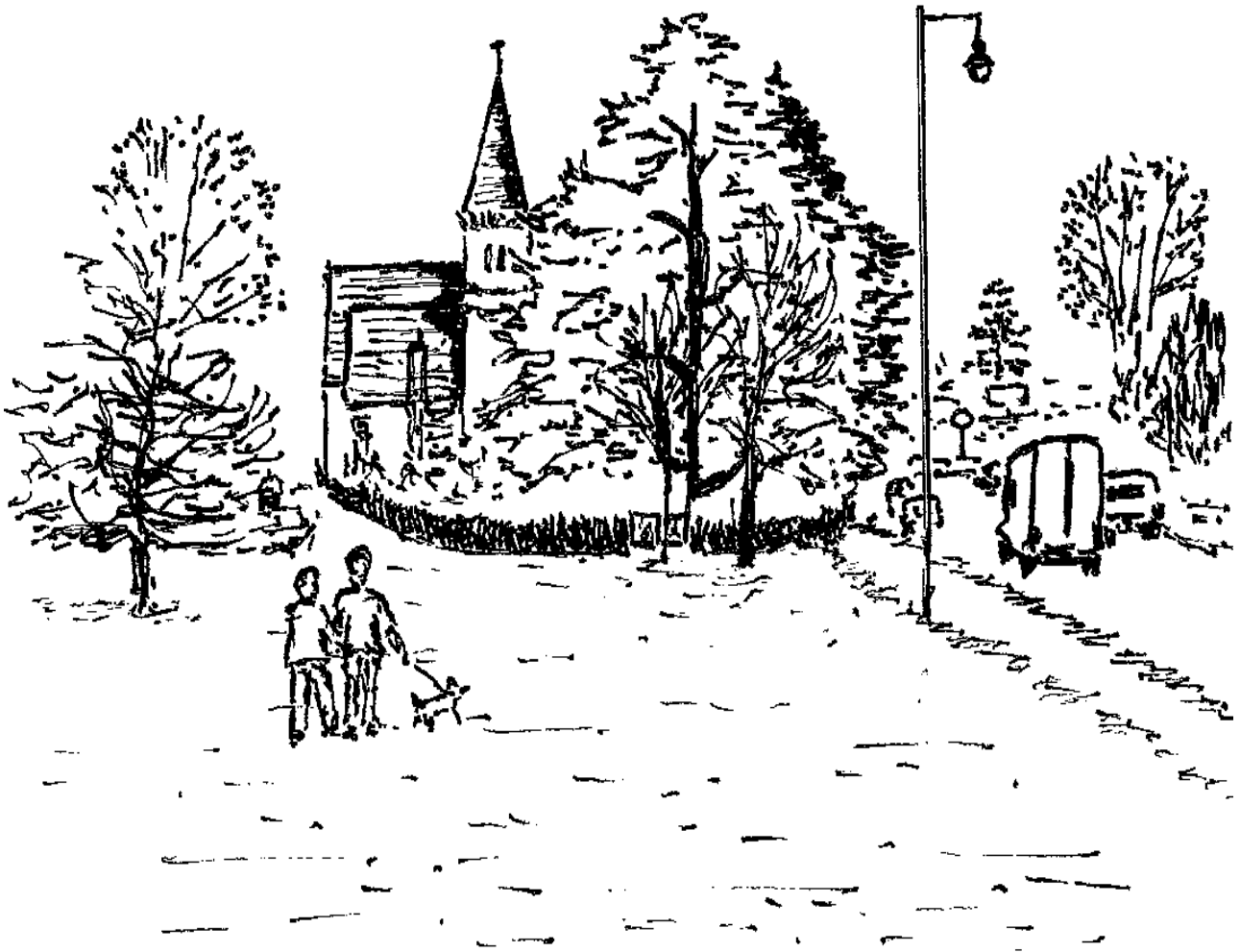


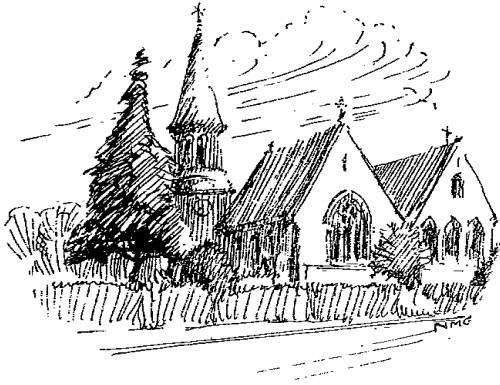
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January 2012

Revd. Miriam writes:

Dear Friends



Happy New Year!

I hope that you have had a holy and blessed Christmas. What a busy time we have had at All Saints' over the Christmas. We had an amazing Children's Workshop enjoyed by 76 children, a super Seniors' Tea where we were entertained by the choir of Rickmansworth School, school carol services, then our own carol services followed by mulled wine and mince pies, as well as our usual Sunday services. It has been a wonderful time and I would like to thank everyone who has been involved in the many different events and services and those who prepared the church so beautifully for Christmas.

The number of people who come into our church over the two weeks drawing up to Christmas and on Christmas Eve and Day is huge; through the school carol services and our workshops there are hundreds of children who come along with hundreds of adults.

This gives us an incredible opportunity to reach out to people, but I don't really think we do this as well as we could.

Reaching out into the local community is something that is included in our Mission Action Plan and I would like us to put more emphasis on this during 2012. If you have any thoughts or ideas about how we can do this then please have a chat to me. I would like this to be a reality rather than a New Year resolution, which like the majority of New Year resolutions get shelved within a few days.

I am also looking to develop a working group to plan and take forward ideas for fund raising; if this is something that you might be interested in please let me know.

With my love and prayers

Miriam

Parish Register and Records

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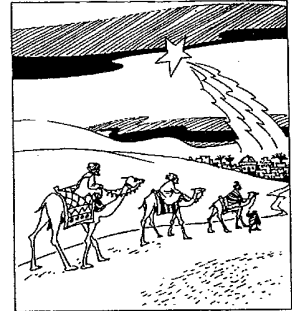
30th November 2011	Dr Patrick Stanley Bruce RUSSELL (aged 83) of Green Lane
1st December 2011	Kenneth Prior LUCAS (aged 87) of Windmill Drive
7th December 2011	Arthur MASH (aged 75) of New Road
9th December 2011	Leonard George GRANSBY (aged 75) of New Road
13th December 2011	Bertram Claude SMITH (aged 80) formerly of Grove Crescent
15th December 2011	Paul NICHOLLS (aged 49) of Owens Way



January Readings

1st January Naming and Circumcision of Jesus
OT Numbers 6 v22-end
NT Galatians 4 v4-7
Gospel Luke 2 v15-21

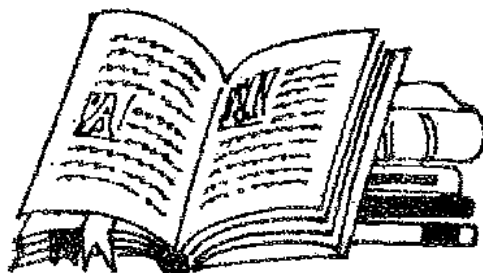
8th January Epiphany
OT Isaiah 60 v1-6
NT Ephesians 3 v1-12
Gospel Matthew 2 v1-12



15th January Epiphany 2
OT 1 Samuel 3 v1-20
NT Revelation 5 v1-10
Gospel John 1 v43-end

22nd January Epiphany 3
OT Genesis 14 v17-20
NT Revelation 19 v6-10
Gospel John 2 v1-11

29th January Presentation of Christ in the Temple
OT Malachi 3 v1-5
NT Hebrews 2 v14-end
Gospel Luke 2 v22-40



Dr. Patrick Russell

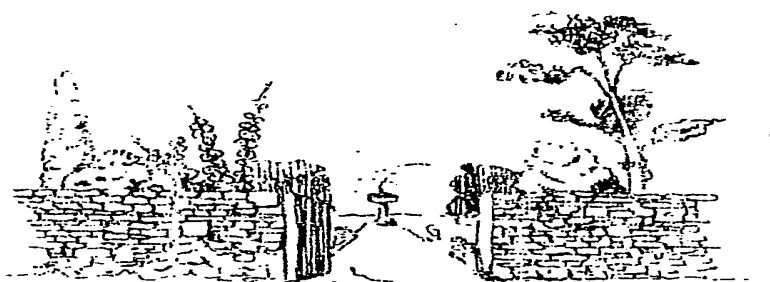
Former colleagues in the medical profession and from the hospice movement and former patients, as well as relations, neighbours and friends from far and near came to our church for the Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Dr Patrick Russell on Wednesday 30th November 2011. Dr Russell had died suddenly at home on November 13th, after a family party earlier that day.

He had been a GP in Croxley Green from 1958 to 1988. After retirement he continued to be a strong supporter of Michael Sobell House at Mount Vernon Hospital and the Peace Hospice in Watford, where he was a Trustee.

Dr Russell, his wife Maureen and their family were active at All Saints' between the 1960s and the 1980s. His sons Nicholas and Christopher became head choristers: they, as well as their older brother Jeremy and his children gave readings and tributes at the service.

The address was given by Revd. Canon Andrew Nunn, acting Dean of Southwark Cathedral, which Dr and Mrs Russell attended in recent years. This was the area where they met each other and spent their early married life some 60 years ago and where the Thanksgiving Service for the life of their daughter Catharine took place in 1993. At our service, Benjamin Weitzmann was organist and Revd. Miriam gave the welcome with opening prayers and the final blessing.

Jean Walford



Mothers' Union



At the beginning of the New Church Year, Revd. Miriam was able to enrol Sue McKeague as a full member of the MU and we welcome her into our branch.

The remaining meeting was just as enjoyable in the singing of well known carols with a reading:-

Like the innkeeper of old
may we open up our hearts
in bright anticipation of your birth...

Like the heavenly angel choir
singing in the starry sky,
may our lives proclaim
“Goodwill” and “Peace on earth”.



Like the lowly shepherds
travelling through the night,
may we trust in your good care
to see us through.

And like the learned wise men
kneeling at your manger,
may we give our deepest love
and thanks to you.

We finished the meeting with tea and mince pies.

Future Meetings:-

January 5th – Corporate Communion – 9.30am

January 6th – Card making – 2.15pm

February 3rd – Annual General Meeting – 2.15pm

March 2nd – Women's World Day of Prayer at St. Bede's Church.

Happy New Year to you all.

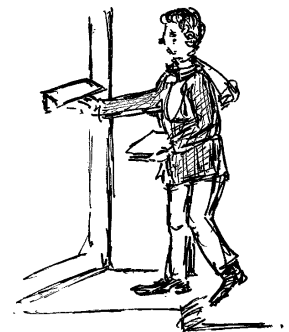
Extended Magazine Team

Our team still consists of David Williams, Jean Walford, Diane Galloway and Joan Bovington with help each month from Margaret Hobbs and Michael Bovington.

We still produce 177 copies, including a few large print copies. Do let us know if you would prefer one of these. The magazines are placed in bundles at the back of the church, from where they are collected and delivered by a goodly number of people. Once a year they have to collect the subscriptions for the magazine which they pass to Joan Bovington for banking. The amount banked for 2011, for magazines (delivered 100, posted 16 and picked up in church) comes to approximately £750. This total also includes donations to the church which have been put in the wall safe as the only safe place to deposit such gifts.

The names of the deliverers are:- Fran Bennett, Shelagh Booth, Joan and Michael Bovington, Rae Bowyer, Joan Dee, Diane Galloway, Margaret and Roger Kircher, Sue McKeague, Brenda Mayes, Sheila Newman, Judith Muir, Elaine Norman with Connie Morris, Lesley Spencer with Jean Wharfe, Francesca Sams, Jo Squire, Nora Stock, Win Terrell, Jean Walford, David Williams and David Wynne-Jones. Many thanks to them all for this important contribution to parish communications. Particular thanks go to Win Terrell who has delivered magazines for many years. We wish her well in her new life at Cranfield.

SEEROUND Since the new style Diocesan magazine is now too large to fit easily into our magazine, we will in future put a pile of SeeRounds next to our magazines at the back of the church for you to help yourself. If you have one delivered by hand and would like to continue with SeeRound please let Joan Bovington know via the Parish Office.



David, Jean, Diane and Joan.

‘Keep Out!’

Nicholas Sagovsky? Who he? You may not remember the name but you probably remember how he hit the headlines in the run-up to Christmas 2010 when, accompanied by ‘St. Nicholas’ in person, he tried to gain access to the Detention Centre at Yarl’s Wood (not so very far from here) to deliver Christmas presents to the children there. He was denied entry. ‘Keep out’, in effect.

At the time Nicholas (the Reverend Professor, no less) was Canon Theologian at Westminster Abbey and one has to admire such a distinguished academic taking such practical down-to-earth action in bringing to public attention the plight of children detained (‘imprisoned’ would be nearer the mark) at the Centre. Following his protest, matters have improved there.

‘What’s this got to do with me?’ you may be asking yourself. Well, Nicholas Sagovsky has agreed to be the guest speaker at the AGM of the Watford and Three Rivers Refugee Project on Monday 20th February 2012. The meeting will be held at the Friends Meeting House, 150, Church Road, Watford and will begin with light refreshments at 7.30 pm and will finish no later than 9.30 pm. Will you put the date in your diary now, please, before other things press in on you?

Nicholas will take ‘Refugee Rights and Asylum Wrongs’ as his subject. He is well qualified to do so, as he was a Commissioner on the Independent Asylum Commission which published its recommendations for reform of the UK Asylum system in 2008. He holds professorial posts at both Liverpool Hope and Roehampton Universities. He left the staff of Westminster Abbey about a year ago and now works with ‘Article 26’, a project of the Helena Kennedy foundation, which helps asylum-seeking young people who are offered places at UK Universities, to take up those places. His most recent book is ‘Christian Tradition and the Practice of Justice’ (London: SPCK). In short, an interesting man on an important issue. Do come, if you can.

John Shaw

(Committee Member of the Watford & Three Rivers Refugee Project)

A Visit to the Archives

I recently spent an interesting day at the County and Diocesan Archives. In the morning there was a public tour, including a look at some of the five miles of shelves where everything – including our church documents – is stored. The oldest manuscript dates from 1060 – a charter granting land in Harpenden and Wheathampstead to monks at Westminster. The legal parts and names of witnesses are in Latin, while descriptions of the land and positions of the borders are in Anglo-Saxon. One witness was Duke Harold of 1066 fame.

A town-crier's script from 1751 describes how 'two persons are to be ducked in the village pond' in Tring. They had begged for food at a farm and, after they were refused, a cow had died. They were being tested for witchcraft, but the existence of witchcraft had already been denounced, so when one of them died in the pond the ducker was executed for murder.

A conservator showed us how he replaces missing edges of paper documents, to prevent further decay. But no additions are made to the text or maps, since many of these are still legally-binding documents.

The local studies library contains material that has been published, so it is open to everyone, without the need for a reader's card. It includes maps, newspapers and parish registers on microfilm. A number of people were there, searching for details of their ancestors.

In the afternoon I decided to look at some of the documents from All Saints' Church. I ordered the plans, drawn up by Temple Moore Architects in 1906, for the enlargement of the church and they arrived very quickly from somewhere along the five miles of shelves. I knew that one plan was for two side isles, which would have produced a more common and symmetrical building, less idiosyncratic than the one we now have. But I wasn't expecting another enormous alternative plan, with the original church becoming just a transept, with the orientation turning through 90 degrees, the

altar being towards the hall and the giant nave marching out into the garden. Neither had I expected a roll of plans (all beautifully wrapped in a cotton cover) produced by Ley, Colbeck and Partners in 1964, showing the altar moved forward to the position of our pulpit, with the pulpit where the piano now is. There were various alternatives, some with the organ and choir at the back of the church and some with them at the front, but all had the central altar, visible to all the congregation. Three rows of pews would have been removed to accommodate it. Was it just the cost that prevented it from happening?

So when, earlier this year, we had our trial of the altar nearer the congregation, we were reconsidering a suggestion from forty years ago.

Diane Galloway



Ken Lucas

We were sorry to hear of the death of Ken Lucas. After a distinguished career in the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force, he moved to Croxley Green and worked as Deputy Director of the Maritime Trust.

We remember him bringing Marie to her beloved church every day in her wheel chair, during her long illness. During his own final illness, Ken remained cheerful and welcoming; an example to us all.

Diane Galloway



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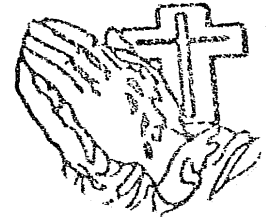
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January Diary

- 1 Sun** **Christmas 1 – Naming and Circumcision of Jesus**
New Year’s Day
8am **Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)**
9.45am **Parish Communion**
6pm **Evensong (BCP) said with hymns**
- 2 Mon Bank Holiday
- 4 Wed 2pm Cell Church in the Committee Room
- 5 Thur 9.30am MU Corporate Communion
- 6 Fri 2.15pm MU – Card making – Mrs Elaine Norman
- 8 Sun** **Epiphany (transferred from 6th)**
8am **Holy Communion (BCP)**
9.40am **Little Saints**
9.45am **Parish Communion**
12 noon **Holy Communion followed by lunch**
6pm **Epiphany Service followed by Carols**
around the Crib
- 9 Mon 8pm Cell Church at 107, New Road
- 10 Tues 7.45pm AGM of Churches Together in Croxley
Green at Explore Church, Fuller Way
- 11 Wed 11am Cell Church at 19, Chalmers Court
2pm Cell Church in the Committee Room
- 12 Thur 9.30am Holy Communion
8pm PCC Meeting

15 Sun Epiphany 2
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.45am Parish Communion
11.30am Family Service
6pm Evensong (BCP)



18 Wed Start of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
11am Cell Church at 19, Chalmers Court
2pm Cell Church in the Committee Room

19 Thur 9.30am Holy Communion

22 Sun Epiphany 3
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.45am Parish Communion
6pm Evensong (Common Worship)

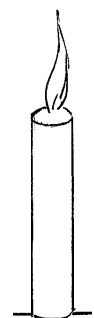
23 Mon 8pm Cell Church at 107, New Road

24 Tues 12 noon 'Who's For Lunch?' at the Red House

25 Wed The Conversion of St. Paul
11am Cell Church at 19, Chalmers Court
2pm Cell Church in the Committee Room

26 Thur 9.30am Holy Communion

29 Sun Presentation of Christ in the Temple
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.45am Parish Communion
6pm Taizé Service for Candlemas



Dates for your Diary in February:

3	Fri	2.15pm	MU – Annual General Meeting
4	Sat	2pm	Jumble Sale
18	Sat		Parish Quiet Day
20	Mon	7.30pm	AGM of Watford & Three Rivers Refugee Project (see page 7)
22	Wed		Ash Wednesday

Smile Lines

What children have to say about angels



It's not easy to become an angel! First, you die. Then you go to Heaven, and then there's still the flight training to go through. And then you got to agree to wear those angel clothes. - Matthew, age 9

Angels work for God and watch over kids when God has to go do something else. - Mitchell, age 7

My guardian angel helps me with maths, but he's not much good for science. - Henry, age 8

Angels don't eat, but they drink milk from holy cows. - Jack, age 6

The Seagull

A father was at the beach with his children when his four-year-old son ran up to him, grabbed his hand, and led him to the shore where a seagull lay dead in the sand. "Daddy, what happened to him?" the son asked. "He died and went to Heaven," the Dad replied. The boy thought a moment and then said, "Did God throw him back down?"

Parish Pump

When did it Happen?

Can you decide which of these events happened in January, 10, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90 or 100 years ago? (answers on page 21)

1. On 18th Jan British explorer Robert Falcon Scott's expedition reached the South Pole, but discovered that Roald Amundsen's Norwegian team had beaten them by over a month.

2. On 29th Jan the BBC Radio 4 show 'Desert Island Discs' was first broadcast, the world's longest running weekly factual radio programme.

3. On 1st Jan the Republic of China was officially established.

4. On 1st Jan The Beatles auditioned for Decca Records in London, but were turned down because 'guitar groups are on the way out'.

5. On 1st Jan the euro became the official currency of Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal and Spain.

6. On 4th Jan the Boy Scout Association was granted a Royal Charter, and became established throughout the Commonwealth.

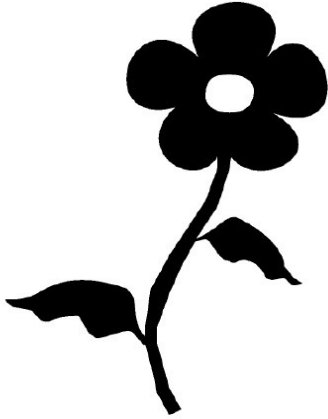
7. On 10th Jan Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy in the Middle East, was kidnapped in Beirut, Lebanon while on a peace mission to negotiate the release of hostages. (Released Nov 1991)

8. On 8th Jan the African National Congress (ANC) was founded in South Africa.

9. On 10th Jan the lowest temperature ever recorded in England was taken. It was -26.1°C at Newport, Shropshire. Scotland's lowest ever temperature was equalled: -27.2°C at Braemar, Aberdeenshire.

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Blessed assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine:
Heir of salvation, purchase of God;
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

God wants us to be sure about our relationship with him when we become members of his spiritual family.

When we rely on our feelings, it is difficult to be sure about anything. But Christian assurance is firmly based on three things that God does in the same way as a stool with three legs makes it stable to sit on.

1. The promise of the Father: One of God's promises is found in 1 John 5:13. : 'I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may **know** that you have eternal life'. God graciously accepts us in Christ when we repent of wrongdoing. Repentance is important as it frees us to receive. God also guarantees that He works in all things for our good: Romans 8:28.

2. The work of Jesus: Through his death on the cross, Jesus obtained for us cleansing from sin, forgiveness, and eternal life which is a quality of life beyond being merely human. It starts here and goes on into eternity. When we are 'in Christ' too, we are included in his resurrection.

3. The activity of the Holy Spirit. When we become Christians, the Holy Spirit comes to live in us. There are two aspects of his work which give us assurance.

First, his witness within. We do not always feel spiritual, but new life in Christ includes our feelings and emotions. The Holy Spirit gives us an inner conviction that we are God's so we can talk to God as *Abba*: Father. *Abba* is a intimate term for 'father' similar to our modern term: 'daddy'. Jesus called God '*Abba*' and now we can too, and know that our Father hears and answers our prayers.

Secondly, we experience a changing life as we co-operate with him. He gradually helps us to become more like Jesus. He produces in us the ‘fruit of the Spirit’ and more. We find we develop a deeper love for God and other people. Jesus begins to mean more to us, and so does the Bible.

When we love someone we want to please them and do what they say. So it is when we grow in our love for Jesus; and we find that doubts and difficulties, etc. become experiences through which we grow spiritually.

It is not arrogant to be sure as assurance is based on what God promises, on what Jesus died to achieve, and on the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. It does not depend on us.

Assurance is vital for ourselves and others for how is it possible to commend the amazing gift God gives us through Christ if we are not sure of it ourselves?

Scripture to ponder: John 1:12; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 5:24; 2 Peter 1: 3-11; John 10:10; Romans 8:34; Hebrews 4:14-16; John 14:15-17; 1 John 3:22-24; Mark 14:36; Galatians 5:22-23. Romans 8:1-17; 2 Corinthians 3:17-18; 1 John 4:19; Colossians 3:1-20; James 1.

Jo Gardner



Strength and Stability

Do you worry about falling over? Or have you already fallen and wish you could feel more confident when you are out walking?

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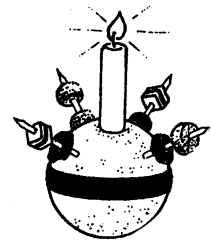
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Children's Weekend

The photos show a few of the 76 children who enjoyed games and crafts based on the Christmas story at the Workshop on Saturday 10th December.



On the following day children and adults came to our annual Christingle Service, singing carols by candlelight and joining with Miriam in explaining the meaning of the Christingle. We then retired to the hall, greeted by the aroma of mulled wine, squash for the children and mince pies.

Editors



It must be true, we heard it from a Server

The Fires of Hell

It was the depths of winter and Billytrudged through the snow to the small barber's shop. A coal fire was burning and the vicar was standing with his coat lifted up to warm his backside. "Hello Billy", he said, "I didn't see you in church on Sunday."

"No you didn't Vicar, because I weren't there."

"Now don't be cheeky Billy, you know where people go if they are cheeky."

"Aye Vicar they go to hell."

"And you know what hell's like, don't you Billy."

"Aye Vicar there's lots of nice warm fires but you can't get anywhere near 'em because of all the vicars."

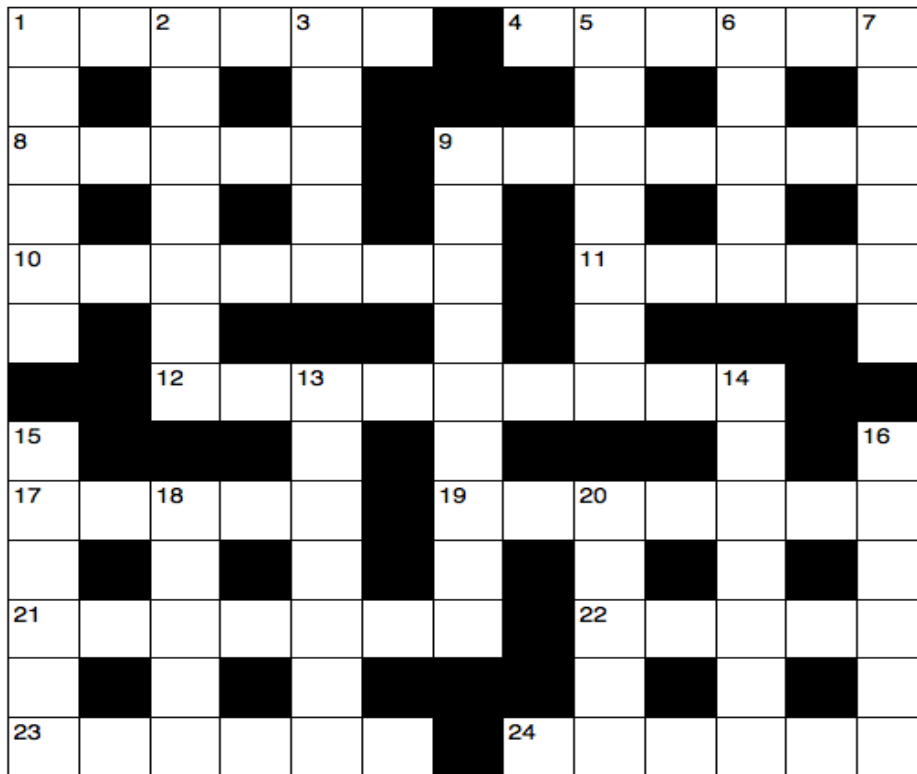
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Answers to Quiz on page 15

1. 100 years 2. 70 years, 3. 100 years, 4. 50 years, 5. 10 years,
6. 100 years, 7. 25 years, 8. 100 years, 9. 30 years.

Crossword



Clues across:

1. Defensive covering (6)
4. Number of Apostles (6)
8. 10thC Bishop who became a Saint (5)
9. Follow an example (7)
10. Reading desk in a church (7)
11. Thing that gives pleasure (5)
12. Ability to withstand strain (9)
17. Eastern potentate's collection of women (5)
19. Just arrived in this world (7)
21. Legal ending of a marriage (7)
22. Girl's name (5)
23. Most sagacious (6)
24. St. Stephen was ...to death (6)

Parish Pump

Clues down:

1. A Jew who Paul met in Corinth (Acts 18.2) (6)
2. Supernatural event (7)
3. Brother of your father (5)
5. Inscribed (7)
6. Depart (5)
7. Chooses (6)
9. Lack of knowledge (9)
13. This woman followed Paul in Athens (Acts 17.34) (7)
14. Process of wearing away (7)
15. Dark shape thrown up by light (6)
16. ...Christian soldiers (6)
18. Behaves madly (5)
20. Origin of bread (5)

Answers on page 24

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