



# WASHBURN & MID-WHARFE CHURCHES MAGAZINE

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## Washburn & Mid-Wharfe United Benefice

Farnley, Fewston with Blubberhouses,  
Leathley, Weston with Denton.

### Rector – Vacancy

The Benefice is currently looking for a new Rector. In the meantime, Revd Stewart Hartley is working with the churchwardens to ensure that ministry continues in the parishes.

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All Saints Church, Farnley

[www.farnleyallsaints.org](http://www.farnleyallsaints.org)

Fewston with Blubberhouses

[www.fewstonwithblubberhouses.org.uk](http://www.fewstonwithblubberhouses.org.uk)

All Saints Church Weston

[www.westonchurch.wordpress.com](http://www.westonchurch.wordpress.com)

Benefice web site

<https://washburnmidwharfebenefice.org.uk>

Norwood Retreat Centre

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## Village Church Services December 2022



Please check on [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com) for up to date information.

### 4th December

9.30am Weston  
9.30am Leathley  
11am Fewston

### Advent 2

Holy Communion (SH)  
Holy Communion (David Kirby)  
Holy Communion (RW)

11am - 4pm Blubberhouses Christmas Tree Festival (see page 9 for details)

### 11<sup>th</sup> December

9.30am Farnley  
11 am Denton  
3:30pm Fewston

### Advent 3

Morning Service & Baptism (SH)  
Holy Communion (David Wheeler )  
Evening Service with St Margaret's Choir (JC)  
(see page 7 for details)

### 16th December

7pm Fewston Nine Lessons and Carols by candlelight followed by mulled wine, and mince pies (JC)

### 18<sup>h</sup> December

11am Blubberhouses  
7.00pm Leathley  
11am Denton

### Advent 4

Christingle Service (FS)  
9 Lessons & Carols (SH)  
Carol Service (TD)

### 21st December

7pm Askwith

### Walk with Mary, Joseph and a Donkey

(see page 16 for details)

### 24th December

2.30pm Fewston

### Christmas Eve

Journey to Bethlehem (see page 17 for details)

### 25<sup>th</sup> December

9.30am Leathley  
11am Blubberhouses  
9.30am Weston  
9.30am Farnley

### Christmas Day

Holy Communion (BM)  
Family Service (FS)  
To be confirmed  
Holy Communion MC

### 1<sup>st</sup> January

11am Fewston

### New Years Day (Christmas 1)

Benefice Holy Communion - Carole Lloyd

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## The View from the Villages

What will Christmas be like for you this year? Are you planning days of festivity or wondering how you are going to live up to family expectations when you see your monthly outgoings threatening to be greater than your incomings?

I was very struck by 2 people interviewed on Radio 4 this week, one of them from Harrogate. One was a father with small children who was going to dip into their savings for a deposit on a house to give the children everything they wanted and the other was a disabled grandmother trawling the charity shops for presents for family who were not even going to invite her for Christmas!

What is it that makes people invest so much in Christmas festivities and expense; maybe that is you too? What indeed are we celebrating? A lot of questions!

Well! We are celebrating the birth of a baby in a draughty stable 2000 years ago! A baby who is the son of God! What has turkey and Lego got to do with that? Now if you think Scrooge is writing this letter he is not! I love a party and decorations and seeing family and eating chocolates as much as anyone but the way we have lost the balance has its consequences when the cold light of January 2<sup>nd</sup> dawns and the glamour of commercialism has faded and we face the arctic blast of austerity 2023 style.

We need to get back to basics. Meeting with family and friends, sharing simple food, engaging with the children but most of all giving thanks to the baby who is Emmanuel; God with us! If we ask Jesus into our hearts and lives, he will give us hope for the future and guide us through all the challenges of the coming year.

We have worked very hard in the Benefice so that despite having no vicar there will be a full programme of Services over Christmas. I hope you will weave them into your Christmas planning. Despite all it will be a very special Christmas if you do!

Every Blessing in Christ  
Stewart x



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## Norwood Chapel ~ Christmas Message 2022

Dear Friends,

It's that time of the year where we prepare to celebrate once again the birth of Jesus. As a church we do this by decorating our sanctuaries with candles, Advent wreaths, Christmas trees and fairy lights; we sing carols that highlight the coming of the Saviour; we re-tell the Nativity story through word, song and sometimes drama. I have had the great pleasure of welcoming school groups to one of my churches in order to perform the Nativity for their parents. This re-enactment helps the children really learn the story and to put themselves in Mary and Joseph's shoes, so-to-speak.

Most of us know that when Mary and Joseph first start looking for a room in Bethlehem, they are turned away because there is no room in the inn. This happens multiple times in Nativities plays . . . and sometimes this is where the children's personalities truly shine because they shout out, "Sorry, there's no room!" Eventually, tired Mary and Joseph find a place. A gracious inn keeper shows them the outdoor stable and this is where Jesus is born.

The Methodist Church's Christmas campaign this year is called "There Is No Room." The word "no" is scratched out and it reads "There Is Room." By this we mean, there is room in the Christmas story for you, me, and everyone. There is room for all ages and gender. There is room for refugees. There is room for all nature. There is room for difference. There is room for God. God in Christ wants all of us to take our place in the story and receive love, wholeness and peace. I can't think of a better gift to give or receive this Christmas!

You are invited to join us for worship in Norwood for our Carol service on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 2:30pm. Together we will journey to the Bethlehem stable through lessons and carols. You're also welcome to attend any other local Methodist Church over the Advent season. As you do, know there will be room for you and those you love.

May you and your family have a very blessed Christmas!  
With Christ's love, ~ Rev. Shannon



### Services at Norwood Methodist Chapel

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 2:30pm – Carol Service & Refreshments

Dec 25 (no service)                      Jan 8    Rev Shannon DeLaureal

Jan 22   Rev Roberta Topham              Feb 12   Rev Cameron Stirk  
Feb 26   Rev Roger Smith

## From the Registers



### Baptism

30<sup>th</sup> October    Hugo David Drake at All Saints Church Farnley

### Weddings

29<sup>th</sup> October    Katherine Burton and Thomas Diakun at St Helen's Denton  
5<sup>th</sup> November   Megan Yearby and Simon Bainbridge at St Helen's Denton

### Funerals

11<sup>th</sup> November   Mr Edwin (Ted) Cousin, died 26<sup>th</sup> October aged 90 years, Funeral at All Saints Church Farnley



### Denton Flower and Cleaning Rota

For November & December

27<sup>th</sup> November                      - Sue Wood  
4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> December       - Andrea Ainley  
18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> December       - Ann Chadwick

### Weston Flower and Cleaning Rota for November & December

27<sup>th</sup> November Mrs A Ainley  
4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> December Tom & Ruth Raper  
18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> December -  
Sally Stanley, Hazel Pullan and any  
volunteers welcome.



### Ukrainian themed Last Friday Supper

The two course meal at £12.50 a head will be held in Leathley Village Hall on 9<sup>th</sup> December from 7.00pm.

Wine will be available to buy but you can bring your own.  
Booking essential, please book by Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December  
please contact Paul Howarth for more information.

Email: [pandshowarthotley@gmail.com](mailto:pandshowarthotley@gmail.com)

Telephone: 01943 465076

Thank you.

**Volunteer Chef needed from January**



## Community Notice Board


**Come to our CHRISTMAS KITCHEN**





**Delicious Christmas fare homemade by our talented Volunteers!**

**CAKES \* BAKES \* SPIRITS \* JAMS \* CHUTNEYS**

**Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th December**  
**11am until 4pm**

Carols from our very own Fewston Musick  
Seasonal Tea Room menu  
Excellent raffle, mulled wine and a jolly good time!

Washburn Heritage Centre, Fewston Church HG3 1SU \* 01943 880794 [www.washburnvalley.org](http://www.washburnvalley.org)

### Advent Carols at Fewston

The Choir of St. Margaret's Church, Ilkley will present their very special service of

**Advent Hymns and Carols  
in Fewston Church on Sunday  
11<sup>th</sup> December at 3.00pm.**

If you appreciate fine choral music this is not to be missed.  
Light refreshments will be served after the service.

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**Fewston Foxy Ladies**



**T&T**



Our annual Christmas lunch is taking place on Tuesday 13th December at The Sun Inn 12 for 12.30. Contact Gillian to book!

Unfortunately there will be no meeting of T&T this month as it clashes with Norwood Charities Christmas lunch See you in January 2023

New members are always welcome!

T&T normally meets at Norwood Social Hall and is for the over 60s.

If you want any more info, give Gillian a ring on 01943 880362; Shirley 01423 770281; Mary 01943 464507; Sheila 01943 468741; Joan 01943 466789; Margaret (new number soon!) or Ann on 01423 771393

It is only £2 per person.  
If you want to hear more about T&T, give Gillian a ring on 880362 or Gladys on 880604

We've always got time for T&T!

See you there!,

### Askwith Ladies Social

Venue: Askwith Arms  
Date: The first Tuesday in the month  
Time: 7pm

If you indicate your intention to come light refreshments have been very kindly offered by Jane and John.

Thanks Anne - ( Tel: 07713884328 Email: [laeatham@gmail.com](mailto:laeatham@gmail.com))



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**ST ANDREW'S CHURCH  
BLUBBERHOUSES LS21 2NU**

## **CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL**

**Saturday & Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>  
December  
Saturday & Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>  
December**

**11.00 to 4.00 each day**

**Christmas Music Saturday 10th.  
1.00 to 4.00 with The 4**

**Crafts, Christmas Wreaths**

**FREE ENTRANCE**

**Mulled wine/drinks,  
mince pies and cake  
enjoy!**

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**FARNLEY ESTATE YOUNG FARMERS CLUB**

# **Christmas Market**



Raising money for Club  
funds and Blood Cancer UK

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2022**

**10am – 1pm at Almscliffe Hall, Huby**

Christmas cards, gifts, plants, scarves, jewellery,  
candles, tombola, cake stall and more!

**PLEASE BRING CASH**  
as not all stall holders can take card payments

**Serving breakfast**  
bacon / sausage  
sandwiches

**£2.50 entry**  
includes  
tea/coffee

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## FEWSTON AND BLUBBERHOUSES CHURCHES CAROL SINGING 2022



It's that time again and we would love you to join us carol singing around the valley whether you're a regular or first timer – you are all very welcome.

Here are the dates and areas where we will be singing:

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December - Fewston**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Blubberhouses**

**Monday 12th December – Timble**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Norwood**

Each evening we will meet at 6.30pm at Fewston Parochial Hall and car share from there.

Contact Alison Bowers for further details  
or your intention to join us, mob 07752431886  
or [alibowers5@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:alibowers5@yahoo.co.uk)

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*Norwood Social  
Hall*

**CHRISTMAS HATS  
& JUMPERS  
DOMINO DRIVE**

**9<sup>th</sup> December @ 7pm**  
**Everyone Welcome**  
**£6 Adults    £3 Children**  
*Includes Supper*  
**Tickets Hazel 07891 254 233**  
**Janet 07798 862 141**

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# KETTLESING VILLAGE HALL

## Christmas Dance

With local Rock Band

# BiLKO

Playing 60's to present day  
BRING FRIENDS & FAMILY

**Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> December**

**Doors/bar open 7pm - Band  
at 8 pm**

Tickets £12 inc. hot sandwich

Ring Christine on 07752957282  
or Margaret on 01423 770246

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**Leathley Village Hall and Church**  
Winter / Christmas Fair

**Saturday 10th December**

**10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Treat yourself to a glass of mulled wine!

Wide range of stalls including:-

Crafts; Festive garlands and decorations; crochet; Wood turning; Candles, Handmade Gifts; Honey stall, Produce, Cakes & Jams and a Raffle!.

**Home-made Refreshments also served**

In aid of Leathley Parish Rooms.



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17<sup>th</sup> December 2022  
**Norwood Social Hall**  
**Kids Christmas Craft**  
**Afternoon**  
 2pm - 4.30pm



**£6 per child**  
 includes all craft activities and Refreshments  
 (Children must be accompanied by an adult)

There will be a variety of Christmas Crafts during the afternoon  
 Christmas Card Making, Christmas Plate Decorating and Christmas  
 Decoration

To Book txt Helen Ellis 07807483690 or Laura Hill 07534801225

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**Askwiths Annual Walk**  
**with Mary & Joseph**  
**Live donkey**  
**Wednesday 21st December 7pm**



Meet at Askwith Village Hall  
*Please dress as a Shepherd or an Angel,  
 bring a torch and wear something 'Hi-Viz'*

For more information ring either  
 Rev Stewart Hartley  
 01943 464106  
 or Ann Chadwick  
 01943 600604; 07986 454 433

For Christmas services in Denton see page 2

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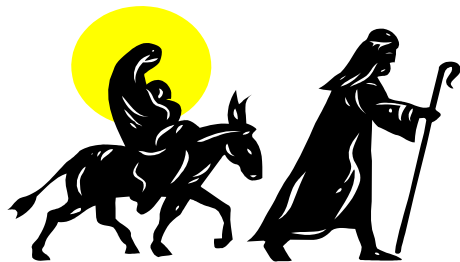


St Micheal and St Lawrnce

Church Fewston

Saturday, 24th December at 2.30 pm

‘JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM’



Come and join in our  
Nativity Story  
with carols, readings and  
Molly the donkey.

Children, please come as an angel, shepherd, king, Mary or Joseph or one of the animals in the stable that first Christmas.

Or join in without dressing up. Parents & Friends, please bring children to the Washburn Heritage Centre at 1.30 pm if you wish to use our costumes.

Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Washburn Heritage Centre.

For Christmas services in Blubberhouses and Fewston see page 2

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# ANOTHER FUN CEILIDH



SATURDAY  
11TH FEBRUARY 2023  
AT 7.30PM

NORWOOD SOCIAL HALL

Tickets are £16 and include a pie and  
peas supper and dessert.

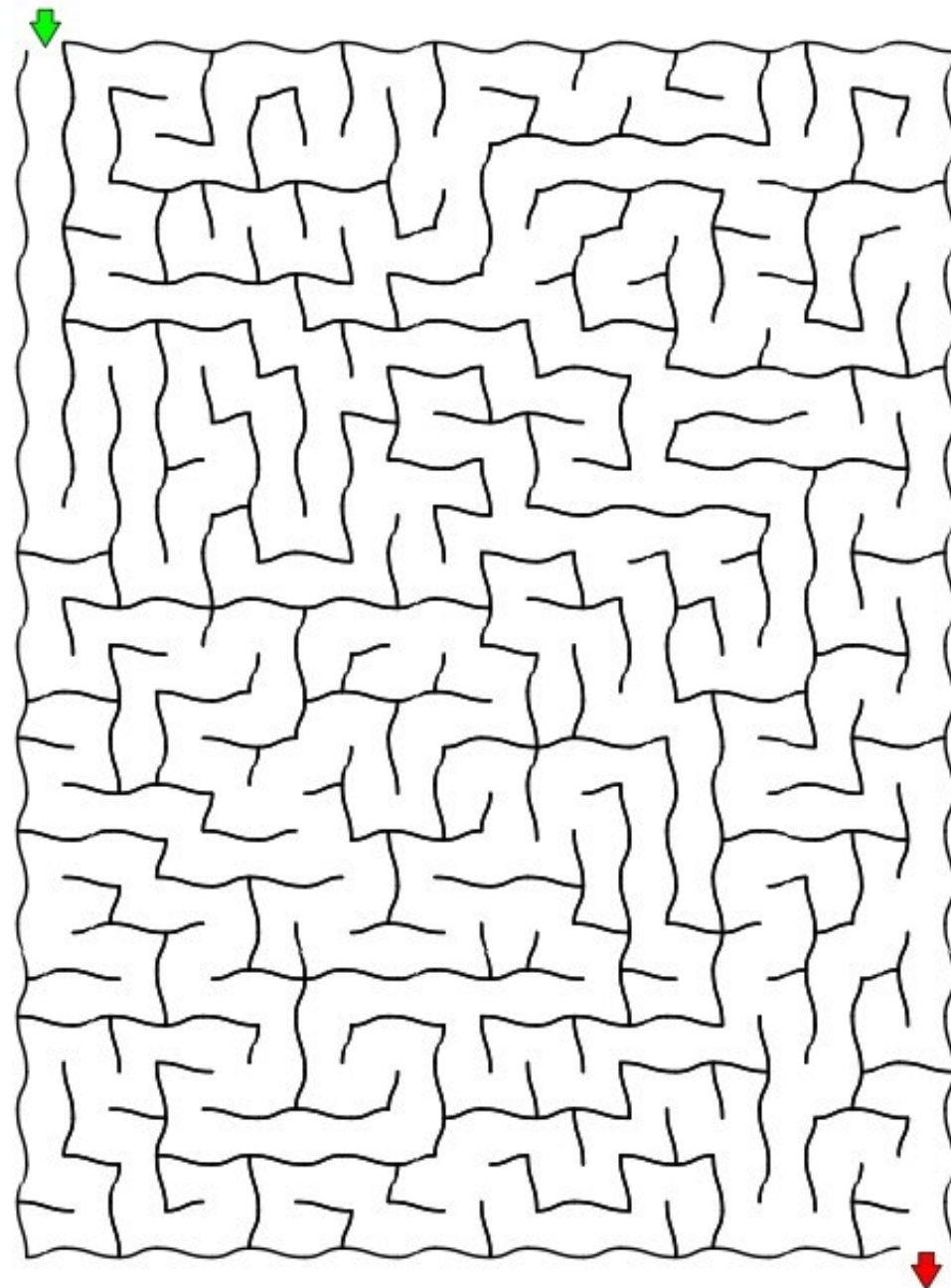
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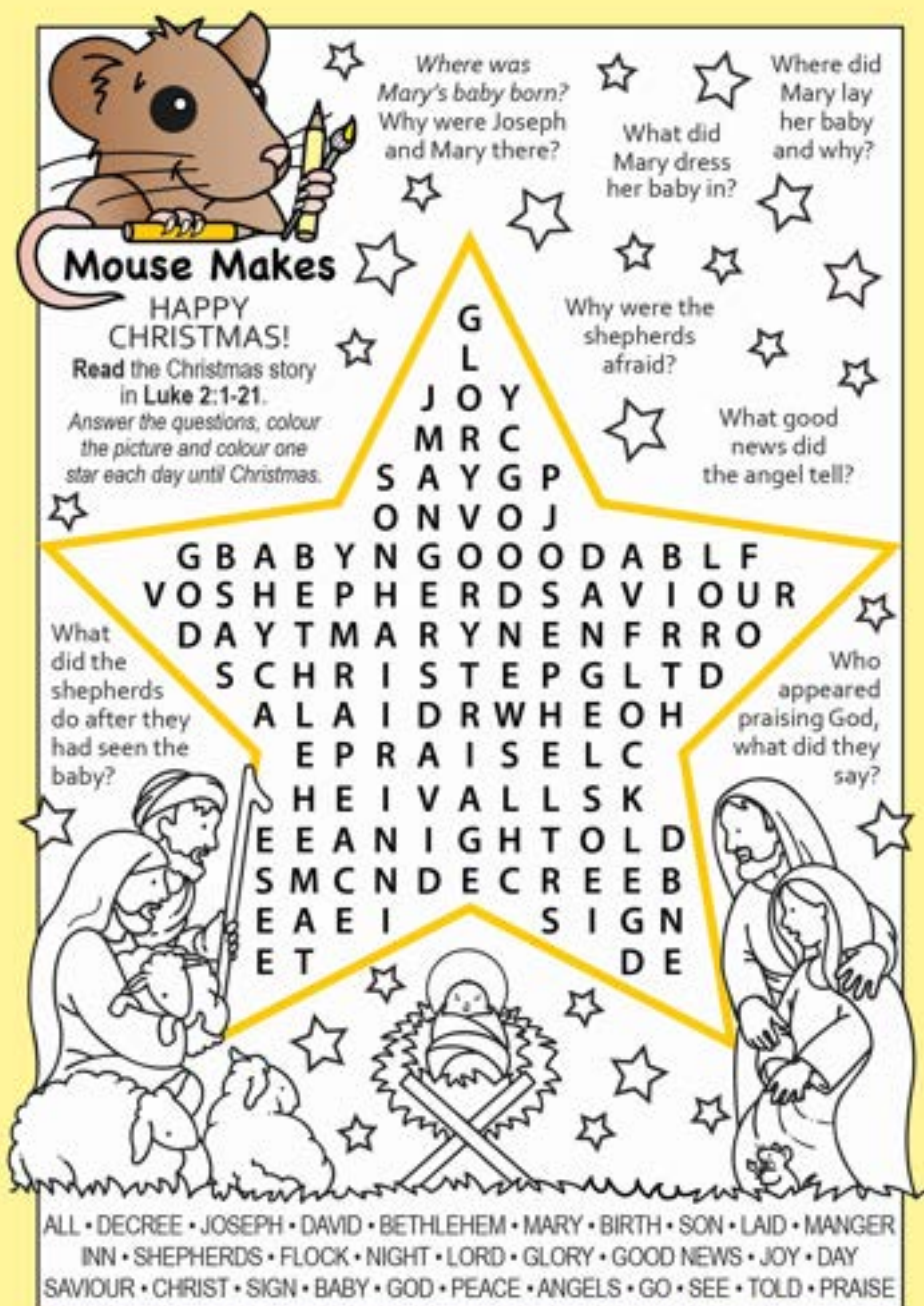
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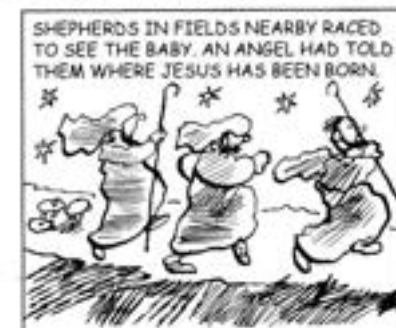
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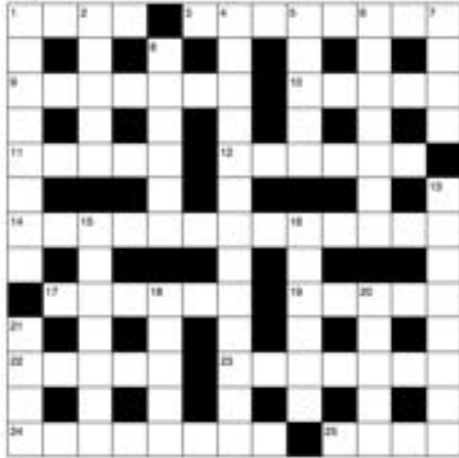
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## Crossword Puzzle



### 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 (anagram.) (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 (anagram.) (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)

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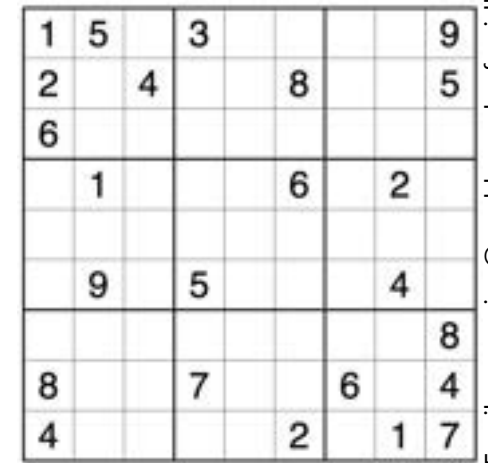
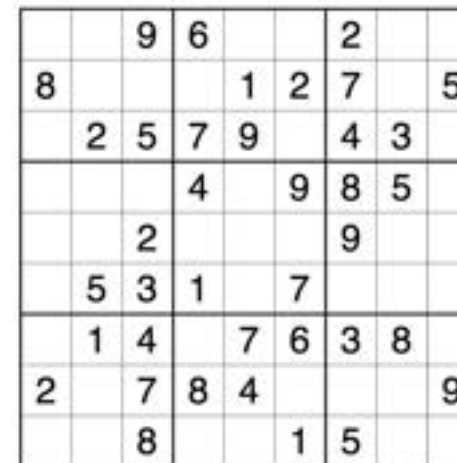
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## Sudoku



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Christmas

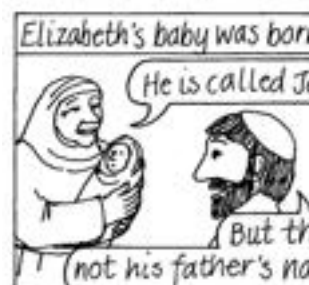


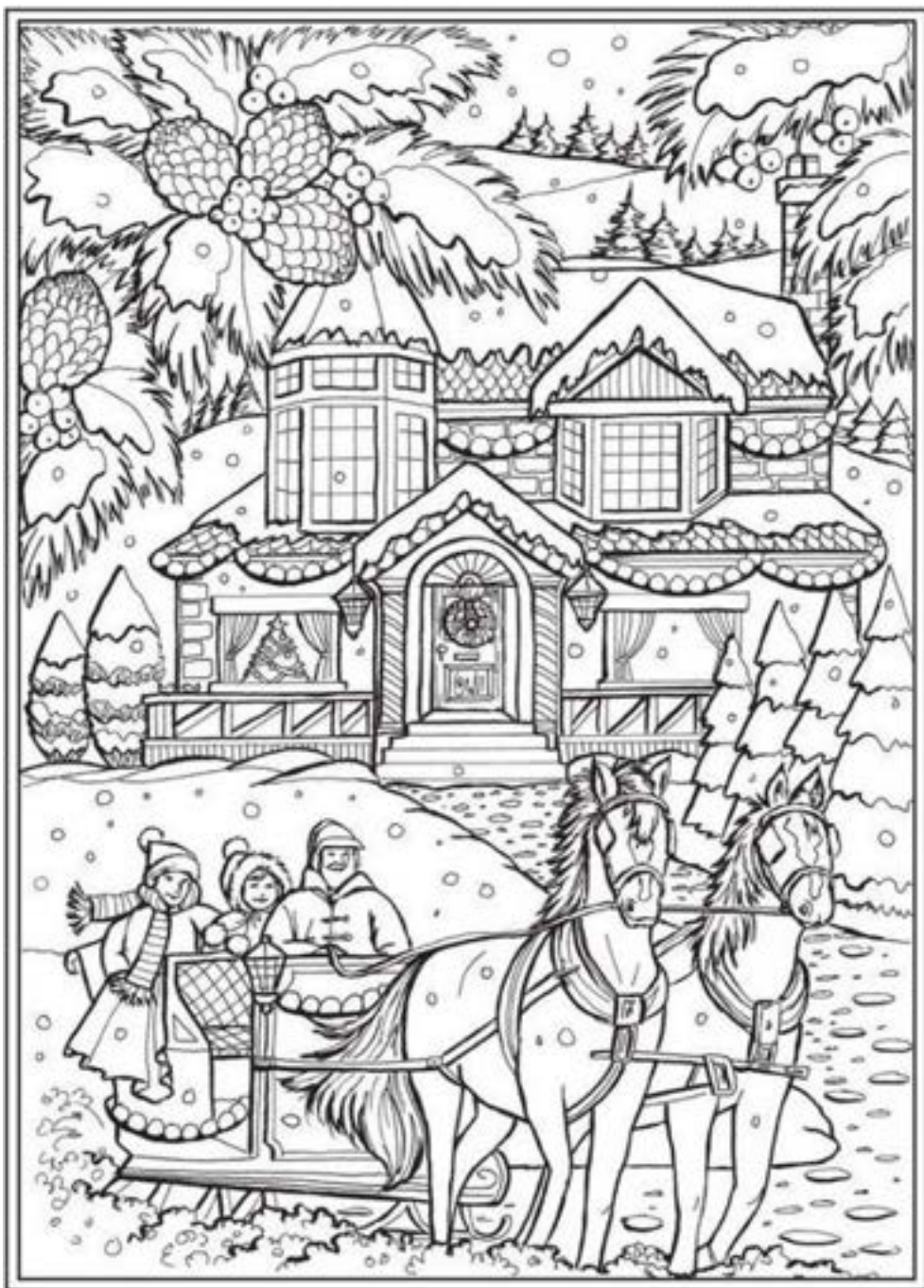
# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Luke ch.1 verses 1-25 & 57-80

The Romans had invaded Israel and still ruled it. Zechariah and Elizabeth were an old childless couple living in the hill country.





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We hope you all continue to enjoy reading the magazine

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## Farnley Estate Young Farmers Club



It's been another busy month for Young Farmers, we've been up to all sorts and have all enjoyed our weekly meetings. To kick the month off we went bowling at Skipton Matrix super bowl on the 5th of October. This was a good social meeting which was enjoyed by all of our members.

On the 12th of October we judged breeding sheep. Thank you to Kevin Wilson for hosting and Chris Ryder for judging. The results for juniors was 1st - Jayne Ellis, 2nd- Rebecca Ryder, 3rd tied- Ellie Inman Josh Groves and Eleanor Ashby, 4th - Isabel Owers, 5th - Izzy Bush and 6th tied - Harry Naylor and Max Featherstone. Results for Intermediates was 1st - Jacob Ryder, 2nd - Daisy Roberts and 3rd - James Drifffield. And finally the results for seniors was 1st - Billie Towers, 2nd - Emily Bradley, and 3rd Charlotte Towers. Thanks too all the members who attended, it was a good night and good results from everyone that participated.

On the 19th was our annual fashion show to raise money for the club. It was an enjoyable evening, with some members modelled clothes to an audience of friends, family and the public. Thank you to Kath from Complete Clothing for providing the clothes.

On Friday the 21st 3 teams entered in the county quiz night at the Anchor Inn, Whitley. Well done to all those that participated, two of our teams came second and third. It was a really nice social event and good to catch up with other young farmers from around the county.

On the 23rd of October we competed in the county Live and Carcass competition, where members judge a live animal ready for slaughter, and then a hung carcass. There are 3 categories ( lambs, pigs and beef ), and we were competing again with young

farmers from all across Yorkshire. We brought back some great prizes; Daisy Roberts - 2nd in under 21s pigs, Charlie Ryder - 3rd in under 21s pigs, and James Drifffield - 2nd in under 28s pigs.

On the 26th we were pumpkin carving at Norwood hall. A fun evening especially for our younger members, with a competition for best design so well done to Grace for winning, Rebecca Ryder for coming 2nd and Harry Wade for 3rd.

Our final event of the month was the district sports competition at Nidderdale high school, in this competition we go against other members from the Harrogate district, we competed in the junior basketball with two teams so congratulations too the A team for winning and qualifying for the county sports, and the B team for coming 3rd.

On Saturday the 3rd of December we are holding our second annual Christmas market at Almscliffe village hall near Huby, this is a great event with lots of local small businesses coming and our own members running some stands as well, we will also be serving bacon and sausage sandwiches. It is £2.50 for entry and this is a really great opportunity for Christmas shopping ! This is to raise money for the club and also for our charity for this year which is Blood Cancer UK, if you are free drop by and have a look.

If you are aged between 10 and 28 and are interested in joining us please contact our secretary Rebecca Ryder on 07487 399562 for more information.

By Ellie Inman



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## All in the month of December

It was:

200 years ago, on 27<sup>th</sup> December 1822 that Louis Pasteur, French biologist, microbiologist, and chemist was born. One of the fathers of germ theory, he was best known for the pasteurisation process, which is named in his honour.

100 years ago, on 8<sup>th</sup> December 1922 that Lucian Freud, German-born British figurative artist and draughtsman was born. One of the leading portrait artists of the 20th century.

Also 100 years ago, on 14<sup>th</sup> December 1922 that John Reith (later Lord Reith) was appointed as General Manager of the BBC.

Also 100 years ago, on 30<sup>th</sup> December 1922 that the Soviet Union was founded. Officially known as the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR), it was dissolved in 1991.

90 years ago, on 25<sup>th</sup> December 1932 that the first Royal Christmas Message was broadcast on radio. King George V addressed the nation live from Sandringham.

80 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> December 1942 that the British Government published the Beveridge Report, which formed the basis of the welfare state.

Also 80 years ago, on 17<sup>th</sup> December 1942 that British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden told the House of Commons about the mass executions of Jews by the Nazis in occupied Europe. Ministers and Members of Parliament condemned the massacres and held a minute's silence as a mark of respect for the victims.

65 years ago, on 25<sup>th</sup> December 1957

that Queen Elizabeth II's Christmas message was televised for the first time.

50 years ago, on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1972 that 14 people were found alive in the Andes more than two months after their plane crashed. They had survived by eating dead passengers.

40 years ago, on 12<sup>th</sup> December 1982 that 30,000 women joined hands around the Greenham Common RAF base in Berkshire to protest against the siting of US Cruise missiles there.

25 years ago, on 11<sup>th</sup> December 1997 that Sinn Fein president Gerry Adams met Prime Minister Tony Blair at 10 Downing Street – the first Irish Republican leader to do so since Michael Collins in 1921.

Also 25 years ago, on 11<sup>th</sup> December 1997 that the Kyoto Protocol, aimed at reducing greenhouse gases and combating global warming, was adopted at a conference in Japan. More than 190 countries have signed the agreement, which came into effect in February 2005.

20 years ago, on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2002 that Iraq submitted a weapons declaration to the United Nations in which it said it had no weapons of mass destruction. This was part of the prelude to the March 2003 Invasion of Iraq.

10 years ago, on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2012 that Patrick Moore, British astronomer, television presenter and musician died. Best known for hosting the astronomy series The Sky at Night (1957-2013) the longest-running TV series with the same presenter.

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## Columbidae ~ Pigeons

This is a family of some three hundred species, most of which are found in the tropics. You may love them or hate them, but they are everywhere! The distinction between pigeons and doves is not a taxonomic one, with the term dove tending to be used for the smaller varieties.

Pigeons are famed for their homing ability; from Roman or even Persian times, via the siege of Paris to World War 2, they were used to carry messages. When far from home they use the sun as a compass and can compensate for its movement across the sky; closer to home it seems they use local landmarks to navigate.

Feral or city pigeons are found in cities the world over and are derived from

the Rock Dove. Such has been their success that true Rock Doves probably only exist in the wildest corners of northern Europe and Asia. They chose to desert their natural habitat and associate with mankind due to the ready availability of food combined with the breeding and roosting potential offered by buildings, which resemble the cliff faces on which they naturally breed.

Woodpigeon courting is particularly obvious in spring, with much cooing and preening together with explosive nearly vertical short flights and much clapping of wings. Their breeding season never seems to end, and they are regularly recorded having young in their nests from February to November.

This extended breeding season is only possible because, like all pigeons,

Woodpigeons produce 'crop milk' which is similar to mammalian milk in its composition. It is produced in the crop, a sac-like structure normally used for storing food. This allows the young to be fed even when suitable food is not available.

Pigeons like to eat cabbage, sprouts, peas and grain and one reason for their recent proliferation is the availability of autumn sown brassicas, such as oil seed rape. They will also eat buds, shoots, seeds, nuts and berries, and in autumn can often be seen sitting on cotoneaster or pyracantha hedges.

The Collared Dove, another of the commoner birds in Britain, is pinky-grey with a distinctive black band on its neck. They first bred in the UK in Cromer in 1955, having spread naturally from their ancestral haunts in Turkey and the Middle East. More recently their numbers have fallen: results from the BTO's Garden Bird-Watch show that the Collared Dove has declined by a quarter in the last decade while the Woodpigeon population has increased. Are the two changes linked or is something else responsible?

Woodpigeons have done particularly well in south-east England and East Anglia, probably due to altered agricultural practices. Autumn rather than spring sown cereals and oil seed rape have led to green foods being available all year round, improving overwinter survival and allowing a longer breeding season.

The Collared Dove population, on the other hand, has been declining throughout the country since 2005. One reason for this could be the in-

creasing Woodpigeon numbers, the two birds perhaps competing for similar food and habitat. We can't completely blame the Woodpigeon though. Around the same time as the decline started, trichomonosis, a disease that only affects birds, spread from pigeons and doves to Greenfinches and other small birds, increasing its prevalence in the environment. It is thought that Collared Doves could be more susceptible to trichomonosis than Woodpigeons and that the rise in disease incidents might be having an effect on the Collared Dove population

If you find the lives of our garden birds to be of interest, and would like to join in and count the feathered occupants of your garden, please visit the BTO Garden BirdWatch website ([www.bto.org/gbw](http://www.bto.org/gbw)).

If you know of a local organisation near York which would like a talk on garden birds contact Mike Gray [gbwmike@gmail.com](mailto:gbwmike@gmail.com).



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Title: Collard dove (above)

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## Weston, Denton and Askwith Harvest Supper



A delicious supper provided by Chris Monkman was enjoyed by us all at Askwith Village Hall in October. It was another highly successful evening with Jeff Crabtree keeping us all amused as he conducted the auction. Many

thanks to Chris, Jeff and all our lovely volunteers as well as all who attended and donated items for the raffle and auction and so generously supported the event. A great community event – thank you all!



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Our Tea Room is open every Sunday from 11-4pm during the winter. Please contact the Centre for further information on 01943 880794, email us at [centre@washburnvalley.org](mailto:centre@washburnvalley.org) or visit [www.washburnvalley.org](http://www.washburnvalley.org). We welcome NEW VOLUNTEERS. If you can spare a few hours at the weekend once a month we would love to see you in the Tea Room. It's a busy environment, warm and friendly, but you are rewarded with cake!

Our current programme, **VICARS, VESTMENTS AND VERSE** continues throughout December and January. Events in December are as follows:

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December & Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 11.00am – 4.00pm (Tea Room open both days)

Pop along to our Christmas Market! Don't miss out on our delicious home-made goodies, all prepared by our members. The treats on sale will include seasonal spirits, liqueurs, cakes and bakes, Christmas jams and chutneys and, of course, our famous mince pies. Start the season off with a glass of mulled wine while you listen to our very own carol singers, The Fewston Musick. The Tea Room will be serving seasonal sandwiches and mince pies, so bring along your friends and family and enjoy the festivities. Stalls will be located in the lobby and in the Centre. Free admission.

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2-4PM – TALK – The Vicar's coming to tea

An opportunity to share and appreciate a range of poems inspired by and about Vicars. Alex Rosser will lead the afternoon, and as any Vicar would expect

there will be tea and cake. Cost £10 non-member, £8 member.

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 10.00am – 12.00 noon - Ripon Cathedral, private tour

Join us for a private guided tour of the cathedral, a very special place of worship for more than 1300 years. The tour lasts approximately one hour. Enjoy the historical highlights of the cathedral provided by experienced and knowledgeable guides and a visit to the ancient seventh century crypt, dating back to 672AD. Following the tour there will be hot drinks and cakes served in the South Transept, an opportunity to chat to your fellow members about your visit. Cost £19 non-member, £15 member and includes tea and cake.

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 7-10PM – SUPPER - A Victorian Christmas Feast

Our Christmas supper this year will take on a Victorian theme and will create what the Reverend Gwyther, Vicar of Fewston from 1844 - 1872 might have eaten. We will be entertained by The Fewston Musick – dressing up is encouraged but not compulsory! Cost £30 non-member, £24 member. Bar available.

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December - 1.15pm – 4.00pm – SOLSTICE STROLL

A 3-mile walk starting at the Heritage Centre, mostly level and dogs are welcome. Seasonal refreshments served back at the Centre. Cost £10 non-member, £8 member.

Please contact Jenny at the Centre to book these events. Telephone 01943 880794, or email [cen-tre@washburnvalley.org](mailto:cen-tre@washburnvalley.org)

## Celebratory evensong at church

ON Sunday, October 30, Blubberhouses Church filled to share evensong with a new group of singers 'The 4' and hear Matthew Nice talk about his work at St George's Crypt, Leeds.

The congregation were reminded of all the saints and earlier followers of Christ.

Mr Nice said he stood on the shoulders of a man with faith, vision and love for the unlovely, namely Rev Robbins who had started St George's Crypt in the centre of Leeds in the 1950s.

The church was bright, warm and full, decorated with flowers by Daphne Wilson.

The service concluded with sharing homemade cakes and refreshments and thanking 'The 4' for their special contribution for evensong on their debut.

On November 20, at 11am, there will be a service to dedicate a new seat - all welcome.



The 4' at the celebratory evensong for All Saints' Day at Blubberhouses Church

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## Askwith and Weston Womens Institute

We held our AGM in October and Andrea was re-elected as our President.

In November we moved back to Kirklands at Menston for the winter and we welcomed Mike Gray from the British Trust for Ornithology. The BTO has run a year round Garden Birdwatch scheme since 1995 where thousands of people across the UK submit their weekly bird sightings. He gave us lots of useful information about the birds we see in our gardens, what and how to feed them, winter visitors we might expect to see, and which birds are becoming rarer. We all agreed that it was a really informative and interesting talk.

Our December meeting will be our Christmas social which should be entertaining as our President, Andrea, has some fun and games lined up for us. Also in December we're visiting Jennyruth Workshops near Ripon who produce and sell a range of handcrafted items made by adults with

learning disabilities. Their aim is to help them gain confidence, independence, work and life skills, and they produce some beautiful pieces. Also in December our Federation annual carol service will be held at Ripon Cathedral. This is always an uplifting occasion when so many of our members from across North Yorkshire West come together.

We're a very friendly group of women from diverse backgrounds who meet on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30pm. From April to October our meetings are held at Askwith Village Hall and from November to March at Kirklands Community Centre, Menston and we always welcome visitors and potential new members. So if you're curious why not come along and find out for yourself. Or you can phone Andrea on 01943 462163 or Sue on 01943 839292 if you'd like more information.

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## Gardeners Corner



The year is drawing to a close, but there are still jobs to do in the garden. Tidy up around winter vegetables, such as kale, purple sprouting and other brassicas by removing any yellow leaves as these may harbour pests; give them a good weed around as well. If like me you live in a windy spot, it may also be necessary to stake the taller plants to prevent wind damage - my purple sprouting really took a battering in Storm Arwen last year. Bare areas of the veg plot where summer veg have been removed will benefit from the addition of a good mulch of compost ready for next year.

A bit of pruning won't go amiss now. Blackcurrants fruit better on new wood so it is a good idea to cut out up to a third of the old woody stems as well as any weaker ones. Apples and pears will also benefit from some pruning to maintain a good shape and remove any diseased twigs.

I always look forward to the winter flowering plants in the garden.

Hellebores put on a lot of green growth during the year. Their foliage can be cut back so that the flowers can be appreciated fully.

So far we have had a mild autumn, but once the frosts arrive, try to avoid walking on the lawn as the brittle frozen grass will be damaged, leaving unsightly black footprints. Any fallen leaves not raked up last month should also be cleared away, allowing more light to get to the grass.

Finally, look after those indoor plants which bring such joy at this time of year. Cyclamen, azaleas and bulbs in pots will all last longer in a cool position. However, Poinsettias need a good light and consistent warm temperature well away from draughts. Don't over water any of them, but wait until the surface is almost dry.

Enjoy the season - a time to reflect what worked well during the year and to plan for the next one!



## Recipe - Mincemeat



This Recipe is from the All Saints Weston Recipe book first printed 1 December 1956. 52 years later it was discovered by Reverend M Wilkinson in his mothers possessions and reprinted again. He dedicated it to

"Edith and all the other saints who made their Contributions"

66 years later we are sharing the recipes again but this time in the magazine. Thank you to the people of Weston for their recipes

### Ingredients

1 1/2 lbs apples  
 3/4 lb currants  
 3/4 lb Raisins  
 2 small lemons (rind and juice)  
 2oz peel  
 3/4 lb suet

3/4 lb sugar  
 Pinch of salt

### Method

Mince and store in air tight jars.

Recipe provided by Mrs Bottomley

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## Poetry Request



This Earth ... by J Jefferson of Norwood

This earth is a wonderful place to live  
If we respect the code  
And share the bounteous plenty  
As we travel this life's road  
Gods gifts are many and beautiful,  
The land, the sea, the air  
And we leave it for our children,  
So let us leave it fair.

The sea, with abundant species of fish,  
Will feed all hungry man  
But we must clean pollution up  
As quickly as we can.  
The fish cannot live if the sea is thick  
With oil and plastic waste  
And we leave it for our children,  
So lets clean it up with haste

The land will provide the food we  
need  
If we treat is as we ought

By putting back, the good it gives,  
Not taking without thought  
The fields, the trees, the fruit and  
flowers  
Should evermore be seen  
And we leave it for our children,  
So let us leave it green.

To keep the beauty around us  
Lets treasure what we've got  
And start to help each other  
To stop the destructive rot  
We need to save our wonderful world  
For the future that is to be  
And we leave it for our children,  
So let us leave it free.

Written for the Washburn Lent Maga-  
zine in 1996 which is still relevant to-  
day.



Autumn/winter by Mr R Dunn

Half the season come and gone  
Autumn now will come along

Turning leaves to gold and brown  
Before fast come tumbling down

And the birds will stop their sing  
As the nights come drawing in

Above the clouds do sweep in angry  
mood  
And squirrels forage for their food

And soon to test their ventures will  
Winter come with bitter chill

Shorter days and longer nights  
Will be the trend as winter bites

The main months of winter loom  
Dark nights, dark mornings, very soon

Autumn leaves will bare the trees  
A while will pass until once again  
they're full of leaves

And yet as time goes on, soon will  
come the lighter nights  
And winter at last will lose its bite

And we will look forward to a new  
year, new life, new moon.

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Christmas Puzzles and colouring in pull out section in the centre



Rodney didn't know how she'd got in, but she seemed  
keen to audition for the nativity play ....

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