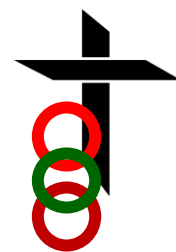


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Sara preferred to let people work out the hymns for themselves

REGULAR SERVICES AT S^t NICHOLAS AND S^t BARNABAS

	St Nicholas, Worth	St Barnabas, Pound Hill
Sunday	08.00 Holy Communion <i>(Book of Common Prayer, 1662)</i> 09.45 Sung Eucharist <i>(Common Worship)</i> 11.30 Nic's (All Age Prayer & Praise) (30 mins -1 st Sun of each month)	10.00 The Eucharist <i>(Common Worship)</i> 10.00 Family Service (Informal, <i>Common Worship</i>) 3 rd Sunday of every month
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Thursday	07.30 Morning Prayer 10.30 Eucharist	17.00 Evening Prayer
Friday	07.30 Morning Prayer	17.00 Evening Prayer
Saturday	08.30 Morning Prayer	17.00 Evening Prayer

Contributions for February 2015

by 11 January 2015 to Elizabeth Whyman

magazine@worthparish.org.uk (or by hand)

Hi, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Adieu

All these greetings in one fell swoop, so perhaps I'd better explain about the 'goodbye'. It is amazing how much can happen over a very short period of time. As I was finishing the last mag I was chatting with one the newer members of our congregation, Elizabeth, and saying how that, after more than 7 years of this format, I felt it was time for a change. However I was unsure exactly what to do. Well, one thing led to another and Elizabeth said that she would enjoy a crack at being editor! How wonderful to have someone offer to take over something, rather than to get to the end of one's tether and have to desperately find someone to take over. A new editor for the New Year seemed the perfect plan. So this is my swansong. Over the last 7.5 years, as each mag came off the printer I have felt a sense of pride and achievement which has been supported by the many encouraging comments proffered by all you readers and I have appreciated them all, thank you. Now I am sure you will join me in wishing Elizabeth good luck and best wishes as she takes up the reins.



So what's been at the forefront of my mind recently? Even though we aren't in Advent yet, I am no different from many wives and mothers in looking ahead to 'Christmas' which doesn't just 'happen' – whatever the menfolk think! And, I'm sure I'm not alone in thinking that there is not a bottomless pit as far as the bank is concerned. I think there may be a few of you who, also like me, have put on a big smile and said a cheery "thank you" for some gift which is - how shall we put it? – surplus to requirements? Well I think I now have the answer! My message to my family is "thank you for thinking of me, but if I can't eat it, drink it or experience it, please don't give it to me" and I will do the same in return. Of course there are also charitable gifts one can give. One year we gave my father some chickens in Africa and he loved the thought of helping others and not having to look after the chickens himself! On the Oxfam website you can buy a goat for £25 and, incidentally, there is a great online game for children, Go Goat Go, which shows them just how useful a goat is in the third world (<http://www.christianaid.org.uk/resources/games/gogoatgo/launch5.htm>). I have included some other ideas later on in the mag.

Now what else do we have? We have the concluding part of Ted Laker's brief history of our area and some topical articles, one contributed by our editor to be and some sourced from the internet by me. We also have a roundup of past events that you might have missed or enjoy being reminded about and some notes about what we have planned for the future. Please don't forget to fill in your subscription for next year's mag; it does help us review how many copies we need to print. Also included with this mag are a couple of cards showing our Christmases services please pop them through your neighbours' doors.

As I also retire from teaching this Christmas, I am going to look forward to a creative New Year of a different kind as I intend to pick up my scrap-booking, sewing and knitting and start really reading again.

With my love & blessings you each and every one of you, Sue x



"Sometimes I wonder about the Jones's attitude to Christmas."

The Trouble With Us

The trouble with us is, we don't seem to know the cost of our comfort and how much we owe for blessings and benefits freely received. We go round complaining and feeling aggrieved because we don't get, what we think we deserve, instead of contented to wait and to serve, expecting no praise, but just happy to do your best for the ones who depend upon you. To something or someone we're all deep in debt. The trouble with us is - we tend to forget.

"People think a soul mate is your perfect fit, and that's what everyone wants. But a true soul mate is a mirror, the person who shows you everything that's holding you back, the person who brings you to your own attention so you can change your life. A true soul mate is probably the most important person you'll ever meet, because they tear down your walls and smack you awake."
~ Elizabeth Gilbert

RECTOR'S REFLECTION

The publication of this magazine coincides with Advent Sunday, the first day of the Church's year – so, Happy New (Church) Year to you! This edition also straddles the end of one calendar year and the beginning of another - so, Happy New Year to you again (when we get there). This time of year is one when we often reflect on 'the old and the new'. That is why Janus, the Roman God of beginnings and transitions from whom the month of January gets its name, is depicted as having two heads – one looking to the future and one to the past. As we wish each other happiness at these moments of transition (New Year, Birthday, Anniversary, etc.) we ought to bear in mind that the happiness desired is both for the promise of the future and thankfulness for the past. This will be the last edition of the magazine edited by Sue Perry so I'd like, I trust on behalf of you all, to wish her a Happy Retirement from the Editor's chair, keyboard & screen – a wish that comes with a great deal of gratitude for the amazing achievement of all the magazines she has produced (against what have sometimes seemed insuperable odds) and the excitement of waiting to see where her energy and creativity will be channelled next. I hope she will be reflecting elsewhere in the magazine on the experience, with well-justified satisfaction.



Perhaps we should each take some time, before launching into the making of New Year's resolutions, to reflect on the year just ending and bring to mind those things that have given us the happiness we were wished at its start. Just as in our own lives the arrival of 1st January can make us eager to get on with the 'new', so within the life of the church the arrival of our new Associate Vicar, Fr James Grant, will provide impetus for new developments - as Revd Steve's arrival as our curate did. Whilst still in our 'advent season' of knowing James is coming, but waiting for his ministry in the parish to begin, James, Steve and I took a 'day out' to do some of that reflecting, in gratitude for the past as well as looking to the future.

Starting with our parish's vision "to be a Christian community growing in faith, hope and love" we sought to discern where the Holy Spirit has been working in the parish (in the more distant as well as more recent past). We put this alongside the aspects of ministry that we found energy-giving and to which we sensed a particular calling. One of the areas of focus that emerged, appropriately for this season, was that of families and youth. Many of you reading this will remember Sunday School waiting lists, youth clubs, boys & girls choirs, the Toddler Group (still going strong!), outings and more (including, as I was reminded this week, Sunday School in the Rectory before the Annexe and Garden Room existed). Hardly surprising, then, that the name "Holy Family" was chosen when we established a new church in Maidenbower! More recently we are seeing a Messy Church group full to capacity, a new Sunday youth group forming alongside an expanded Friday group (the latter calling themselves "Plugged-In"!); greater interest from our local primary schools (and the alternative provision school) in building links with the church, Baptism families asking about holiday clubs and family services ... in short, a sense that our past is the foundation for something new and exciting that is happening in our midst.

The new, to flourish and grow, needs protection and nurturing. That helpless babe that was born in Bethlehem 2000 years ago was loved and cared for by Mary and Joseph. A crucial part of Jesus' identity was his heritage as a descendant of David (Jesse's root). None of his world-changing ministry would have been possible without the nurture of his earthly parents during those vulnerable early years. So as we celebrate Jesus' birth, the light of the world that darkness cannot overcome, let us look with joyful anticipation to the year ahead whilst taking time, too, to give thanks for that which has been. May we be helped to discern what of the old we need to nurture and build on as we move to the new.

Celia, David and I wish you all a reflective Advent, a joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Anthony

Worth Church held its annual open day on Saturday which commemorated 100 years since the start of WW1 and 25 years since St. Nicholas reopened following the devastating fire in 1986, which saw the roof of the 1000+ year old church destroyed and the building in danger of collapsing.



Crawley MP Henry Smith and his family joined Rector Anthony Ball and Curate Steve Burston for this annual event. Blessed with fine weather, families were able to spend time in the Rectory garden where Crawley police, Fire Service and Neighbourhood Watch exhibited and the bouncy castle and face painting seemed to be a real winner with the kids.

Further attractions included a WW1 Exhibition and the work of Médecins sans Frontières.

The Coaching Halt, Marston's newest pub in Maidenbower, provided beer tasting with Steve and Sam, their Chef, BBQ'd all afternoon.



In the church Crawley Museum exhibited photos from the past whilst further attractions included an Organ Recital by Simon Wakefield and the Choir sang under the direction of Alex Hiam. The church was bedecked with flowers whilst the bells rang and the belfry was open for viewing. The Worth Conservation Area, which surrounds the church, also had a display including the SE in Bloom and Let's Face It awards gained last year.



The Rev'd Canon Anthony Ball said that he was delighted that so many families joined in our Open Day and were able to share in the great sense of community that enhanced the wonderful heritage that is St. Nicholas Church, Worth

Raffle : Thanks to many kind and generous donations, our Open Day raffle cleared £693 towards the final profit of £856 for the day, all of which has been added to parish funds. We are particularly delighted to have received a delightful original water colour painting of St. Nicholas Church by artist Brian Reynolds, a leading member of Crawley Arts Society. Barbara Lewis won this prize together with £100 for framing.

Our 2nd prize of a family portrait of choice was donated by Professional photographer David Gadsby and won by Arraminta Fly. David, a local resident, specialises in portrait and wedding photography and his services are advertised in our magazine.

Mary Winward, also a local resident, won the Champagne dinner for four, generously donated by Steve Arnold, manager of The Coaching Halt, Crawley's newest pub in Maidenbower.

Jenny Dobson and Pam Marson won mounted pictures by Bill Puttick and the bubbly and chocs, donated by Alex Keulemans, was won by Jim Bull. Alastair Wells and his family enjoyed a lift to and from their favourite restaurant donated by Max Perry.



Joan Tick is delighted to have won a Masterclass in cake baking by celebrity cake maker Joan Clark. Joan, a local resident in Worth, has baked extensively for Royalty and celebrity bashes for the rich and famous, including Madonna. Joan Clark is baking and donating this wonderful Christmas Cake to be raffled at the Christmas Fair.

Many thanks go to everyone who donated prizes and gave of their time so generously.



PROGRAMME FOR YEAR - 2015

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| January 8th | - | An illustrated talk on Old Crawley and Three Bridges. | Mr Bill Puttick - our own S.N.C member and his wife - Helen |
| February 5th | - | The day that changed my life! | Mr Christopher Sole - son of Stewart & Ann. Together with a rep. from The Silver Lining Charity. |
| March 5th | - | The Work of Crawley Community and Voluntary Service. | Mrs Lisa Philips - Lisa is the wife of Rev Ian Philips of Crawley Baptist Church. |
| April 9th | - | The Work of The Society of the Little Flower - Illustrated. | Miss Miranda Lichfield, from the Horsham Fund-raising Office of The Carmelite Friars & Nuns. |
| May 7th | - | The art of the poster - 1914/1918. Weapons of mass communication! | A welcome return by Mrs Margaret Nicolle, from Lindfield. |
| June 4th | - | Our Annual Summer Supper Night -
- there will be a raffle, of course! | |
| <u>July and August</u> |) | - | <u>THERE WILL BE NO MEETINGS FOR THESE TWO MONTHS</u> |
| September 3rd | - | My Canadian Experience! | Miss Janine Sole - Janine is the daughter of our S.N.C. members Stewart & Ann Sole. |
| October 1st | - | From a Copper to a Collar! | The Revd Steve Burston - our very own Curate. |
| November 5th | - | Out and about in Europe (Illustrated) | Another 'encore' by Bill Puttick - more of his photographic 'gems'! |
| December 3rd | - | Our Festive Yuletide Cheese & Wine Party
- with another raffle! | |

OUR MEETINGS USUALLY TAKE PLACE ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH, COMMENCING AT 8.00pm IN THE PASTORAL CENTRE.

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We continue to support the clergy at all Baptism services.

On 23rd October we celebrated our 27th Anniversary with a Songs of Praise (service of hymns) thanks to Simon Morris and Revd. Steve Burston. After running the Cake Stall at the Parish Christmas Fair on Saturday 22nd November, we were 'Looking forward to Advent' on Thursday 27th November.

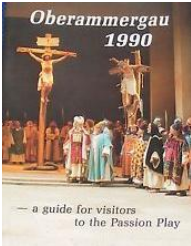
In January we are looking forward to our Annual meal together; this time at Central Sussex College. (Le Cordon Vert - 6pm on 22nd January 2015)

All monthly meetings on the last Thursday of every month are in the Pastoral Centre and start at 7.30pm. There is always tea/coffee after the meeting and everyone is welcome.

Ann Phillipson



ST NICHOLAS CIRCLE At our October meeting we were treated to a most enjoyable evening by Gill and Peter Gusterson when they gave us a slide show of scenes from three Parish pilgrimages. The first one in 1990, led by The Rev'd Peter Kefford, was to the Passion Play in Oberammergau, preceded by a week at Soll, in Austria. The mountain scenery was absolutely beautiful (as was Gill in her short shorts!) and the pilgrims did plenty of walking along the mountain paths. They also visited Salzburg and the Dolomites.



The next pilgrimage to Iona in 2001 was led by The Rev'd Andrew Piper. They were joined by a German contingent from Wilhelmshaven and all travelled together by train from Euston and then by ferry to Mull and then on to Iona; a tiring eighteen hour journey. This trip was very different in that there were a lot of quiet times and trekking in the wind and rain. Duties were shared by all the pilgrims, from preparing breakfast and then the vegetables for dinner, making sandwiches and also cleaning. Again the scenery was beautiful and the Abbey and surrounding buildings quite magnificent. One



notable trip was by boat to Fingals Cave, not for the faint hearted!

In 2007, The Rev'd Canon Anthony Stidolph led us on a pilgrimage to Assisi, Florence and Pisa. We were able, via their photographs, to follow the footsteps of St Francis in Assisi and Canon Anthony celebrated the Eucharist at an open-air Chapel in the garden of The Hermitage, then on to the Convent of St Clare (The Poor Clares!). We visited the Basilica of Santa Maria Degli Angeli in Lower Assisi, where St Francis died. Peter's 'photo's of the lovely buildings were so impressive. We moved on to Florence, with superb views of

the River Arno and the Ponte Vecchio. We visited the English Church of St Mark's,



where we took part in a service – The Baptistry and the Duomo and also some beautiful gardens. The last day was

spent at Pisa, with excellent pictures of the famous Leaning Tower where some actually climbed to the very top. Covering a period of 24 years there a tinge of sadness for loved ones no longer with us now, but thank you Gill and Peter for the happy memories and a really good evening's entertainment.

At our November meeting, we had a splendid evening with Bill Puttick's photography of waterfalls and fjords in Norway where he and Helen had spent some happy and energetic holidays! From snow-capped mountains, glaciers and tumbling waterfalls to deep and serene fjords we were all captivated. The scenery was breathtakingly beautiful and we were all quite envious. We saw lovely little chapels some of which were Stave churches. We learned of avalanches and land-slides that had devastated the valley of Lodalen several times with large loss of life with homes and farms destroyed. Thank you very much Bill for sharing with us some of your truly delightful scenes of Norway.

LOOKING AHEAD – our December meeting on the 4th will be our annual Advent Cheese and Wine Party which, please note, will be at 7.30pm – a little earlier than usual. There will also be a raffle and gifts from our members for this purpose will be greatly appreciated. **LOOKING AHEAD FURTHER STILL** - Our first meeting in 2015 (when Max Perry will take over from Malcolm as the new Chairman of the group) will be on the second Thursday, the 8th of January when we will again have the pleasure of Bill Puttick who, hopefully, will be giving us an illustrated talk on Old Crawley and Three Bridges. Everybody welcome! **BMB.**

Communications from the Committees or Who's been doing what and when..

Parochial Church Council (PCC) - which met on 4th November:

- Pam Newley and Janet Hewerdine gave an update on developments in Safeguarding best practice. We will set up a group to consider recommendations about the impact this will have on the way we recruit for roles (voluntary and paid) in the parish.
- The financial report showed us on track to break even this year. The **budget** for 2015 was approved with a small (£5,000) planned deficit. Salaries, fees and hire rates for next year were approved.
- We agreed to undertake an environmental audit of parish buildings and activities, with a view to reducing our carbon footprint (and saving money on energy).

Rector, Alexander Brooks, Don Hewerdine and Ann Phillipson

Charity & Community - Autumn 2014

- We decided to respond to the Ebola crisis in West Africa. So, £750 from the Parish World Bank will be sent to The Disasters Emergency Aid Committee, Ebola Appeal.
- For the first half of this year, the money that this Parish 'tithes' came to £1250. It was decided that this sum divides neatly into 5. So, the disbursement is as follows: £250 to Médecins sans Frontières, £250 to Gideons International, £250 to The Diocesan Harvest Appeal, £250 to Chestnut Tree House and £250 to the Easter Team. The Christmas Collections will be divided four ways - 3 Charities (World Vision, Shelter and the Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group) and our parish.
- The Committee felt that all the above charitable giving was fairly spread between Local, National and International Charities. We represent **you** so we do hope you agree! We are always happy to receive suggestions for Charities to support.

Ann Phillipson, Don Hewerdine, Alexander Brooks and the Rector.

Discipleship & Fellowship.

- We held a **Parish Quiet Day** on November 15th at St Barnabas, led by Rev'd Gordon Parry on "Being the Church in the World", attended by 18 people.
- The **Pilgrim Course**, looking at the Ten Commandments concluded for this year on November 18th. We will begin in the new year with the Beatitudes. If anyone wishes to join us please watch the Pew Sheet for details after Christmas.
- An **Advent Course**, "Jesus – the voice that makes us turn", begins on November 25th for 4 weeks.
- The **POSADA** or travelling Crib will travel around the Parish again from Dec 1st until Christmas Eve; with a second one being moved around within the Messy Church family. A chance for fellowship.
- **Questionnaire** responses mean we will put on hold plans for a parish pilgrimage. We plan to offer the following in 2015: **Lent Lunches**, held on Tuesdays during Lent. **Lent Course** (ecumenical) to be held at St Barnabas. Ladies' & Men's **Breakfasts** will be offered again. A **Church visit** to another church will be arranged during the summer months. **Parish Away Day** (incorporating Quiet Day) will be held in the Autumn.

Joan Tick, Rosemary Cordan, Stuart Shape, Myrtle Taylor and the Rector

Families, Youth and Children

- Wow! Since the last magazine we have been busy and having a fun time. I have spent my time looking at the great work that is already being done in the Parish and starting some new things too! The Sunday Schools are active with Joan and Greta heading the teams and currently planning a fun packed New Year's Party. Liz and I have delivered Remembrance and Harvest Assemblies in the schools. The highlight was walking the 120 pupils from the Brook School up to the Church for Harvest.
- Friday Night Youth Club continues and we began the new term Pizza and Pasta Night with over 20 youths (see Grace's report below). Following suggestions and a vote it is called Plugged In! Plugged In's vision is a safe place for youth to come to have fun, belong and chill out.
- Building on this we have started a Sunday Morning Youth Group in the Annex at St Nicholas with Liz and James Pithie leading. This has a more purposeful Christian discipleship programme.
- There are other things in the pipeline to support existing ministries and offer support to the community we serve within the Parish and across Crawley.
- Please continue to pray for the Children and Youth – they are not the Church of the future, but part of the Church now!

Rev'd Steve Burston

A Youth Voice: Pizza and Pasta Night! I was a bit nervous because this was my first time at the Church's Friday Night Youth Club at the Pastoral Centre. I met lots of new people and as we came in we were all given an orange with a name on and we had to find the person with that name. It was a bit embarrassing, but made us talk to people we didn't know. We then played games and some of us iced cupcakes in the Hall. We then came and had pizza and pasta followed by the iced cupcakes for dessert. I really enjoyed the evening it was fun, exciting and a real laugh! Oh Yeah! We all voted and renamed 7-2-9 to "Plugged In". *Grace Burston*

Parish Buildings and Facilities

- **Works completed:** Servicing of St Barnabas storage heaters, decoration of the downstairs cloakroom, hall and lounge at St Barnabas Vicarage.
- **Works outstanding:** Servicing of boilers at St Nicholas (due to be completed 26 November), repair of lych gate (due to be completed early December), electricity installation testing and PAT tests at both churches and the repair of the Bell Tower leaks.
- The Faculty for double glazing of the **Pastoral Centre windows** has been granted subject to written confirmation by Crawley Borough Council that planning permission is not required. The PCC has agreed funding to a maximum of £13,000 for this project, most of this amount is already raised.
- The specification for the **'back room'** at St. Barnabas was submitted to the DAC by the deadline of 17 November for consideration at their December meeting. We expect the faculty soon.
- The Parish Buildings and Facilities Committee would welcome another committee member. Do contact me if you feel you could help and work with us.

Phyl Pennell, Bob Musselwhite, Gerald Sandwell, Peter Skinner and the Rector

Finance & Stewardship

- A focus on financial stewardship in October challenging parishioners to give a pound a week and join the Parish Giving Scheme. We received 33 responses pledging an increase of £3,960 p.a. with 12 new members joining the PGS.
- Realist budget recommended to PCC. Fewer weddings next year, but loss of income compensated for by increased giving. Hall hire income declining, and facilities now need investment. It was not possible to find funds to restore a Parish Office and budget for maintenance squeezed.

Rector, Matthew Knight, Don Hewardine, Peter Skinner, Matt Staight and Alastair Wells

Pastoral Care & Safeguarding

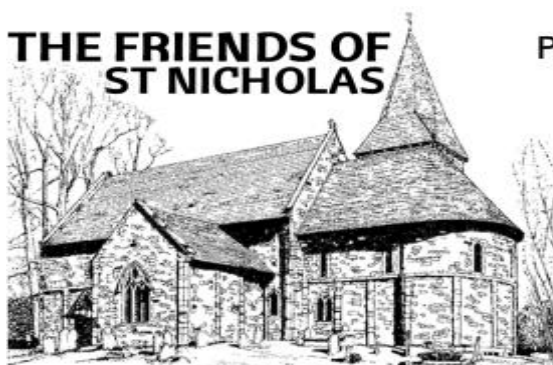
- The monthly teas hosted by the Pastoral Assistants continue to be popular and will continue in 2015.
- Liz Burston and Mary Fry nominated for training as Pastoral Assistants

Rector, Rosemary Cordan, Janet Hewardine, Pam Marson and Pam Newley

Worship & Sacraments

- Christmas 2014 and 'special' services for 2014 reviewed (including those for St B 60th anniversary)
- Questionnaire response led to recommendation that 5th Sunday should be a 'themed' service
- Non-Eucharistic service at St B (3rd Sunday) is working well (usually highest attendance in the month) and should continue. Messy Church also approaching capacity.

Rector, Alexander Brooks, Dawn Clubb, Alex Hiam, Brenda Somerville, Simon Wakefield



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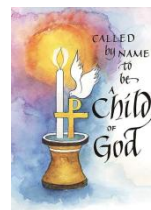
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Find on our website www.worthparish.org



Autumn

Weddings and Baptisms



4 Oct 14 Bradley Clements & Kaley Crawford
 10 Oct 14 Chris Hemmings & Nicola Lacy
 18 Oct 14 Paul Butler & Georgina Harwood
 8 Nov 14 Simon Dixon & Kay Burdett
 29 Nov 14 Ian Powders & Cali Francis
 and a Blessing for
 22 Nov 14 David Lombardo & Lourda Hanevy

12 Oct 14 Florence Hattie Mellick
 Frankie Kieren Hennessy
 Roman Harley Payne
 9 Nov 14 Eliana Rose Mancuso
 Phoebe Elizabeth Dodd
 16 Nov 14 Fraser David Byrne
 Maisy Anne Hooper

Parish Quiet Day

November 15th was deemed the day for the Parish to be 'quiet', I know it seems an impossible task, but 18 of us succeeded, more or less! Reverend Gordon Parry was the unsuspecting priest that we chose to lead our quiet time this year and he agreed, willingly, I might add.

The theme of the day was "The Church in the world" and how we, yes even us, in God's world become the Church in the world. We began with a slide of "the sound of silence" a beautiful shot taken from a boat where all you could see was the waves on the water and a seagull in flight, which appeared to be hovering. You could imagine the silence and we were spellbound, wondering about the world God has created and how we can hear God's still, small voice of calm.

Gordon went on to show us other images and talked to us about the beauty of God's world, what is happening to spoil it and had us wondering what we could do to restore it, how could we be the Church in the world? We can be, by helping others.

There were Biblical texts to read, time for questions and personal quiet time for reflection.

After lunch we were treated to some humorous time with a clip of comedy (that stopped us dozing), but even this had a reflective point to it of how we view people and what we understand. Thinking about art, how we view places, what is truth and what we think/believe will be our destiny and that of the world; this wonderful creation that the Lord has given to us to be stewards over.

We also listened to some hymns at various points in the day and at times it became quite emotional, but we all enjoyed the experience and concluding with a Eucharist service was the only way we could end, being sent out in peace to love and serve the Lord. In other words 'go and be the church in the world'. Amen.

Our grateful thanks go to Gordon, for a lovely, peaceful and thought provoking day. If you missed it and want to join us next year, watch out for news of our next 'Quiet' time.

Joan Tick



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*Saturday 1st Nov 2014
 'If ye break faith ...
 we shall not sleep'*

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Every Friday



12.30

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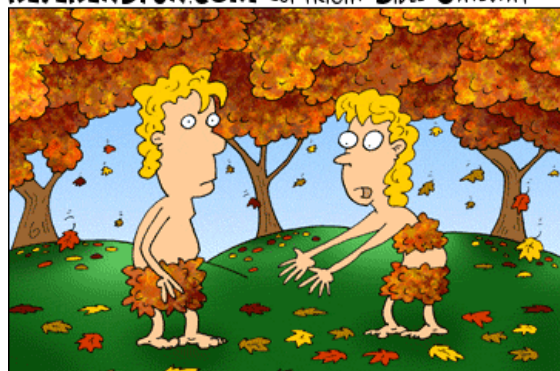
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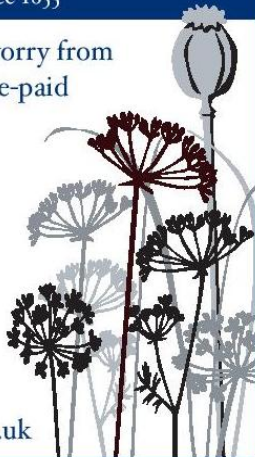


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"Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." NIV

As Christmas comes to an end we anxiously await the words "Happy New Year!" My best friend and I have this tradition we do every year for the last five years usually around the end of December. We go to our favourite beach spot, where we talk and pray about the past year and look ahead to the New Year. We ponder and discuss all the interesting occurrences that happened the past year; the good times, the bad times, the frustrating times and the fun times. We share what valuable lessons we learned from our experiences, what God showed us and how He was faithful through all of it. We do this as a closure to one year and then an opening to the next.

After we have laughed a while and then cried, we begin to look forward with great excitement, wondering what God has for us this coming new year. What new experiences will we go through and what new lessons will we learn. It's all fresh and new and that is exciting. In doing this I believe it helps us to view each year as a season, understanding that God is Sovereign and has new seasons of experiences and growth to make us more like Christ. I can testify there were times we went through seasons of grief and there were also times we experienced seasons of joy. It helps me to remember that God is in total control and that we are constantly growing as His children and that He knows the plans He has for us. Plans of new wisdom, insight and understanding that He wants to impart to us, if we will allow Him to. It also gives us a fresh new outlook of the coming year and enables us to leave the past where it belongs, not that we forget the past but learn from it and move forward into our present future with opened hearts and minds to receive whatever God has for us.

With that said, I put together eight ways we can view the New Year and every year as - A Year of:

New Beginnings: Start out the New Year with a fresh point of view to new experiences, memories and blessings. Having an opened mind and heart to where ever the Lord may take you with full assurance and confidence that He is with you. (Matthew 28:19-20)

New Possibilities: There's no limit to what God can do in your life and nothing is impossible with God. God opens doors that no man can shut and also closes doors that no man can open. The possibilities are endless with God that is according to His will. (Philippians 4:13)

New Plans: Every year is a new season, be prayerful of what God has planned for you and be willing to walk by faith in obedience as you follow His leading. Remember that His plans are always for good and not for evil to give you a future and a Hope. (Jeremiah 29:11-13)

New Purpose: As you forge ahead, God always has a plan and a purpose for what you will go through and experience. Remember that God always has a reason for what He allows in your life and through it you can trust Him completely. (Proverbs 1:3-5)

New Provisions: The Bible says to not worry about tomorrow for tomorrow has enough worries of its own. Trust in your Heavenly Father who knows everything you need, who is your God and your Provider. He is faithful and He will do it. (Matthew 6:1-33)

New Growth: When we are willing to let go and let God work in us and through us, He will always stretch us and grow us. It is an important part of the growth process. Continue to grow in your relationship with Him and in His Word. Pray for God to mould you and make you pliable in the potters hand and then watch the master craftsman work on His masterpiece; which is you!

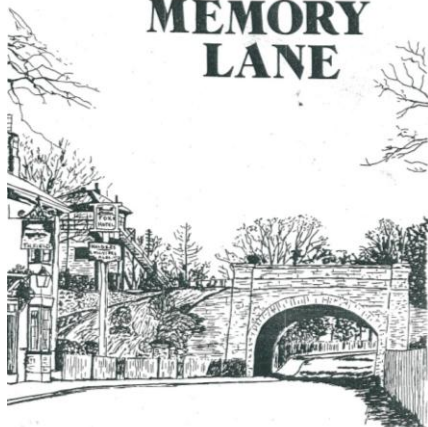
New Wisdom: With new experiences and new lessons come new wisdom and insight. Always make it a priority to seek out wisdom as hidden treasure or fine gold. In Proverbs it says that it will be like a garland of grace around your neck and honour you and present you with a crown of splendour. (Proverbs 4:7-9)

Renewed Peace: As you go through new experiences and new adventures whether they are good or bad, my encouragement is to keep your eyes fixed on Christ and He will give you rest and peace, because He is our peace and loves you and cares for you deeply. (John 16:33)

Let us give thanks to the Lord for getting us through another year as we look forward to what He has for us up ahead and praise Him that He is faithful and worthy to be praised!

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DOWN MEMORY LANE



by TJ Laker

Down Memory Lane Part 3 by TJ Laker

The Pump House next door has since been replaced by a telephone exchange, but in its heyday the pumps here lifted water from a local well to the reservoir at the crossroads. Beyond this two other cottages have since been demolished to make way for the new roundabout at Ridley's Corner. The Old Ridley's Cottage still stands on the opposite corner, but nearly all trace is gone of the Mansion House, its lodges, stables and beautiful gardens. Only the Home Farm stands to remind anyone of this area's past splendour. In its heyday the estate stretched from Crawley to Tinsley Green, a footpath traversed the estate from Worth to Hazelwick. Walking the steady climb to Pound Hill along the same road we would have come to a small thatched lodge, at one of the entrances to Crabbett

Park Estate, close by stood a post office and General Stores. 'Hillside' a large house on the slopes of 'Peter Brownhill' started life as a wayside inn, horses no doubt taking advantage of the large pond below the house. Then two more houses before we turn back to the crossroads and 'Oakfield', a large house on the left later to become a convent (*and later still, offices*).

Beyond the crossroads opposite large fields, stood a grocers with two petrol pumps outside, owned by the same family who ran a garage farther along the road. The large fields were part of Blackwater Farm. Here, during long summer days, the horse drawn reaper, binder would be led around the field whilst young and old alike would help to 'stook' the harvested sheaves. Worth Road cuts through where the farm once was and the fields are now a housing estate. A blacksmith shop still stands (*until about 18 years ago*) opposite these fields, but gone are the heavy horses that were his 'stock in trade'. How many times we watched the smith shoeing horses before bowling the iron hoops he had made us, onwards to school.

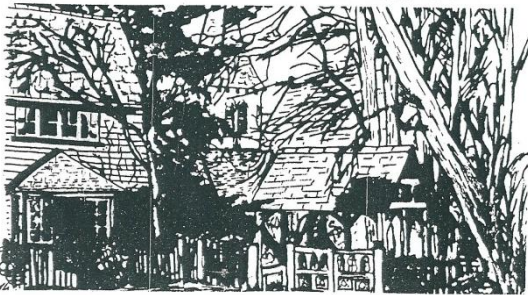
Further along Balcombe Road, Blackwater Lane, its entrance now closed, was once the cart road to Blackwater Farm, its cottages and small farmsteads beyond. One of these cottages still stands near the embankment of the old East Grinstead railway line. The cinder track, the old path from Three Bridges to Worth passed under a railway bridge nearby as did Blackwater Lane before fording the River Mole and passing over water meadows to Little Blackwater, Maidenbowers and Furnace Farm (now Furnace Green).

Old Worth

Opposite the entrance to Blackwater stands the only thatched cottage left in Worth. Beyond the cottage and over the railway bridge the cinder path emerged from the field, crossed the main road into Butterfield and on towards the church. At the bottom of the Hill Frogshole Farm lay hidden on the right, whilst Street Hill doubled back on the left to Worth Church.

Returning to the crossroads at Pound Hill, was the large house of 'Oakfield', the fields and grounds of which led travellers on the Turners Hill Road to a second lodge and gated entrance to Crabbet Park. Opposite on the right four houses and an allotment area stretched to the corner of Church Road. Here on the left stands the old Pound Hill School, where as children we all attended classes each day. The classrooms were very basic with a large stove in each room to heat it. During the winter hot cocoa was provided at one penny a mug. The playground was rough, but with a broom to sweep a patch clear you could still spin a top, play marbles or cigarette cards. Hoops, iron ones for boys and wooden ones for girls, were also put to good use. The school is still in use, improved to today's standards, and cars wait to ferry the children home at the end of each day. (*This is currently a Pupil Referral Unit*).

Opposite the school, stood a large tile hung building. This started life as the parish poor house. Later it was converted to flats with a small shop at the end, this shop became the club room, when the new grocers opened at the crossroads at Pound Hill. The old house was called Khyber Cottage, and was demolished by the New Town Commission, and the land is now a plot of over-grown waste land. Below this site four cottages still stand, but the old smithy beyond is gone, this had been the Blacksmith's shop where vestry meetings had once been held. Demolished also, are three cottages opposite, new houses have replaced them. I delivered milk to many of these cottages on my way to school, leaving the empty cans behind the gate to be collected by the milk float when it was returning to the farm from its deliveries to the larger houses. One more cottage stood on the left before the railway bridge, then the road passed through open farmland to the top of Street Hill, where the cinder path finally emerged. On the corner here stands the toll cottage as a reminder of the transport system from the past.



On towards the church, the large rectory on the bank, was once the site of a bungalow. Next to the Lych gate is Street house with its impressive Horsham stone roof. A driveway next to the Lych gate once led to the old rectory, a large house demolished in the 1930s, rebuilt and now the residence of the Bishop of Horsham (*then it became the home of the Bishop in Europe and now we await its next fate*). The gardens of the old rectory were beautifully laid out and each year the church fete was

held there. A Women's Institute choir sang from a boat moored on the lake, and the day finished with a firework display beyond the lake. A Crawley band who had entertained during the day, stayed on to play for a dance on the lawn in the evening.

In the church, when I was young, the bellows were pumped by hand – a job I helped with until 1927 when my brothers and I turned our eyes to the belfry and started bell ringing, a pastime I still enjoy. During 1927 the bells were returned to the bell founders to be recast. They were hung on new bearings in 1928. Apart from major restorations in 1977-78 the tower remains as it was rebuilt in 1869-71, before that date it seems there was a wooden tower supported by the side chapels.

From the Lych gate a footpath runs to Worth Lodge Farm and eventually on to Rowfant. Two large houses built in the early 1900s stand a short way on. The path now crosses the new M23 motorway. Once, bounded by high banks hung with blue periwinkles, it meandered its way to Worth Lodge, a large sandstone house now demolished. This was the home of the Nix family. The Miss Nixes ran the 4th Worth Scout Troop which was formed about 1910. Nearly all the village lads were scouts at some time, enjoying a week's camping at Lancing or Goring-on-Sea travelling there in a lorry from Peter Caffyn's mill at Three Bridges. Garden fetes were held annually at the Lodge to raise funds for our scouting events. On beyond the old house stood Worth Lodge Farm, where our family lived for many years. Twice a year we boys were allowed off school to drive sheep and cattle to Crawley Fair, often returning with fresh stock purchased at the market. Many are these memories, but life on a farm in those days is a story all of its own.

Walking past the farm, travellers on the footpath would have eventually joined the main road at Keeper's Cottage, just above the railway gates at Compass's Crossing. The gate keeper's house still stands but the railway is now gone. Beyond the crossing a gated drive led to Rowfant House and further along 'Hayheath', a large house with gardens amongst woodland. Another house, 'Rushmore' is next and then the crossroads which led left to Worth Lodge and right down Old Hollow which joins with the main Copthorne Road. Although now a private house, the mill ceased to function way back in 1916. Before the 1920s few houses stood between Old Hollow and Worth School, there were only a few farm cottages and a lodge to Crabbet Park.

Christmas Thank You (by Mick Gowar):

Dear Auntie

*Oh, what a nice jumper
I've always adored powder blue
and fancy you thinking of
orange and pink for the stripes
how clever of you!*

Dear Cousin

*What socks! and the same sort you wear
so you must be the last word in style
and I'm certain you're right
that the luminous green
will make me stand out a mile.*

Dear Uncle

*The soap is terrific so useful and
such a kind thought
and how did you guess that
I'd just used the last of the soap
that last Christmas brought?*

Dear Sister

*I quite understand your concern
it's a risk sending jam in the post
But I think I've pulled out all the big bits
of glass so it won't taste too sharp
spread on toast*

Dear Gran

*Many thanks for the hankies
Now I really can't wait for the 'flu
and the daisies embroidered
in red round the "M" for Michael
how thoughtful of you!*

Dear Grandad

*Don't fret, I'm delighted
So don't think your gift will offend
I'm not at all hurt
that you gave up this year
and just sent me a fiver to spend.*

Ways to remember the
true meaning of
Christmas

Go to
church

Write an idea of my own here and
send it to the Parish Mag for next
year!

Plant a
tree

Support
a worthy
cause

Keep a
candle
burning – a
symbol of life

Write a
letter to
thank or
reconcile

Invite someone
living on their
own to join
you for a meal

Give a gift of
your talents.
like a voucher
to help in some
way

Watch a
meaningful
movie – try
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How does the 100 Club work?

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The knit and natter group continues to thrive, with amazing crafts being produced every week. Several ladies decided a while ago they would like to make something to commemorate the forces personnel from the Parish of Worth who lost their lives during WW1.

After speaking with Angela (still here at the time) it was decided to put together a wall hanging made up of knitted strips in different shades of red then stitch these together to form a blanket type hanging. Once this was done knitted poppies and hearts were sewn onto the hanging. There is one heart for every fallen serviceman from this parish and on each heart is embroidered the initials of one serviceman.

The finished article is a beautiful work of art and fitting way to honour our fallen.

The wall hanging was on display in St Barnabas over Remembrance weekend. It is at present in the process of having a more robust backing applied. Once this has been done it is hoped the hanging will have a more permanent home. – see photo on P 10

Parish Jumble Sale



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Upahaar School of Dance- An Introduction

Upahaar School of Dance was founded by Shalini Shivashankar with the simple desire to share the joy experienced from expressing and communicating through dance. It was started in Croydon in 2003 and now has branches in Sutton, Croydon, Twickenham and Crawley. Upahaar offers training in Bharatanatyam, Kathak, Mohiniattam and Carnatic music.



One of the core philosophies of Upahaar is that dance and music can be learnt and performed at any age. The school aims to bring Indian classical dance to every sector of the community through its various activities and events and to offer high quality training by a team of well-qualified and dedicated teachers.

Upahaar regularly presents solo and group performances on many stages across the UK. In 2013 they had the privilege of performing for an event in the British Parliament as well. *Lecture-demonstrations and workshops* in schools has been a unique project undertaken by Upahaar over the last two years. Besides spreading awareness of Indian classical dance among the youth, these



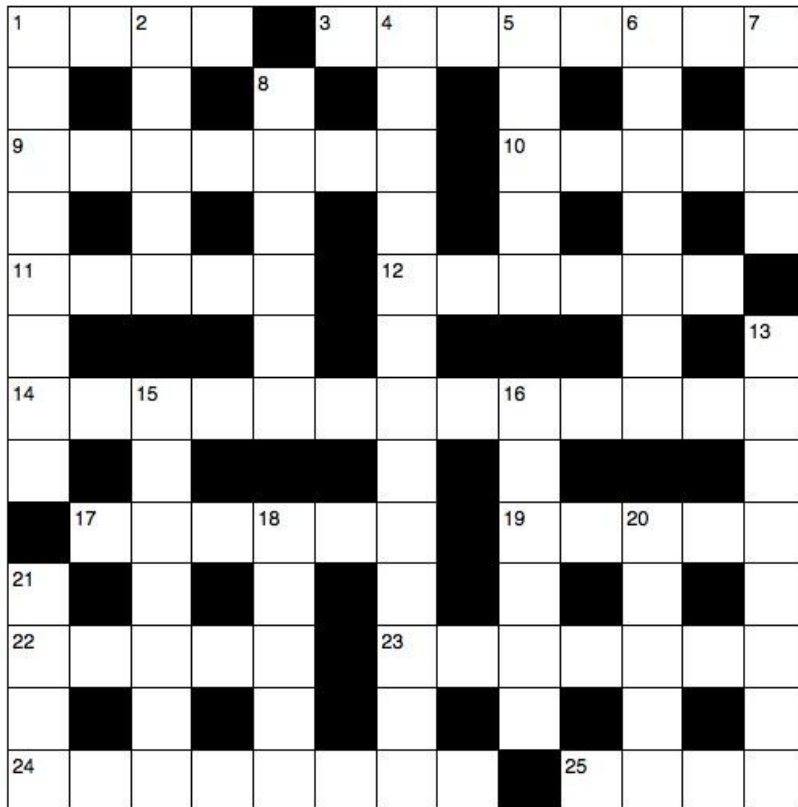
workshops are entertaining, informative and interactive. Upahaar also endeavours to organise workshops by Gurus from India and UK for the students and also encourage them to take the ISTD dance exams as and when they are confident at each grade.

The annual event *Nrithya-Upahaar* that showcases the students' performances is also a popular local community event.

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Sunday 14 Dec	09:45 Sung Eucharist	10:00 Eucharist 16:00 Celebration of Christmas / Carols for All*	
Wednesday 17 Dec		15:00 Messy Church (in the Hall)	
Sunday 21 Dec	09:45 Sung Eucharist 18:30 Nine Lessons and Carols	10:00 Eucharist	
Wednesday 24 Dec (Christmas Eve)	16:00 Crib Service* 23:00 Carols followed by Midnight Mass	16:00 Crib Service* 23:30 Midnight Mass	
Thursday 25 Dec (Christmas Day)	08:00 Holy Communion 09:45 Sung Eucharist	10:00 Family Eucharist*	
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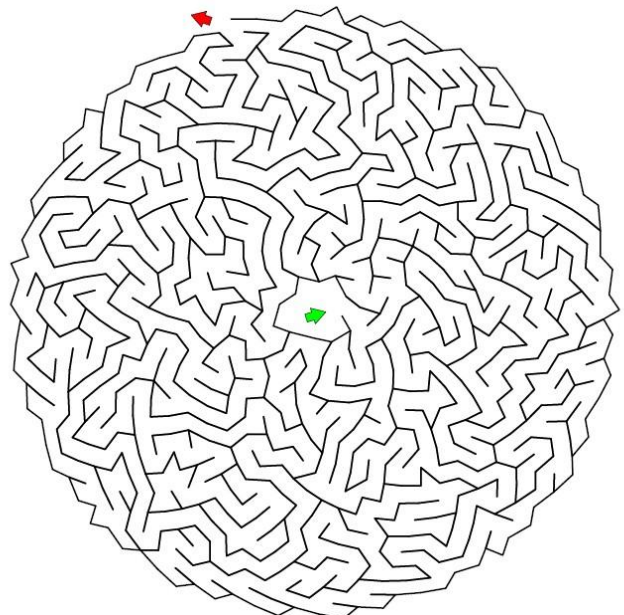
Across

- 1 'How long will you — your face from me?' (Psalm 13:1) (4)
 3 'Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the — he bore'(Hebrews 13:13) (8)
 9 Posh sin (anag.) (Romans 8:15) (7)
 10 Solemn pledges (Matthew 5:33) (5)
 11 Italian term for full orchestra (5)
 12 'For he who avenges blood remembers; he does not — the cry of the afflicted' (Psalm 9:12) (6)
 14 Prescience (1 Peter 1:2) (13)
 17 Where a Hindu holy man lives (6)
 19 'If he found any... who belonged to the Way, whether — — women, he might take them as prisoners' (Acts 9:3) (3,2)

- 22 Fragrance (2 Corinthians 2:15) (5)
 23 Vine hen (anag.) (Jonah 1:2) (7)
 24 Precious stone decorating the twelfth foundation of the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:20) (8)
 25 'Will you keep to the old path that evil men have — ?' (Job 22:15) (4)

Down

- 1 'Then Moses raised his arm and struck the rock twice with — — ' (Numbers 20:11) (3,5)
 2 'You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, " — — murder"' (Matthew 5:21) (2,3)
 4 One of Paul's many hardships endured as a servant of God (2 Corinthians 6:5) (13)
 5 'We ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, — inwardly' (Romans 8:23) (5)
 6 Changed (Daniel 6:8) (7)
 7 'My yoke is — and my burden is light' (Matthew 11:30) (4)
 8 Recoil (Revelation 12:11) (6)
 13 'O Lord, you have — me and you know me' (Psalm 139:1) (8)
 15 ' — to me the joy of your salvation' (Psalm 51:12) (7)
 16 Express sorrow (Isaiah 16:7) (6)
 18 'Then he said to Thomas, " — out your hand and put it into my side"' (John 20:27) (5)
 20 'God has said, " — will I leave you; — will I forsake you"' (Hebrews 13:5) (5)
 21 Son of Onam and brother of Shammai (1 Chronicles 2:28) (4)



The history of a carol – Adam lay ybounden

Our choir will be singing “Adam lay ybounden” by Boris Ord this Christmas, which has become something of a tradition for us, as well many other churches. Boris Ord's music is probably the best-known, due to it being performed at the popular Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols from King's College, Cambridge where Ord was organist from 1929 to 1957.

But where do the words come from and what do they mean?

Well, the original text was written around 1400 and is kept now in the British Library. Although the author is not known to us, judging by other songs in the same book, it is thought to have been the work of a wandering minstrel; and the Victorian historian Thomas Wright surmises from the dialect that the author came from Warwickshire.

The story is that of Genesis, Chapter 3 and recounts how Adam's sin has enchained him for four thousand years (from the time of his death until Jesus's crucifixion):

Adam lay ybounden,
Bounden in a bond;
Four thousand winter,
Thought he not too long.

The second verse describes, slightly incredulously, that all this has come about simply because of the apple Adam took, as scribes have documented in the Holy Scriptures:

And all was for an apple,
An apple that he took.
As clerkes finden,
Written in their book.

The words continue positively, hinting at Thomas Aquinas' concept of the "blessed fault". That is, if the apple had not been taken, Mary would never have become Heaven's Queen:

Ne had the apple taken been,
The apple taken been,
Ne had never our ladie,
Abeen heav'ne queen.

The final verse concludes that we should be thankful for the apple's theft because it ultimately brought salvation for mankind. Therefore we must sing, thanks be to God!

Blessed be the time
That apple taken was,
Therefore we moun singen.
Deo gratias!



Elizabeth Whyman

The Cuddly Christmas Bear once again!



Hello fans ! Yes it is me again, I didn't forget it's nearly Christmas, that is because I have just woken up after my summer hibernation. I know most bears sleep in winter but you can't do that when you are a Christmas Bear! Hope you like the new hat & scarf I had for Christmas last year. Have you bought any Christmas presents yet? I know, some of you are thinking bah-humbug, but even humbugs can be presents!

How many of you will buy your children a real lamb for Christmas this year? I guess not many, if any, because your little ones would not be impressed, but that is what Jesus received when he was born!

I am sure you all remember the story about Jesus being visited by the shepherds but in case you have forgotten or would like to see and hear it all again, both St Barnabas & St Nicholas are telling the Nativity Story on Christmas Eve at 4.00pm. I must pop along to one of them.

Thinking of Jesus' birthday did you know that Sir Isaac Newton was born on Christmas Day in 1642, Quentin Crisp in 1908 and Kenny Everett in 1945, to name but a few ?



I have bought most of my Christmas presents so I am going to buy some baubles for my tree next week. Did you know that decorations for Christmas trees have ranged from painted cones (no, not ice cream cones) holly, cotton wool and candles (not very health & safety) to glass baubles, Christmas crackers, flashing lights and more? They do not have to be expensive or to last for more than a year, we all get bored with the same thing and we if they have not cost much we can change them more often. The tree was traditionally decorated with edibles such as apples, nuts, or other foods. In the 18th century, it was lit by candles which were ultimately replaced by electric lights. Today, there are a wide variety of ornaments including tinsel and even candy canes, there may be an angel or star on the top to represent the Angel Gabriel or the Star of Bethlehem. However, it seems to me as I stroll around, that folk want their trees to remind them of winter more than Christmas, with all the silver and blue decorations, brrrr - I do hope they have not forgotten the real meaning of Christmas.



Some of us also have Advent Candles or lights to show that we are preparing for Christmas and lighting the way for Jesus to come in to our hearts and homes to take us from darkness in to light.

Well that is almost the end of my paper so I will go now, for another year, and see what I can find out for you for next time. Have a lovely Christmas, with lots of presents and decorations, but don't forget those who do not have any and say a prayer for them or even help them yourself.

Now where did I leave that mistletoe?



Love from
the Cuddly Christmas Bear





ANGELS

We hear a lot about angels at Christmas. A lot of the carols we sing have angels in them – like 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing' and 'While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night'.

Angels are God's messengers and you can read about the good news they brought to the shepherds in Luke's Gospel, chapter 2, verses 8-20.

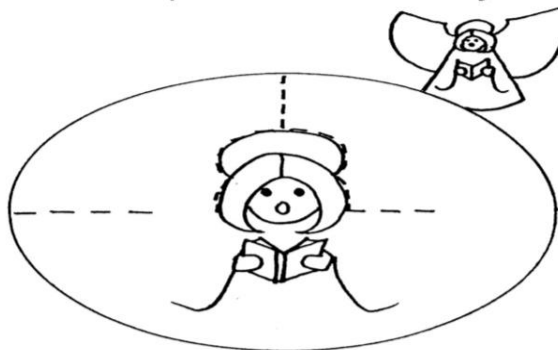
MAKE YOUR OWN CHRISTMAS ANGEL

You can make a whole host of angels, one for the top of the tree and a row of them, all different sizes, to go on a windowsill. To alter the size simply draw a bigger or smaller circle, you could use a dinner plate or a small tin to draw round. You could even make a giant angel using a dustbin lid!

You will need:

Scissors, thick white paper or thin white card, some felt tip pens and something circular to draw round (use a small plate or saucer to start with).

- Draw a circle on the paper and cut it out. Mark the centre of the circle (lightly fold it into quarters to find the centre).
- Copy the face and features on to the circle and colour them in.
- Mark the dotted lines and cut around them and around the halo and hair as marked.
- Fold the angel into a cone by putting one wing over the other and slotting them together. A little piece of sellotape will hold it firmly.



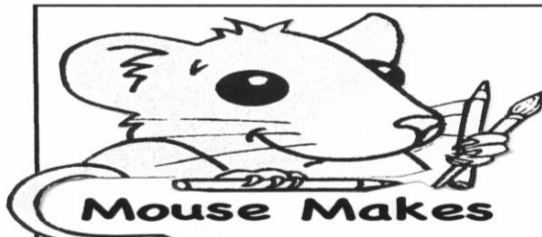
How do angels greet each other?

They say,
Halo.



What do fish sing at Christmas?

Shark, the herald angels sing.



BIBLE NAME WORDSEARCH

ABRAHAM =father of many
ADAM =man
ANDREW =strong man
AMOS =burden bearer
ANNA =gracious
BENJAMIN =son of the right hand
EVE =to breathe
ELIZABETH =fullness of God
ESAU =hairy
DEBORAH =bee
DANIEL =God my judge
DAVID =beloved
GABRIEL = man of God
GAD =fortune
HANNAH =gracious
ISAAC =laughter
JESUS = God is saviour
JOSEPH = increase
JOSHUA = saviour
MATTHEW =gift of God
MOSES =deliverer
NAOMI =beautiful
NATHANIEL =gift of God
PAUL =small, humble
PETER =a rock
PHOEBE =bright, pure
JOHN =God is gracious
PRICILLA =ancient
RUTH =friend
SARAH =princess
SHEM =name
STEPHEN =crowned
TAMAR =palm tree
THOMAS =twin
TIMOTHY =valued of God

Eight days after he was born, Mary and Joseph named their baby with the name the angel Gabriel had given them. It was a special name for a very special baby.. the name JESUS which means GOD IS SAVIOUR

Read: Matthew 1:21 and Luke 2:25-38



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Can you find all these bible names in the grid?

Does your name have a meaning?

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THE SECOND EPISTLE FROM JOSEPH TO THE CORINTHIANS by Robert Salter

Dear Corinthians,

I acknowledge safe receipt of your epistle, in response to my epistle (commonly known, for reasons that escape me, as the first epistle to the Corinthians) concerning the recent sojourn with my wife, Mary, in Bethlehem or, as your brochure puts it, «the City of David».

For a travel company of repute, both Mary and I find your explanations of the accommodation arrangements far from satisfactory. If we have to make the journey again - which I hope we do not in the light of what occurred once we were there - it will most certainly not be with Corinthians 18-30 Holidays.

I offer the following response to your explanations:

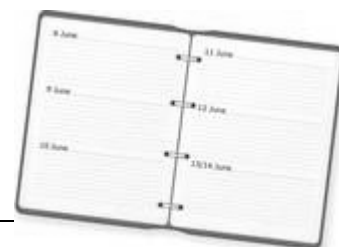
1. I have looked again at your brochure. I do not agree that the description of the Inn includes the outhouses. The words 'travellers with cattle can expect the use of the stables' surely refers to the cattle, not the guests. You may say that there are many worse off than ourselves - unfortunately they all seem to have booked with your company.
2. You will have to take it from me that Mary giving birth to the Son of God was totally unexpected, and I can assure you that had I known that He was on the way I would have given you the opportunity of bringing in your PR people.
3. I agree with your proposition that from every point of view the story has more appeal set as it is in a stable rather than in the twin-bedded room with half board which we had booked. I also agree that it was much more convenient for the angel to make his way across the yard and into the stable, rather than going through the resident's lounge. Of course, I accept that the presence of the entire heavenly host praising God along the corridor on the second floor of the Inn might have resulted in complaints from your other guests. But that does not address my main complaint. My wife, Mary, has little in common with shepherds. It was bad enough having to cope with livestock in the stable, but having to face a deputation of local sheep-farmers, who claimed they were tired of abiding in their fields at night was not our idea of 'local colour'. Your decision to include them as an optional extra in next year's brochure does not impress.
4. I know you are denying you had anything to do with the couriers who arrived from the east bearing gifts, but I still maintain that I had seen one of them in your office when I booked the trip. I do not wish to appear ungrateful, but at a time when I was struggling with a newly born child, an exhausted wife, a group of fanatical shepherds, assorted livestock, an angel explaining my son was the Everlasting Father, and the entire heavenly host, the arrival of three Corinthian Holiday reps in fancy dress did little to help. And, by the way, they could have left something a little more practical.

Yours very truly,

Joseph



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
including PARISH EVENTS AND FUND RAISING 2014/5



December			
Thursday 4	St Nicholas Circle – Christmas Wine & Cheese	Pastoral Centre	20.00
Friday 5	Christmas Lunch	Pastoral Centre	12.30
Saturday 6	Coffee morning/ Saturday Market	Pastoral Centre	10.00
Friday 12	Christmas Lunch	Pastoral Centre	12.30
Saturday 13	Christmas Tea	Pastoral Centre	15.00
Friday 19	Lunch	Pastoral Centre	12.30
January			
Friday 2	Lunch	Pastoral Centre	12.30
Thursday 8	St Nicholas Circle	Pastoral Centre	20.00
Friday 9	Lunch	Pastoral Centre	12.30
Saturday 10	Saturday Market	Pastoral Centre	10.00
Friday 16	Lunch	Pastoral Centre	12.30
Friday 23	Lunch	Pastoral Centre	12.30
Friday 30	Lunch	Pastoral Centre	12.30
February			
Thursday 5	St Nicholas Circle	Pastoral Centre	20.00
Friday 6	Lunch	Pastoral Centre	12.30
Saturday 7	Saturday Market	Pastoral Centre	10.00
Friday 13	Lunch	Pastoral Centre	12.30
Friday 20	Lunch	Pastoral Centre	12.30
Saturday 21	Valentine Tea	Pastoral Centre	15.00
Tuesday 24	Lent Lunch	Pastoral Centre	12.15
Thursday 5	Mothers Union AGM	St Barnabas + Pastoral Centre	19.30
Friday 27	Lunch	Pastoral Centre	12.30
March			
Tuesday 3	Lent Lunch	Pastoral Centre	12.15
Thursday 5	St Nicholas Circle	Pastoral Centre	20.00
Friday 6	Lunch	Pastoral Centre	12.30
Saturday 7	Saturday Market	Pastoral Centre	10.00
Saturday 7	Quiz (see ad on P ?)	Hall	19.00 / 19.30
Tuesday 10	Lent Lunch	Pastoral Centre	12.15
Friday 13	Lunch	Pastoral Centre	12.30
Saturday 14	Jumble Sale	Hall	09.30
Tuesday 17	Lent Lunch	Pastoral Centre	12.15
Friday 20	Lunch	Pastoral Centre	12.30
Tuesday 24	Lent Lunch	Pastoral Centre	12.15
Thursday 5	Mothers Union	St Barnabas + Pastoral Centre	19.30
Friday 27	Lunch	Pastoral Centre	12.30

ACROSS: 1, Hide. 3, Disgrace. 9, Sonship. 10, Oaths. 11, Tutti. 12, Ignore. 14, Foreknowledge. 17, Ashram. 19, Men or. 22, Aroma. 23, Nineveh. 24, Amethyst. 25, Trod. **DOWN:** 1, His staff. 2, Do not. 4, Imprisonments. 5, Groan. 6, Altered. 7, Easy. 8, Shrink. 13, Searched. 15, Restore. 16, Lament. 18, Reach. 20, Never. 21, Jada.



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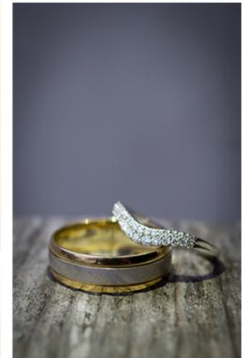
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