	6pm	Advent Service of Light		
9	10.45am	Holy Communion	R S Sherwood/Diana Walters	
16	10.45am	Matins	John Bowns/Mike Pindar	
19	7.30pm	Service of Lessons & Carols		
23	10.45am	Holy Communion	Mr & Mrs Gordon	
24	11.30pm	Midnight Mass	To be arranged	
25	10.45am	Holy Communion for Christmas Day	Mrs Jackson/Liz Bradshaw	
30	10.45am	Holy Communion	Mr & Mrs Wardle	
<u>COFFEE</u>		<u>CLEANING</u>	<u>FLOWERS</u>	
2	Mr & Mrs Carter	Mr & Mrs Nelson	Advent - no flowers	
9	Clive & Joy Thrower	Mrs Day/Mrs Walters	" "	
16	John & Jill Caws	Mr & Mrs Jackson	" "	
23	Mr & Mrs Sherwood	Mr & Mrs Grimshaw	Margaret Nelson	
30	Mr & Mrs Harding	Mr & Mrs Wardle	Christmas flowers remain	
NB We will be dressing the Christmas tree on Tuesday 18 th December from 10am, ready for the Carol Service on 19 th . You are very welcome to come along and help.				
<u>READINGS</u>		<u>ST. PETER'S</u>	<u>ST. ANNE'S & SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>	
2	Jeremiah 33: 14-16	Trevor Grimshaw	Sophia Lichfield	
	Luke 21: 25-36	Advent One	Children in Service	
9	Baruch 5: 1-9	Gloria Sherwood	Fiona Swain	
	Luke 3: 1-6	Advent Two	SS Claire Cadogan	
16	Zephaniah 3: 14-20	John Caws	Sarah Porter	
	Luke 3: 7-18	Advent Three	No Sunday School	
23	Micah 5: 2-5a	Michael Douglas	Rupert Turner	
	Luke 1: 39-55	Advent Four	No Sunday School	
24	Isaiah 9: 2-7	Diana Walters	6pm to be arranged	
	Luke 2: 8-20	Midnight Mass		
25	Isaiah 52: 7-10	John Bowns	To be arranged	
	John 1: 1-14	Christmas Day		
30	Colossians 3: 12-17	Bob Carter	Fiona Lichfield	
	Luke 2: 41-52	Christmas One	No Sunday School	