

The Messenger

News from your local church

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Rainbow Centre: Update

If we remember that the month of January heralds 'empty shelves' for the Rainbow Centre (food bank), perhaps the following email from Trish Kinsella received after the harvest festival donations, and in response to my request for information, might galvanise us into the appropriate action to ensure that this will not be the case for 2016.

It certainly made me 'stop in my tracks' – no cooker? – no fridge? – only a kettle? – nothing?

Many thanks in anticipation of your New Year generosity - and as she says very many thanks from the Rainbow Centre and from me on their behalf for all your efforts in 2015.

Pat Wood

(Upper Derwent Rainbow Centre co-ordinator)

To Patricia Wood Oct 2 at 8:16 AM

Hello to you my love. Great to hear from you again.. Thank you so much also for the support that is just amazing and brilliant. You are such a good friend to us

I have some figures in general but the numbers fluctuate.

Weekly bags of food = 150/160 which includes families, young people, homeless, temp accom, single people, couples etc. I mention this as each bag is geared up to the facilities the person has so no cooking facilities but only a kettle means cuppa soups, pot noodles, dried mash, gravy, tinned corn beef, fruit, jam, bread, tea bags and coffee, dried milk. No kettle and no facilities at all means much less and more complicated. Each bag is expected to last 5 days except the kettle and homeless ones as they have no fridges to keep it cold. At Christmas this figure goes up to 250/300.

We tend to be busier on Mondays and Fridays when we see up to 70 clients daily. Not all these are for food but the majority are needing this as well as other assistance and support. The other days are a bit quieter with maybe 50 clients a day.

(In winter) the need is as great as ever with Zero hours contracts and v low pay as well as the huge changes in the benefit systems which can see a person without any money for up to four weeks. No money at all. Not a penny. At the end of the fourth week they may get a small amount (£20) but not enough to pay for utilities or pay their rent top up so this puts them in danger of eviction also. Not an easy time at all. Please tell your lovely people not to believe all they read or hear about those on benefits or in low paid jobs.

Just a huge thanks to you all for all you do and have been for so long. You are truly doing what Jesus would be. Stepping in to be with those most in need and helping to change their lives in his name. You could also read Matthew 25 verses 31 onwards. This means so much to me as it is through these verses that I am here. It really speaks out about what Jesus would do.

I am forever grateful for all you, your husband and your friends do.

Love lots ***Trish*** xxx

Epiphany Questions

(Mt 2:1-12)

Those men from eastern lands –

Were they kings?

When Terror rattles the bars

....You have been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shade from the heat; for the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall (Isaiah 25:4 NKJV)

Right up to the Jihadists of today, the tides of history show up the astonishing inability of violent power-mad men to learn from the past. 'Only with guns,' wrote Chairman Mao, 'can the whole world be transformed' (Mao's Thoughts, page 61). The Jihadists too have fallen to the lie - oblivious to posterity's verdict that resorting to violence to win your case is a candid admission that you have already lost the argument.

In Isaiah's time it was the Assyrians. Their supreme weapon was Terror; inspired by their distorted religious beliefs. By enslavement and exile, butchery, mutilations and beheadings, their aim was universal domination. Yet, despite the 'blast' threatened by their unremitting violence, the prophet predicted that this would eventually come to nothing as against 'the wall' that represented the stronghold of God's rule.

And so it proved. Assyria's capital fortress-city of Nineveh was taken in August 612 BC, by a coalition of Babylonians and Medes. The vivid Bible book of Nahum prophesied its downfall in amazing detail, as was confirmed later by 19th century archaeologists. Nahum foresaw the coming disaster as the judgment of God, in the words "I will leave you no prey on the earth." Its later name was Mosul – a modern city which today's Jihadists have battled to make their own. Their weapon is the gun. The greater weapon by far is prayer by God's people to Christ. The New King James Version gives us the true reading of Isaiah 32:2 in the words, 'A man will be as a hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.'

'It is prayer,' wrote Jaques Ellul, 'and prayer alone, that can make history'



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Epiphany Questions

Were there only men?
Were there only three?
Where did they find the child?

So much we don't know.
But we do know they left their homes and travelled far,
searching for truth and meaning.
We do know they brought three gifts, fit for a King.
We do know that the Star led them to Jesus -
that, filled with joy, they worshipped him,
and left Herod to his schemes at the end of their visit.
Oh yes, we know that they tuned in to God
and rejoiced in the revelation of his Son-King.

Some things we do know, then.
Certainly, we know they were Wise.

By Daphne Kitching

Glory and Simplicity

This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed at Cana in Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him (John 2:11)

At the age of eight, I was being driven by my missionary dad near Embu, on the lower slopes of Mount Kenya, when we suddenly drew up. "Look now!" said Dad. "Just here you can see how the road passes directly over a gully that was never dug out by human beings. It's always been there. They call this place Ndarasha ya Ngai –'God's Bridge.'"

Pantheism – the identification of 'God' with nature – was always the traditional mindset in East Africa, before Christianity took over. God was present - in a gully, in the rocks, the rivers or in certain trees. He was near, but.... tiny!

In much Middle-East belief, God is 'great'; transcendent and immutable – but.... utterly remote! He might reveal laws, but never his person, for He is unknowable and inaccessible.

But in Jesus, the glory of God becoming human has changed the entire outlook of two point three billion people today. The Incarnation has brought Almighty God near in forgiveness and friendship – and without shrinking him!

'We have seen his glory,' testified John, in his first chapter. Chapter 2, then, instances this 'glory,' with the turning of the water into wine by our Lord. Here is the very style of the Incarnation, when:

God takes hold of the ordinary What more simple than a baby in a cattle trough, a carpenter's shop in Galilee – or a crisis at a wedding reception? Life can never be dull when Jesus is present! Prove it yourself, this coming year! But then:

The ordinary becomes better For John's Gospel features seven miraculous 'signs' – all of them pointing, more and more, to the divine identity of the world's Messiah. Once we have started with Christ, we can expect more!

The best is yet to come The toast-master was unknowingly prophetic when he exclaimed, "Fancy keeping the best wine till the end!" So it was, with the saving 'hour' of the Cross and all that has followed since – for your salvation and mine.

The Roadmaker – a blessing for 2016

God be shielding thee by each dropping sheer,
 God make every pass an opening appear,
 God make to thee each road a highway clear,
 And may he take thee in the clasp
 Of his own two hands' grasp.

From Prayers of the Western Highlanders

Wydale Hall

Living Solo

22-23 January 2016

Arrive 5pm Friday, depart 5pm Saturday

Led by Rev David Mann.

Those who live alone, for whatever reason, have particular challenges and opportunities. This new addition to the Wydale programme will allow guests to share their experiences and discuss the impact their situation has on their life with God.

The overnight retreat will include social time, exploration of what the Bible offers, and time in groups with others in similar situations.

Gathering around Jesus in Luke's Gospel.

Monday 15 February 2016

Arrive 9.45am, depart 4.00pm

Led by Rev Angela Bailey.

Luke has many stories in which Jesus gathers an unlikely group of folk around him and builds community with them.

Often this involves a challenge to their expectations as God's kingdom comes close to people in their encounter with Jesus. This day is an opportunity to study some of these stories, to pray with them, and let ourselves be challenged by them. We will study Luke chapter 7.

We have deliberately scheduled this day to enable those in the teaching profession to participate.

Renewal Day

Saturday 5 March 2016

Arrival 10am for 10.30am start Depart

3.30pm (or whenever God has finished with you!)

Renewal Days are opportunities for people to come to Wydale and spend a day worshipping, receiving quality Bible teaching, praying and being prayed for.

There is no charge for this event but we would welcome donations for lunch, which will be provided.

For more info www.wydale.org

Star Wars and the Lord's Prayer

Star Wars movies, from 1977 to the present, dramatise the conflict between good and evil. Drawing on themes from various religions and locating fictional events in an imaginary galaxy 'long ago and far away', Star Wars feature alien creatures, robots and the now famous Jedi who represent good, versus the Sith who are evil. An omnipresent energy, known as the 'Force' is said to bind the galaxy together.

So, when the latest in the Star Wars pop-culture series was scheduled for screening just before Christmas last year, it offered an ideal opportunity to remind cinema audiences of the importance of prayer in the real world, by drawing their attention to a brand new website www.justpray.co.uk.

A one-minute advertisement was made by the Church of England, with a wide range of people simply saying or singing the words of the Lord's Prayer, leading to the website. The video was paid for by the Allchurches Trust and approved by the British Board of Film Classification. The company selling the cinema advertising space, Digital Cinema Media, actually said they would give a discount of 55% on their standard advertising rate. Months later, with no explanation for their change of mind, they issued rules which would exclude religious advertising on the grounds that it might offend.

News of this extraordinary ban hit the UK headlines, then went round the world. Within days, more than a million people had seen the video on YouTube and the justpray and other websites.

Unknown opponents then attempted to bring down the website and fill it with spam messages. They failed. So in spite of everything, people who want to pray can still learn the 'Our Father' by visiting www.justpray.co.uk

Welcoming the Archbishop of York!

We are delighted to welcome the Archbishop as he walks through our villages. **We hope that many of you will join him for some or all of this very special journey.**

0830 - 0900

Morning Prayer at St Matthew's, Hutton Buscel, led by the Archbishop

0900 - 0922

Walk to Wykeham Church via the footpath past the caravan site (0.72 miles) accompanied by parishioners

0930 - 10.00

Archbishop to visit Wykeham C of E Primary School to meet children staff and governors.

1000 - 1100

Walk to Cayley lane, Brompton via Ruston and A170 (1.57 miles) accompanied by parishioners.

1100 - 1130

Archbishop to visit Glaves Butchers for a tour of the business and to meet staff

1130 - 1220

Walk to Wydale Hall via Brompton Church (1.57 miles) accompanied by parishioners.

1220 - 1300

Archbishop to visit Wydale Hall to meet with visitors and staff, and for lunch

1300 - 1315

Travel by car to Snainton School

1315 - 1345

Visit to Snainton School to meet children, staff and Governors

1345 - 1355

Travel by car to St Stephen's, Snainton

1355 - 1415

Inspect church and meet with church wardens

1415

Archbishop to depart to Ellerburn by car



Pilgrimage Prayer

God of Our Pilgrimage, Thank You for Your Friendship.
Be the Fire Leading Us. Be the Star Guiding Us.
Be the Good Shepherd Calling Us. May the Spirit, Strengthen Us
For All that Lies Ahead. May Your Holy Angels, Surrounding Us:
Watch, Defend and Protect Us Against All Evil. Amen

The lady who gave us Hercule Poirot and Miss Marple

Dame Agatha Christie, the crime novelist who is probably as widely known as any modern writer in English, died 40 years ago, on 12 January 1976. Not least among her achievements is her play *The Mousetrap*, still in the West End after more than 26,000 performances. In its 64th year, it is the longest running show of any kind in the world.

But most people encounter Dame Agatha as author of one of her many detective novels, often featuring either Hercule Poirot or Miss Marple. She also wrote a series of six romance novels under the pseudonym Mary Westmacott, and 19 plays. Thirty of her detective novels were turned into films, and she wrote over 80 books in all.

Her detective novels have been described as both moral and theological, in that guilt and justice are at their core. It has also been pointed out that hers was a profoundly Christian world.

She was baptised into the Church of England and kept a copy of *The Imitation of Christ* at her bedside – as did her amateur sleuth, Jane Marple. Her outlook was conservative.

Born Agatha Miller in Devon in 1890, she lost her father at the age of 11 and went to finishing school in Paris. She married Archibald Christie, an aviator, in 1914, but by 1926 he wanted a divorce and Agatha disappeared, abandoning her car on a cliff. She was found 11 days later at a Harrogate hotel, registered under the name of her husband's mistress.

The couple divorced in 1928 and Agatha took to travelling. She met her second husband, archaeologist Max Mallowan, a big fan of hers and considerably younger, at a dig site in Ur. She married him in 1930 and they remained happily married. His work inspired many of her subsequent plots.

Transfusion of Life – 100 years on

1st January is the centenary of an important medical milestone. On that day in 1916, the RAMC (Royal Army Medical Corps) carried out the first successful blood transfusion, as we know them today – by using stored blood that had been cooled.

The desperate need to save men, who were literally bleeding to death in the front-line dressing stations from battle-field wounds, was the great motivation. Minds were focused, experiments tried, first class brains employed to find an answer. A hundred years later the procedure they employed on that New Year's Day long ago is still saving countless lives – indeed, most of us have probably received a blood transfusion at some time in our lives.

'Necessity is the mother of invention', the old saying goes. It's strange how many vital developments in medicine – antibiotics, more recently - have sprung out of the horrors of war.

The Way I See It:

'minute particulars' change lives

I was struck last Autumn by the way public reaction to the news was shaped by apparently small events – small, that is, against the backdrop of the 'big' news of the refugee crisis. One photo – of a Greek soldier carrying the body of a tiny boy who had drowned when a refugee boat sank – literally transformed public opinion in Britain.

The man leading the prayers in my church, who had pleaded with God to help us to wake up and do something about the plight of these people, admitted to me after the service that he had originally felt that stronger measures should be taken to limit this mass migration from Middle East war zones. 'What changed your mind?' I asked. 'Simple', he said. 'That picture. Instant conversion!'

I thought of that when I watched an elderly woman putting a bag of pasta in the food bank bin in our local Co-op store. Such a small gesture, but full of profound intent. And then I remembered the words of the poet William Blake: 'He who would do good to another must do it in minute particulars'. That's profoundly true, because our lives are built of 'minute particulars'.

Jesus pointed out to the crowds on one occasion that He, and the prophets of old, dealt with individuals. Not everyone was being healed, not every blind person restored to sight. If minute particulars would change things to the extent He did, then I'm all for them.

As the saying goes, I can't do everything, but that's no reason to do nothing'. There's probably a New Year resolution there somewhere.

Most popular Bible Stories: The Ten Commandments

We are now half-way through our series looking at the top ten Must Know Stories.

This month we look at the 10 Commandments (Exodus 20), the law which God gave to Israel.

The computers that we use on a daily basis have thousands of component parts which can go wrong. We need the Maker's instructions to guide us when things go wrong and show us how to get the most out of them. Human beings are also wonderfully complex, physically, psychologically and spiritually. We also have a Maker's handbook to show us how God wants us to live. This is the 10 commandments, which God gave to Moses on Mt Sinai. 'And God spoke all these words: 'I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery". (Exodus 20:1,2).

If we want to grow to become more like God, we have to take seriously the Commandments in our lives. The rest of the Bible could be described as God's repair manual, spelling out the gospel of grace that restores sin-damaged human beings to relationship with God.

How should we approach the 10 Commandments today? You may say 'I try to take them seriously, but every day I fail somewhere.' We have to admit our weaknesses, but we can turn to God for pardon and forgiveness. In the power of the Spirit, Christ brings us a new kind of life, in which our heart's deepest desire will be to go God's way and obedience will no longer be a burden.

God says 'I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.' (Jeremiah 31:33). The word of command becomes a promise of obedience: 'You shall not...'

Brompton Blog

With the New Year comes the need to plan dates for 2016 . Here in Brompton we will keep to our established pattern of events. Open Gardens, including Wordsworth's Wildflowers in All Saints, will be on the third Sunday in June which falls on 19th in 2016. I've been doing some research. Did you know that "our" William wrote three poems all with the same title "To the daisy" but only one to the daffodils? I'm doing a slot at Brompton and District Gardening Club's January meeting about the flowers which Wordsworth loved. Many people who are not regular churchgoers feel close to God through the beauty of gardens and we look forward to welcoming those who will look in to our historic Church as part of Open Gardens.

Mary Jones

From St Matthew's, Hutton Buscel

Firstly many thanks to everyone for your support to St Matthew's throughout 2015. It has been greatly appreciated. We have much to look forward to, in particular a visit from our Archbishop Dr John Sentamu who will be celebrating morning prayer with us on Thursday 7th January before commencing his walk throughout the Benefice. On Maundy Thursday evening we have Rev Ian Burkinshaw performing his 'Gospel of Mark', what promises to be an outstanding performance, and then in October our Dickensian Flower Festival.

A huge thanks to those who were able to attend and support 'Nearly the Goat'. I think we are all still smiling! The Riding Light Theatre Company were just delightful and a joy to watch.

We are recruiting! If you fancy helping with flowers or maybe reading one of the lessons, and we always need a helping hand with cleaning, please do get in touch. You do not have to be an expert flower arranger and if reading aloud is not your forte the peace and quiet of church is a wonderful place to practice and just have a go. We would love to hear from you.

Our very best wishes to you and our blessings for 2016

Beverley, David and Malcolm

Political leaders

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The puppy

A clergyman was walking down the street when he came upon a group of about a dozen boys, surrounding a small puppy. Concerned lest the boys were hurting it, he went to investigate. One boy explained, "We just found this puppy, and we all want him. So we've decided that whichever one of us can tell the biggest lie will get to take him home."

The minister was taken aback. "Don't you boys know it's a sin to lie? Why, when I was your age, I never told a lie." There was dead silence for a moment. The minister thought he had got through to them. Then the smallest boy gave a deep sigh and said, "All right, give him the dog."

Benefice Post Christmas Dinner

Downe Arms

Monday 11th Jan 2016

at 6.30 for 7.00pm

The Downe Arms have again provided
an excellent and very reasonably priced Post Christmas Dinner Menu
for the **Benefice of Upper Derwent**

Lightly spiced parsnip & Bramley soup with crusty roll (v)
Chicken liver pâté with spiced plum relish and wholemeal toast
Prawn and crab cocktail, brown bread and butter

Golden roast turkey, pecan & orange stuffing, bacon wrapped chipolata
Beef bourguignon with rich claret sauce with shallots & mushrooms
Herb crusted fillet of salmon with citrus cream
Red onion Tarte Tatin, ratatouille of vegetables, tomato sauce (v)

Steamed Christmas pudding with Chefs brandy sauce
Classic lemon tart with pouring cream
Fresh fruit cuts with summer berry coulis and champagne sorbet

Coffee or tea included

2 Courses £12 3 Courses £15 (including gratuities)

Following Dinner the evening will close with Compline led by Revd. Stuart Hill
Please notify Pat Wood Tel 01723 862227 or email
to book your choice of menu
by **Wednesday 5th January at the latest**



All in the month of January

250 years ago:- on 1st Jan 1766 that the Prince of Wales, James Francis Edward Stuart, died. Nicknamed the 'Old Pretender', he had laid claim to both the English and Scottish thrones.

175 years ago:- on 28th Jan 1841 that Sir Henry Morton Stanley, Welsh-born journalist and explorer of central Africa, was born. Best known for his successful search for the missionary and explorer Dr David Livingstone, and for his discoveries and subsequent development in the Congo region.

125 years ago:- on 6th Jan 1891 that the world's first penalty kick was taken by Airdrieonians FC in Scotland. (The first penalty kick in the English football league was taken by Wolverhampton Wanderers later that same year, in Sept 1891.)

100 years ago:- on 9th Jan 1916 that the WWI Gallipoli Campaign ended, with an Ottoman victory.

80 years ago:- on 20th Jan 1936 that King George V of the UK died. He was succeeded by Edward VIII.

75 years ago:- on 5th Jan 1941 that Amy Johnson, pioneering British aviator, drowned in the Thames Estuary near London after bailing out of her plane, which had run out of fuel and crashed in adverse weather.

70 years ago:- on 10th Jan 1946 that the United Nations General Assembly convened for the first time, in Westminster Central Hall, London.

65 years ago:- on 9th Jan 1951 that the United Nations headquarters in New York was officially opened.

40 years ago:- on 12th Jan 1976 that Dame Agatha Christie, crime novelist, short story writer and playwright, died. She was best known for creating Hercule Poirot and Miss Marple, and for the world's longest running play, The Mousetrap.

2016 - 'You have never been this way before'

A poll conducted last year of the top New Year resolutions included: getting healthier (63%); drinking less alcohol (57%); losing weight (34%); getting out of debt (26%) and stopping smoking (22%). However, what are our resolutions for 2016?

Do we want to spend more time reading the Bible and praying? How can we do this? Do we want to be a better spouse? How might we express our love to our spouse? Do we want to be a better parent? How can we demonstrate our commitment to the children? Do we want to make more impact at work? How can we demonstrate an attractive faith to colleagues?

When the people of God stood on the banks of the Jordan ready to cross to the Promised Land they were assured, 'you have never been this way before' (Joshua 3:4). At the beginning of a New Year, we don't know the future and how we will keep our resolutions. What can we learn from their example?

Keep your focus on God: The people were told to follow the Ark, symbolising God's presence, as they crossed the river. Let's keep our focus on God and His Word throughout this year and keep in step with where He is leading.

Consecrate yourselves: Joshua said, 'Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you.' (3:5). God has exciting opportunities ahead for us in this coming year! Let us dedicate our lives afresh to Him, as we let go of known sin and keep our eyes open on seeing God at work in all of our lives.

Will 2016 be a good year for us?

'In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years.'

(Abraham Lincoln)

How to keep those New Year Resolutions

We are full of good intentions at the start of each year. How come we fizzle out by February? Here are some tips to keep you going...

Be realistic. If you have a number of goals, do NOT attempt them all at once. Research has found that if you stagger your goals, you will have more success. So for example, if this year you want to spend less money, do more exercise and spend more time with your family, start one change this month, another in February, and start the third in March.

Be specific. For example, don't tell yourself: Lose weight. Decide exactly how much you want to lose. When do you want to lose it by? How will you do it? If you want more time with your family, how and when will you do that? The more exact you can be, the more likely you are to succeed.

Write it down. There's something about committing thoughts to paper that helps to cement your resolve. Why not start some sort of journal this year, to track your thoughts, your hopes, your goals – and your successes!

Tell other people. If you intend to do something, tell someone, and therefore you will feel more obliged to get going with it... your pride may keep you going when all else fails!

Focus on GAIN, not loss. Ever notice how many resolutions are about giving something up? Why not put it the other way round - instead of saying you will eat less, tell yourself you are headed for those skinny jeans....

Give yourself rewards. If you are quitting smoking or sweets, for example, put the money you would have spent in a jam jar, and treat yourself to something nice (and healthy) with it.

Break your resolution into steps. Some goals will take months to achieve. So – break each one down into tiny steps, and simply head for each step. Build in some time frames, to prevent you procrastinating.

Finally, don't let failure defeat you. You will make mistakes. But the secret is to simply get up again, and keep going. Only if you stop are you really defeated. None of us are perfect, and the Bible encourages us to always start again.

Softly

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A Quiz for January

In January the Church celebrates the naming of Jesus, the Epiphany, and the baptism of Jesus. And so our quiz this month is based on Matthew 2 and Luke 2 & 3.

Questions

- 1 Who said that Jesus should be called Jesus?
- 2 Which two people welcomed the infant Jesus at the Temple?
- 3 What would Jesus be to the Jews?
- 4 What would Jesus be to the Gentiles?
- 5 Whom did the wise men upset when they arrived in Jerusalem?
- 6 What three gifts did the wise men bring to Jesus?
- 7 How did the angel warn Joseph?
- 8 Where did Joseph take Mary and Jesus, to keep them safe?
- 9 In which body of water was Jesus baptised?
- 10 Who baptised him?
- 11 What happened when the heavens opened?
- 12 What did the voice say?

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1 The angel; 2 Simeon & Anna; 3 Mary would fall, and many would rise because of him; 4 A light for revelation; 5 Herod; 6 Gold, frankincense & myrrh; 7 In a dream; 8 Egypt; 9 Jordan; 10 John; 11 A dove descended; 12 You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.

Quiz Answers

Just for fun!



In a tradition dating back to 1477, the churchwardens re-enacted "Star Wars"



...you will, of course, need a pair of these if you want the full 'Lord's Prayer' experience...



"The Vicar's New Year Resolution is to attract more people by implementing a less formal approach to church-going."



THREE KINGS

Does Christmas seem long gone? Well, Christmas doesn't really end until Twelfth Night, 6th January. In the past all the 12 days of Christmas used to be celebrated with feasting and parties. January 6th is also the Feast of the Epiphany, which is the day on which the wise men, led by the star, arrived at Bethlehem. At Christmas we sang about Three Kings but we don't really know who they were, kings or wise men or where they came from – you can check the details in St Matthew's Gospel, chapter 2.



We do know that they brought very expensive symbolic gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh for Jesus, not the usual things that you would give to a small baby. Traditionally the gifts have a special meaning: gold is for a king; frankincense (sweet smelling incense) is for God and myrrh (a spice used to prepare bodies for burial) for mortal man.

THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

John appeared in the desert baptising and preaching and many people confessed their sins and were baptised. Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised by John in the river Jordan. As soon as Jesus came up out of the water, He saw heaven opening and the Spirit coming down on Him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my own dear Son. I am pleased with you".



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Can you find these words from the story in the grid above?

- BAPTISE • WILDERNESS • WATER
- FORTY DAYS • NAZARETH
- FORGIVENESS • GALILEE • SINS
- JOHN • JESUS • RIVER
- JORDAN • REPENT • TURN
- BELIEVE • HEAVEN • OPEN
- HOLY SPIRIT • GOD • DOVE • VOICE
- SON • LOVE • PLEASED • LORD

READ Mark 1: 1-13

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GOLDEN ANSWERS

All the answers to this quiz begin with the letters GOLD (well, can you find any words that began with frankincense or myrrh?). Answers at the bottom of the page.

Can you say which GOLD is ...

1. a small bird?
2. kept in an aquarium?
3. made from sugar and used in cooking?
4. a source of wealth?
5. a tall yellow flower?
6. ate the three bears' porridge?
7. won by a winner at the Olympics?
8. a 50th wedding anniversary?



What do you call a camel that's got three humps?
Humphrey.



Who rides a camel and carries a lamp?
Florence of Arabia.

- Answers: 1.gold finch 2.goldfish
- 3.golden syrup 4.goldmine 5.golden rod
- 6.Goldlocks 7.gold medal 8.golden wedding

Benefice Diary - January 2016

Sunday 3rd January

8.00 am	BCP Communion	Snainton
9.30 am	Sung Eucharist	Hutton Buscel
11.00 am	Holy Eucharist	Brompton
2.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Langdale End
6.30 pm	BCP Evensong	Wykeham

Thursday 7th January

Archbishop's pilgrimage at the Upper Derwent Benefice see page 5 for details

Saturday 9th January

11.00 pm	Wedding	Wykeham
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Sunday 10th January

8.00 am	BCP Communion	Hutton Buscel
9.30 am	Holy Eucharist	Wykeham
11.00 am	Holy Eucharist	Snainton
11.00 am	BCP Matins	Brompton

Monday 11th January

2.00 pm	Mothers Union	Snainton Chapel
6.30 pm	Benefice Post Christmas Meal	Downe Armes

Sunday 17th January

8.00 am	BCP Communion	Wykeham
9.30 am	Holy Eucharist	Brompton
11.00 am	Holy Eucharist	Hutton Buscel
4.30 pm	BCP Evensong	Snainton

Sunday 24th January

8.00 am	BCP Communion	Brompton
9.30 am	Holy Eucharist	Snainton
11.00 am	Holy Eucharist	Wykeham
6.30 pm	BCP Evensong	Hutton Buscel

Sunday 31st January

10.30 am	Benefice Eucharist	Snainton
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Monday 1st February

7.00 pm	HB PCC - Giving	Vicarage
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Saturday 6th February

10.00 am	Pancake Event	Snainton VH
4.00 pm	Messy Church	Hutton Buscel VH

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Dates for your diary . . .

Monday 1st February

Hutton Buscel PCC
Special Meeting on Stewardship
with Ven. David Butterfield
7.00 pm at the Vicarage

Saturday 6th February

11.00 am
Pancake Event
Snainton Village Hall

Saturday 6th February

4.00 - 6.00 pm
Messy Church
Hutton Buscel Village Hall

Wednesday 10th February

Holy Eucharist and imposition of
ashes
7.00 pm at Brompton Church

Saturday 13th February

11.00 am
Deanery Action Day
Middleton

Monday 15th February

Snainton PCC Special Meeting on
Roof Works with Revd Tim
Robinson
7.30 pm at the Vicarage