

O Come let us adore Him



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Letter from our Locum Minister . . .

My dear friends,

'The Long and Winding Road', a song written by Paul McCartney and issued in May 1970, one month after the Beatles broke up! So familiar and popular, this song (I have to admit) has been buzzing around my head during the last few days. Story goes that Paul (in the song) was referring to the B842 road through East Kintyre as he would travel to his farm, a place close to his heart, near the hamlet of Saddell.

As usual, many folks have attempted to interpret the song in order to seek a deeper meaning. Some would say it is written to express 'the long road to a girl's heart' whilst others might put a spiritual twist to it as referring to 'a search for God' in order to make sense of the many obstacles, disappointments and challenges that life puts in front of us. Who knows? Guess, only Paul can tell us what he was really thinking about when he penned it. The song is timeless and will always speak to us whatever journey we are facing. Whether

the song is about a physical long, twisty, hilly journey endured when one is weary and wants to get home, or about relationships and experiences of love, life or faith, the song reminds us that the journey is not ended as there is a longing to be 'led to your/the door', journey's desired end point.

Friends, I have to confess, that since Spring, for me as also for many of you, life has been a 'Long and Winding Road'. Normally, life does bring its own challenges, but with the added problems of living with this pandemic, there can be that feeling of weariness and longing for this journey to end so we may arrive and go through 'the door' of health, peace and security 'that leads us home'. May we give thanks that there is light at the end of all of this and also for the hard work of the scientists who have found a vaccine that will help us. We are so blessed today by all the advances that have been made in medicine and the sterling sacrificial work of everyone in the Care / NHS professions who treat us. We are well cared for!

As we think about and look forward to Christmas this year, we are so aware that things will be quite different socially. However, the one true enduring truth is that there is no change to the message of God's love as He came into this world personally in the person of His Son Jesus. 'Emmanuel, God with us'!

Can we just imagine for a moment 'the long and winding road' physically travelled by Joseph and his pregnant wife Mary, from Nazareth in Galilee to Bethlehem in Judea, in order to obey the law of registration. Distance is roughly 75 miles as the crow flies. Not far by today's standards with cars and buses, but an incredibly long, hard and dangerous journey, if you are walking with an expectant lady about to give birth on the back of a donkey. The Judean wilderness is quite unforgiving of rough terrain, many bandits and lots of hungry wild animals looking for their next meal, not to mention the extreme cold that winter can bring. Yes, I think it truly would have been the ultimate experience of 'the long and winding road' for Joseph and Mary. The door that would've been hugely welcomed at the

Inn at journey's end was closed to them and they had to do with a stable where the Son of God was born into this world. Hard to believe and take in? God came to this world that He created humbly and without a fuss. Approaching Christmas, may we never get so caught up with celebrations that don't include worship, reverence and awe from us. God visited planet earth to be our Saviour, Lord and friend. He came to earth so that we one day may go to heaven. This is OUR God! He is full of love, mercy and grace. He is a good Father! He is for us and not against. May we take a moment to thank Him for His love to each one of us.

As this is the last Parishioner for 2020, Maggie joins me in wishing everyone of you a very happy and joyous Christmas and a blessed, healthy and prosperous New Year when it comes.

May the Lord richly bless you all!

Your Locum Minister and friend,

Morris

Parish Register

Deaths

Jesus said 'I am the resurrection and the life ...'

'Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted'

Jesus said 'The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God'.

It is with sadness we announce the following deaths.

David Somerville, Birch Drive, Lenzie, who was a member of The Kirk Session here in St Marys

Mrs Betty Little, Mavisbank Care Home, Bishopbriggs, formerly Carnie Court, Kirkintilloch

Peter Finnigan, husband of Isobel, 44 Bankhead Road, Waterside

Our thoughts and prayers are with both families at this sad time.

The Parishioner Online



Missed or lost your copy of the Parishioner ...

why not go to www.stmaryskirkintilloch.org.uk and see this month's copy. Stephen McKean, Webmaster, has built up previous issues online so you can look back on past copies. Also if you wish any news or information to be put on the website over the summer months please e-mail webmaster@stmarykirkintilloch.org.uk and we will put these on the News page of the website.

Church Office

The secretary, Mrs Denise Japp is available in the office Monday to Friday 8.30 am – 1.00 pm and may be the first point of contact for general enquiries.

Denise will be able to refer you to the person best suited to respond. **Church office telephone 0141 775 1166 or e-mail: office.stmarys@btconnect.com**

Vacancy Business

Plans are now in hand for us to prepare the Electoral Register, which is a list of those who are eligible to vote in the election of a Nominating Committee and our next Minister.

On Sundays 29/11/20 and 06/12/20 the following Edict will be read during Worship.

"Notice is hereby given that in view of the vacancy in this congregation of Kirkintilloch St. Mary's Parish Church, the Kirk Session is about to make up an Electoral Register. This Electoral Register is a list of those who will be eligible to vote when the time comes to elect a Nominating Committee, and subsequently in the election of a new minister. If your name and current address are already on the Communion Roll, then you will automatically be placed upon the Electoral Register. You will need to take no further action.

If you are a regular worshipper here, but are still a member of another congregation, and you wish to participate in the election

of a minister to this congregation of Kirkintilloch St. Mary's Parish Church then you should arrange to hand in to the Session Clerk a valid Certificate of Transference before the Kirk Session meets (0141 578 5887 morrisgo@sky.com).

If you are a regular worshipper here, and not a member of this or any other congregation, then the Kirk Session can add your name to the Electoral Register as an "adherent". If you wish the Kirk Session to consider this, you should obtain a form from the Session Clerk, complete it and return it to him before the Kirk Session meets.

The Kirk Session will meet via ZOOM on the 16th day of December at 7.30pm to make up the Electoral Register. "

Rev. Ian Taylor, Interim Moderator

I have reproduced the Adherents Claim Form below which you can send direct to the Session Clerk should you choose to do this.

D FORM OF ADHERENT'S CLAIM – Section 14(1) 21

I, 1 of

2.....

being a regular worshipper in the Church of
and not being a member of any other congregation in Scotland, request
to have my name put on the Electoral Register of the congregation of
Kirkintilloch, St. Mary's Parish Church as an adherent.

Date

Signed

1 – *Here enter full name in BLOCK CAPITALS*

2 – *Here enter address in full*

**Rev. Ian Taylor, Interim Moderator
Minister, Springfield Cambridge Parish Church , Bishopbriggs
0141 772 1540
email: ITaylor@churchofscotland.org.uk**

As part of our preparation for nominating a new minister, we are asking members to pass details of their current email addresses to the Church Office. If you are happy to pass your details to the church office, please email Denise at office.stmarys@btconnect.com with a note of the names of all the members contactable at the email address, a note of your address and your telephone number.

We will hold that information in accordance with Church's data protection policy.

**Charles Hay
Assistant Session Clerk**

Session Report

I sincerely hope you and your families are all keeping well and staying safe during these unprecedented times.

The last few months has been a very busy time for the Kirk Session and I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on some of the activities that have happened, or we are about to engage with.

Session has been meeting via Zoom conference calls during Covid-19 restrictions. We have been meeting every month since July, with at least one further meeting in the diary for December.

Vacancy

We are now making great progress with the business items related to our vacancy – this continues to be the key area of focus for the Kirk Session.

● **Ministers and Deacons in Civil Partnerships (Act 1, 2015)**

In last month's Parishioner, our Interim Moderator, Ian Taylor, outlined the process

to be followed by the Kirk Session to decide whether or not to depart from the Church's historic position in relation to human sexuality. The outcome of this process was a clear majority in favour of departure. This simply means that applications for our vacancy will be considered from, amongst others, individuals who are in a civil partnership.

● **Electoral Register**

The Electoral Register is a list of those eligible to vote in the election of our new Minister. There is a notice elsewhere in this edition of the Parishioner that outlines the process in detail. Session will be meeting on the 16th December to complete the compilation of the Electoral Register. Any questions in regard to the process, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

● **Parish Profile**

The Parish Profile provides information about our Church and congregation and it is a key document that will be required by the Nominating

Committee. In effect, the profile will be the primary source of information for any prospective candidates that would like to learn all about St Mary's Parish Church in Kirkintilloch.

A group has been formed and the work is now underway to compile our Parish Profile. In addition to me, the group comprises Garry Burns, Lorna Pender, Lyndsey Jarvie and Sally McLellan.

● **Nominating Committee**

The next step in the vacancy process, once the Electoral Register has been completed, will be to form our Nominating Committee. We will be advising you in detail on this process in the next few weeks.

Other matters

Our vacancy is not the only business being addressed by Session. Some of the additional points of discussion are:

● **The New Manse**

Barratt are progressing with the building of our new manse at Braes Of Yetts in Kirkintilloch. We have also

been able to specify some of the finishes and extras we require, so that this can be incorporated in the build. Completion is still anticipated around April of next year.

● **Covid-19 Restrictions**

During November, while East Dunbartonshire is in Tier 4, our services have been limited to a total of 20 people. This is a very small number and it is hoped that these restrictions will be relaxed again soon, allowing our weekly attendance to return to 50. Watch out for news on this during December. In the meantime, we have been able to continue to record our services, allowing folks to engage with our Sunday Worship online. I am very grateful to the team of folks that make this possible – I know that it is appreciated and enjoyed by many, both from our congregation and the wider community.

● **Hall Lets**

The Nursery School continue to be the sole users of our suite of halls at the current time. The Covid-19 restrictions and enhanced hygiene requirements means

that extending hall lets to other organisations is not a practical option for us. However, this position will be kept under constant review as we move forward into the new year.

● **Communion**

It has not been possible to celebrate Holy Communion together in the sanctuary since our service back at the beginning of March. Again, the restrictions we are living with at the moment makes it impossible to share bread and wine in the manner we are used to. Our next celebration of Communion would traditionally be at the beginning of March next year and the Kirk Session has

agreed to review our position ahead of this date.

At the time of writing this report, we are just starting our journey through this Advent season.

On behalf of the Kirk Session, I would like to wish you and your families a very happy and peaceful Christmas, as we look forward in hope and faith to the start of a New Year.

Kind regards,

GORDON MORRISON
Session Clerk

email: morrisgo@sky.com
0141 578 5887



Copy for the February magazine should be e-mailed to sandraburns.me@gmail.com no later than **Sunday 31 January 2021**. If there are any changes to our current situation prior to this date, further information will be issued accordingly. With continued thanks to those who make donations towards the cost of producing the magazine. The Publications Committee take this opportunity of wishing everyone a lovely Christmas and Happy New Year. Personal thanks from the Editor to all involved who give of their time every month assisting in the production of the magazine and keeping the Website up-to-date.

Festive Season Arrangements

Sunday 6th Dec 2020	2nd Sunday in Advent
Sunday 13th Dec 2020	3rd Sunday in Advent – Gift Service <i>Monetary Donations only this year please</i>
Sunday 20th Dec 2020	4th Sunday in Advent
Thursday 24th Dec 2020	Christmas Eve Service at 7pm
Sunday 27th Dec 2020	CHURCH CLOSED <i>A service offered by the moderator of the Church of Scotland will be available on-line</i>
Sunday 3rd Jan 2021	CHURCH CLOSED <i>A service offered by the Rev. Morris Dutch will be available on YouTube</i>
Sunday 10th Jan 2021	Church re-opens for worship

The usual 'booking system' will apply to each of the above services. However, should you wish to attend the Christmas Eve Service at 7pm on Thursday 24th December 2020, you should 'book' a place during the week commencing Monday 14th December before 1pm on Friday 18th December, using the usual 'booking system' by contacting the Church Office.

While we remain in 'Level 4' a maximum of 20 people will be allowed to attend each service. Should our 'Level' change, we would hope to be able to return to a maximum of 50 people being allowed to attend each service.

John C Pears





Church Flowers

We wish to thank everyone who has continued to donate to the flower fund at this time. We cannot deliver church flowers to anyone at present, but please be reassured that your donations will be put to good use once all restrictions are lifted. In the meantime, please know that we continue to think about and pray for all those who would benefit from church flowers at this time.

Normally at this time of year Pot Plants would be distributed; however, we are truly sorry that in view of present circumstances this is not possible. We do wish all of you Christmas greetings and good health for 2021.

**Fiona Leishman, Sandra
Burns, Ruth Poynton,
Elizabeth Walker
The Flower Committee**



Bell Ringers

We are pleased to intimate that the bells will be rung on alternate Sundays until further notice by Leslie Bevens and Jen Biggans.

Contribution from Young Church

Welcome to the season of Advent. Due to the ongoing situation the traditional Nativity Service involving Young Church won't be able to happen in its current form. Instead, we are planning a virtual nativity involving our young people. If any young person fancies being part of this, please contact anyone from the Young Church team or email myself (fiona.green1@yahoo.co.uk) for more information. This is an exciting time as we try a new way of telling the Christmas story.

FIONA GREEN

Greetings from the Social Committee

Hello, just in case anyone was wondering, we are still here. We know you have not heard from us lately, but we have not disappeared, we are just hibernating. The last event we held was the Pancake lunch. We have missed last session's Strawberry Lunch and this year's Harvest Lunch. I know Christmas is under review at the moment, but I am afraid our Advent lunch is almost certainly not going to happen either. Unfortunately next year's pancake lunch is also unlikely but to end on a happier note, if what the scientists tell us about the possibility of a vaccine in the new year is true, then perhaps we can look forward to a Strawberry Lunch in June.

We are looking forward to seeing you all again at some future event when it becomes possible.

JEN BIGGANS

Nursery Update

The children are continuing to work well, have fun and learn lots within these very difficult times. Free flow play is going well and the children move between outdoors and indoors freely. It is good to see the children playing together in all weathers!



As our numbers will exceed 48 in January, we will employ another temporary Early Years Worker. We also hope to employ a temporary cook in the new year.

The last sanitisation of the halls for this term has taken place and the children will stay in their current locations until the end of term. Christmas parties will be held in these bubbles! Unfortunately, due to new restrictions, it will not be possible to do our nativity this year. However, it is hoped a photo montage of children engaged in Christmas activities will be available for families.

As this goes to press, we await guidance from the Government as to whether or not the Christmas holidays will be extended for all education establishments. This could mean that the nursery will close for Christmas on 18th December. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of all of our staff members who have worked above and beyond to ensure the safety of our children and to continue to provide engaging, challenging opportunities for all. I pray they have a peaceful, restful Christmas break.

Fiona Leishman, Nursery Convenor

Organisation Accounts / Auditors

This has been a difficult year for all of us and many organisations will have met only for a short time during it; however, it is still necessary to prepare accounts for the year to 31 December 2020 no matter how small they may be.

I would therefore ask that all treasurers of organisations please ensure that a copy of their annual audited accounts is passed to the Treasurer or Finance Convenor no later than 21 February 2021. These accounts will be made up to their year-end falling into the year to 31 December 2020.

The Nursery, Social Committee, Young Church and Friday Fellowship whose accounts are included in the Church Accounts should work to a deadline of 14th February 2021.

The members of the Finance Committee who have volunteered to act as auditors for the church organisations are John Pears, Gordon Sinclair, Lewis Wilson and Hugh Biggans.

The Church Accounts should be submitted to Presbytery and Church of Scotland by 31 March annually, therefore it is very important that these deadlines are adhered to especially in our current circumstances. We need to present the accounts to Session as early as possible to enable them to be inspected by our Independent Examiner prior to submission to the relevant bodies. Your assistance in this matter is very much appreciated by John and myself.

Hugh Biggans
Finance Convenor

25th December – The Story of Mince Pies

Did you know that mince pies have been traditional English Christmas fare since the Middle Ages, when meat was a key ingredient? The addition of spices, suet and alcohol to meat came about because it was an alternative to salting and smoking in order to preserve the food. Mince pies used to be a different shape – cradle-shaped with a pastry baby Jesus on top.

Gift Service

Our Gift Service this year is on the third Sunday of Advent – 13th December.

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions however, the arrangements will be very different from normal.

Unfortunately, the charities that we support at this time of year are not able to accept gifts from us, so instead we are suggesting that donations should be in the form of monetary gifts.

The money we receive can then be split equally between 3 charities, to support the work they are doing over the festive period. These charities are:

East Dunbartonshire Council, Social Work Department;

Lodging House Mission; and

Women's Aid.

Your gifts will be gratefully received at Church on Sunday 13th, but recognising that the majority of us are not able to attend services at the moment, there are alternative ways of giving this year:

By Cheque

Made payable to "St Mary's Parish Church" and posted to the Treasurer:

John Thomson
17 Glenwood Court,
Lenzie,
Kirkintilloch,
Glasgow,
G66 4JL

Please include a note that clearly identifies your donation is for the **Gift Service**

By bank transfer

(using the reference "Gift Service")
If you require our bank details, please contact either:

Hugh Biggans
hmbiggans@hotmail.co.uk
0141 578 0586

OR

John Thomson
johnm.thomson@ntlworld.com

Cash or Cheques

can also be handed in to **Stewart Walker**
Newsagents
Townhead

These donations should be placed in an envelope and be clearly marked as "**St Mary's Parish Church, Gift Service**".

It would be appreciated if your donations are received by Tuesday 15th December, allowing us to distribute to our charities before Christmas.

With our thanks for your continued support during these difficult times.

Gordon Morrison
Session Clerk

Please help . . .

To improve the recording of services David Tinto is looking to borrow an HD camcorder with 20 to 25x Optical Zoom minimum.

An example would be a Sony HDR-CX155.

Please phone David on 0141 578 6556 if you can help.

Christian Aid

CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY APPEAL

The Corona Virus outbreak threatens the health of our neighbours near and far. Together we must respond quickly to help the most vulnerable people in the world.

Christian Aid Response

We are drawing on our experience from the Ebola crisis and helping communities to prevent and delay infection.

We are sending essential soap, water, and giving handwashing training. Food packages are being sent to the most vulnerable. We are ensuring urgent health messages get through to help keep people safe. We are working through our network of Church partners and faith-based organisations to reach the most vulnerable people in the world at this critical time. With your help we can do even more.

Donations can be made through Christian aid's website www.caid.org.uk/protect

Thank you.

Paul Malcolm

The Story Is Still the Same!

'Christmas may look different, but the story is still the same!' That's the message for Christmas in 2020. Coronavirus will make our celebrations this year look very different from usual. However, the message of the baby born in Bethlehem is still relevant!

In one nativity play, the highlight was to illuminate Jesus, with a light in the manger, when all the other lights were turned off. At the appropriate time, all the lights went out, including the manger one. The silence was broken when one of the shepherds loudly whispered: 'Hey, you turned off Jesus.' Of course, nobody can turn off Jesus this Christmas!

The angels announced, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord.' (Luke 2: 10,11). The birth of this baby brings great joy and good news for everyone! As the king of the universe, He has come as our Saviour. In an uncertain world, He offers joy and hope, because He holds this pandemic in His hands. This is a real cause for joy!

'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom His favour rests.' (Luke 2:14). We may feel anything but peace amid the anxieties over our current circumstances. How can a Jewish infant born to a peasant family in first century Palestine bring peace to our lives today? Jesus established peace with God through His death on the cross. Trusting the Prince of Peace for our lives brings God's peace amid the huge uncertainties we face. As the carol says, 'Joy to the world, the Lord has come, let earth receive her King.'

Children don't always hear Christmas stories quite right

Picture

The teacher asked her Sunday School class to draw a picture of a Bible story with a Christmas theme. She was puzzled by Kate's picture, which showed four people on an aeroplane.

She asked her which story it was meant to represent. 'The Flight to Egypt,' was the reply.

Pointing at each figure, the teacher ventured: 'That must be Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus. But who's the fourth person?"

'Oh,' explained Kate happily, 'that's Pontius – the pilot!'

The Rectory

St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

I am sorry I was not alive during that wonderful four-year period when Oliver Cromwell abolished Christmas; no Christmas parties, no carol services, no cards to send and no frantic last-minute shopping. That man was a hero.

Planning for Christmas at St James' normally starts on 2nd January. By Easter, the flowers for church have been carefully chosen to be colour coordinated, and the seating plans and table decorations for the Christmas party have been allocated (with nominated reserves in case someone should inconveniently die in the intervening eight months).

Long before Summer is over, the tree lights have been tested, music for the 9 Lessons and Carols Service has been chosen and the service sheets printed. Way before the dark nights set in, car parking attendants will have been found, those who are to light all the candles will have been rehearsed to perfection, and the brass lectern has had its annual polish.

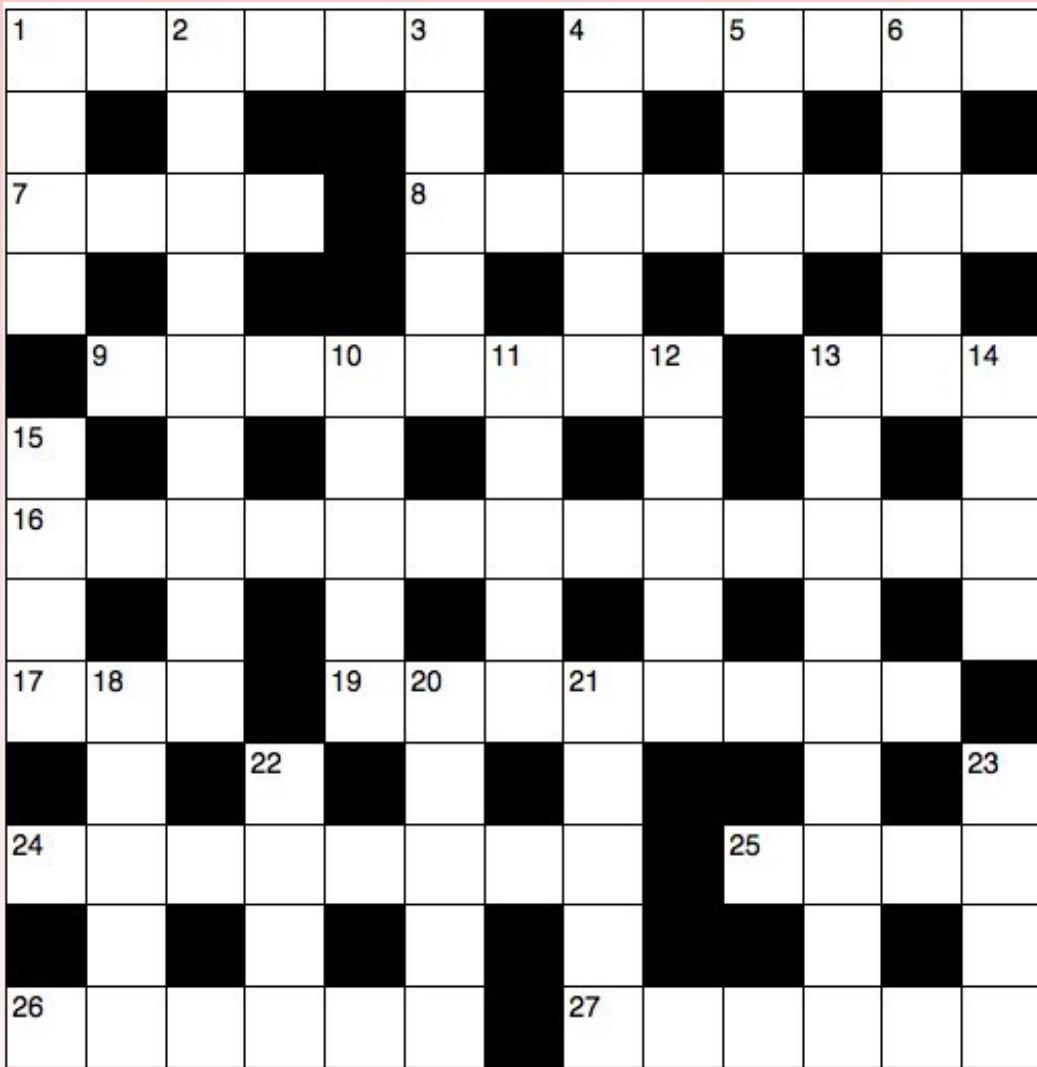
We do not do spontaneity at St James the Least of All. If ever there was a service when time for something unexpected had to be allowed, its place would be announced in the order of service, how long the unexpected thing would happen for would have been decided by a committee, and who was to be spontaneous would have been allocated on a rota.

But the one person none of these well-meaning, efficient, committed organisers can control is the Rector. You could call it a staff perk. Carols will (accidentally, of course) be announced in the wrong order; if verse 3 was to be omitted, I announce it will be verse 4. This keeps the organist on his toes while the choir hovers on the point of a collective nervous breakdown. At the Christmas supper, my introductory welcome speech and extensive grace make those in the kitchen wonder if the vegetables being boiled should better be served as thick soup. I offer the helpful suggestion that the tree, having been installed and decorated in the chancel, may perhaps look better in the sanctuary and I turn all the heating off throughout the season, explaining that it will help the flowers to last. All Services will start five minutes early (was my watch rather fast?) so I can look disapprovingly at those still coming in while we are singing the first carol and making it clear that I think they had spent too long in the pub next door.

And so we all reach Christmas morning, with 12 months of planning having gone yet again slightly awry, with parishioners exhausted and I exhilarated at the chaos that has been created with such ease. Mr Cromwell, your spirit lives on.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

Crossword



Across

- 1 Rely (Psalm 62:7) (6)
- 4 'He stretches out the heavens like a — , and spreads them out like a tent to live in' (Isaiah 40:22) (6)
- 7 What the dove carried the olive leaf in, when it returned to Noah's

- ark (Genesis 8:11) (4)
- 8 Annoy (1 Samuel 1:6) (8)
- 9 Judah's last king, who ended his days as a blind prisoner in Babylon (Jeremiah 52:11) (8)
- 13 'They all — and were satisfied' (Luke 9:17) (3)

16 Eliphaz the Temanite was one;
so was Bildad the Shuhite and
Zophar the Naamathite (Job 2:11;
16:2) (4,9)

17 National Association of
Evangelicals (of the USA) (1,1,1)

19 Popular song for New Year's Eve,
Auld — — (4,4)

24 Able dock (anag.) (8)

25 The number of stones David chose
for his confrontation with Goliath
(1 Samuel 17:40) (4)

26 Elgar's best-known 'Variations' (6)

27 Soak (Isaiah 16:9) (6)

Down

1 Money owing (Deuteronomy 15:3)
(4)

2 Conciliatory (Titus 3:2) (9)

3 'Do this, whenever you — it, in
remembrance of me'
(1 Corinthians 11:25) (5)

4 A group assisting in
the governance of
the Roman Catholic
Church (5)

5 One of the gifts
Joseph's brothers took
with them on their
second journey to
Egypt (Genesis 43:11)
(4)

6 'Reach out your hand
and — — into my side.
Stop doubting and
believe' (John 20:27)
(3,2)

10 Be outstandingly good
(2 Corinthians 8:7) (5)

11 'What — — that you are
mindful of him, the

son of man that you care for him?'
(Psalm 8:4) (2,3)

12 Horse's feet (Judges 5:22) (5)

13 Notice (Deuteronomy 17:4) (9)

14 Comes between 2 Chronicles and
Nehemiah (4)

15 One of Israel's northern towns
conquered by Ben-Hadad (1 Kings
15:20) (4)

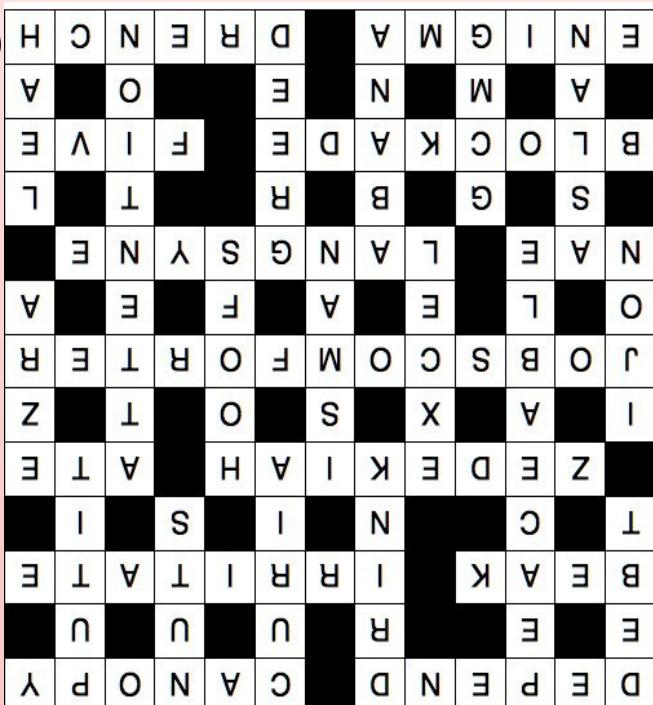
18 Narnia's Lion (5)

20 One of the two rivers in which
Naaman would have preferred to
wash (2 Kings 5:12) (5)

21 Avarice—one of the evils that
come from inside people (Mark
7:22) (5)

22 Knight Grand Cross of St Michael
and St George (1,1,1,1)

23 Jacob's first wife (Genesis 29:23)
(4)



The First Christmas

JESUS WAS BORN ABOUT 2,000 YEARS AGO IN THE SMALL TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, NEAR JERUSALEM.



AN ANGEL HAD TOLD MARY SHE WOULD HAVE VERY SPECIAL BABY



MARY AND JOSEPH MADE THE LONG JOURNEY FROM NAZARETH TO BETHLEHEM. THEY HAD BEEN ORDERED THERE BY THE CENSUS.



BUT THE TOWN WAS FULL... THE ONLY SHELTER THEY COULD FIND WAS A STABLE...



...WHICH IS WHERE THE BABY JESUS WAS BORN.



SHEPHERDS IN FIELDS NEARBY RACED TO SEE THE BABY. AN ANGEL HAD TOLD THEM WHERE JESUS HAS BEEN BORN.



THEY WERE THRILLED TO SEE THE MOST WONDERFUL GIFT IN THE WORLD!



Church Organisations

Contact list 2019.20	Organisation	Location	Time	Contact
Sunday	Sunday Worship	Church	11am	Rev Morris Dutch
	Young Church	Church Halls	11am	Elaine Stevens
	Fairtrade Stall	Main Hall	12 noon	Leslie Baird/Fiona Leishman
	Badminton - Senior	Main Hall	7.30-10pm	Liz Barrie
Monday	Nursery	Church Halls	8.30-11.45am	Joanne McDonald
	Ladies Bowling	Main Hall	1.30-3.30pm	Cathie Devine
	Running/Walking Club	Session House	7pm	Bob Brown
Tuesday	Nursery	Church Halls	8.30-11.45am	Joanne McDonald
	Ladies Badminton	Main Hall	1.15-3.15pm	Ann Selbie
	Badminton - Senior	Main Hall	8-10.30pm	Liz Barrie
	Prayer Time	Meeting Place	7-7.30pm	Rev Katy Owen
	Country Dancing	Mid Hall	7.45-10pm	Moira MacNeill
Wednesday	Nursery	Church Halls	8.30-11.45am	Joanne McDonald
	Wednesday Welcome	Session House	10-11.20am	Mary Stirling
	Wednesday Service	Church	11.30-12noon	Rev Morris Dutch
	Over 50's Badminton	Main Hall	1.30-3.30pm	Anne Allan
	Rainbows	Mid Hall	6.30-7.30pm	Janet Millin
	Brownies	Main Hall	6.30-7.45pm	Cara Daniels
	Vestry	Church Vestry	7-9pm	Church Office
	Running/Walking Club	Session House	7pm	Bob Brown
	Guides	Main Hall	7.30-9.30pm	Cara Daniels
	Trefoil Guild (monthly)	Mid Hall	7.45-10pm	Edith Dunn
Thursday	Nursery	Church Halls	8.30-11.45am	Joanne McDonald
	Flower Circle (Alternate Weeks)	Mid Hall	7.30-9pm	Elizabeth Walker
Friday	Nursery	Church Halls	8.30-11.45am	Joanne McDonald
	Listener's Circle (Monthly)	Session House (church)	2-4pm	Edith Dunn
	Friday Fellowship (Alternate Weeks)	Mid Hall	7.30-9pm	Moira MacNeill

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