

Dear friends

## **The Light Shines...**

Some years ago the electricity substation where we lived failed.



After searching out the candles and matches I went outside to check if it was just our house. It wasn't. With quite a significant part of town without electricity all the light pollution had gone and it was like looking at a map of the solar system.

We lived at the top of a hill and as I came out of the door I was greeted with the most incredible sky, black with a sea of extremely twinkly stars. It was so beautiful we stayed outside and stared.

The following morning heading off to work I looked up to see the usual grey clouds, and then God gently reminded me the stars were all still there, even if I can't see them, just as He is always there.

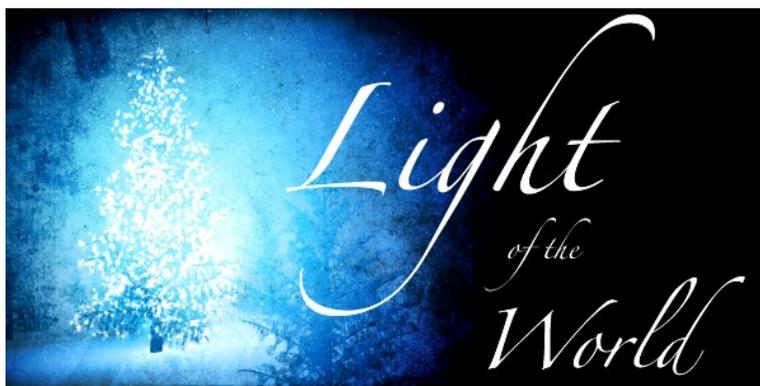
After the last eighteen months of Covid, it has perhaps been difficult to see where God is sometimes, within the difficulty, isolation and loneliness of what we have gone through but that is where faith comes in. Hebrews 11:1 '*Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen*'. As Christians, we live by faith, we trust in Christ the Light of the world. He is always there.

One of our themes this Christmas is *'The Light Shines'*. My prayer as we journey through this time towards Christmas and the New Year is that we too will look up and see the Light and lead of God remembering that He is always with us. It's alright if things aren't perfect, the turkey might still not have all the trimmings and some plans get laid aside, but in looking for the Light we meet at our common destination the birth of the Light of the World and a rekindling of that light in each one of us.

It leaves me to wish you and yours a wonderful Christmas full of joy, hope and light and for the promise of a healthy, safe and joyous New Year.

May you and yours be truly blessed in these coming months.

Reverend Stroma. X



From the Parish Registers

*We welcome into our church family.....*

Heath Otis Mustoe  
Willow Sofia Kinsey  
George Metcalfe  
Georgia Clapham  
Cooper Clapham



*I baptize you in the name  
of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit*

*We celebrate the marriages of.....*



Shannon Maud and Luke Taylor  
Sam Sharpe and Kirsty Aston  
Adam Wash and Rachel Froebel  
Claire Boardman and Michael Sullivan  
William Gilchrist and Joanne Pilkington  
Shane Beadle and Katie Beadle

*We give thanks for the life of.....*

Patricia Lawn  
Sheila and Philip Brown  
Mavis Pedel



And for all those throughout the world who have died due to Covid-19 .  
**May they rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon them.**

*For information about baptisms and weddings during the Covid-19 situation  
email [knaresboroughparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:knaresboroughparishoffice@gmail.com)  
Tel. Faye Wright 01423 869209*

# St John's News & Events



## .....From the Choir Stalls

I find myself writing this month's piece for Accord on the afternoon of Remembrance Sunday, one of the most important dates in the Choir calendar, as indeed it is in that of our town and our nation. This morning it was my great privilege to lead the choir, augmented by some of our friends from Cadenza, both at the service in St John's and later at the War Memorial in Knaresborough Castle. As always on these occasions, I was reminded of how fortunate we are to live when and where we do, and the terrible price paid by so many, both past and present, so that we might enjoy the liberties and privileges which are all too easy to take for granted. Remembrance Sunday is but one date on the calendar, but as we now prepare for the eager expectation of Advent and the joy of Christmas, let us also take some time to think of our servicemen and servicewomen throughout the world, and all those who work to preserve peace and protect freedom, some of whom will be far from home and separated from their loved ones during the festive period.

## Welcome

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Rachel and Martin Wallace as new members of the choir singing Alto and Tenor respectively. New recruits are always welcome, so if you and/or your children would like to be involved, please get in touch via the email address below. We are a friendly and supportive bunch and extremely flexible in terms of levels of attendance and commitment. Previous experience is less important than enthusiasm and a sense of humour!

## Christmas Performance by Forest School Choir

We are delighted that the children of The Forest School will be returning to St John's to share with us their annual Christmas performance on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm**. This is one of the highlights of the tree festival, so please come along and support them if you can. All are welcome!



## **Christmas Concert**

Our annual Christmas Concert will take place on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 6pm**. As well as performances from our own choir, we are looking forward to welcoming our special guests: Cadenza, Knot Another Choir, Voix Celeste and St John's School Choir. Admission is payable on the door (Adults - £10, Concessions - £5, Children - Free) and doors open at 5.30pm.

## **Nine Lessons and Carols**

What better way to celebrate the Nativity than to attend a traditional service of Nine Lessons and Carols on Christmas Eve amidst a myriad of decorated Christmas Trees? Come and join us on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 7pm** for the highlight of the Choir year and a feast of carols old and new.

## **York Minster**

It was wonderful to receive the news that York Minster will be welcoming visiting choirs again next year and St John's has the privilege of being the first of these, singing the services on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> and Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2022**. Full details of these services will be published on the York Minster website in due course, so please come along and support us if you can. It is always a pleasure to see some familiar faces in the congregation!

## **Choral Evensong**

A big thank you to our visiting organists during the Autumn Term: Peter Brand, James Lonsdale and Leonard Sanderman. Our first Choral Evensong of the Spring Term will be on **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022**, at the usual time of 4pm. It would be great to see you there.

If you have any queries regarding the above, or indeed, anything to do with music making at St John's, please feel free to drop me a line on: [mark.hunter83@gmail.com](mailto:mark.hunter83@gmail.com).

Take care and very best wishes to you and yours for Christmas and the New Year.

**Mark**

.....From the classroom

## 'Normal' school service resumed!

It has been wonderful to have school life close to normal since September, with all children in school and no more 'popping bubbles'. We have finally been able to enjoy mixing with others from the same year group at playtime, and we can eat together in the school hall at lunchtimes. Lessons, too, are more engaging as we can once more use resources and work in small groups.



One of the real joys has been having the children come together for times of whole-school collective worship. We all look forward to greeting Rev Garry on Monday mornings as he introduces a Bible story, the themes of which are discussed in class during the week. On Fridays, we celebrate individual and class achievements, and finish our week as we started it - with our school prayer. We really missed these times!

In October, we held our first Sanctuary Week of the school year with the apt title 'Finding Freedom'. Every child, from our newest Early Years starters to our Year 6 students, spent time in church engaging with a range of interactive activities designed to help them explore spiritual concepts and gain awareness and understanding of their individual value to others and to God.





In November, we joined with other schoolchildren in the town and 'planted poppies' in the castle yard as part of Knaresborough's Remembrance Day commemorative events. The children had re-assembled poppies taken from previous years' wreaths, adding their own touches with black buttons and new leaves. A group of Year 6 children 'planted' the poppies, adding them to the hundreds of others to create a spectacular display. The children expressed their feelings of pride in family members who had served our country.

On 11<sup>th</sup> November, we time of commemoration with a special which class presented to the assembled school they had been learning about Remembrance. stunning artwork, creative and thought-provoking poetry, and some local history with facts about the life of airman Ginger Lacey who had been educated at King James's School. Just before 11am, we heard the chilling sound of the Last Post, played on the trumpet for us by Eliza Mulhaire. Then followed a two-minute silence, broken by the rousing Reveille: the traditional soldiers' wake-up sound. It was a memorable morning.



marked our own assembly during some of what We enjoyed



Now, we are beginning the build-up to Christmas with Christmas Fairs, nativities, carols and Christingles all on the agenda. But, in the midst of all of the fun, we are mindful as a school of others who might not be as fortunate as we are. We remember them in our prayers, and we are planning this year's Advent Giving project.

We are so glad to be able, once again, to come to St John's church and engage with our wider church/school family. You will definitely be seeing a lot more of us!

**Jenny Byers**

## ..... From the Flower Guild

It was a delight to be able to create poppy arrangements for the Remembrance service after so long. The congregation was smaller as the groups of young people (Scouts, Cubs, Guides & Brownies) were not in church due to covid restrictions. Only three banners, including that of the British Legion were presented.

A full choir more than compensated for no brass band. Just one lone trumpeter and the two minute silence was as solemn and moving as ever as poppy petals floated gently down from the belfry. The whole service led by the Reverend Garry was as usual beautiful and moving.

We are now busy preparing for the opening of the Christmas Tree Festival with the Preview evening on 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec. Tickets for the Preview include viewing the trees and musical entertainment followed by food in the Hub.

A reminder that our co-ordinators Bernice 866539 and Antje 860463 will take calls for requests for flowers in memory of friend or family at any time of the year.

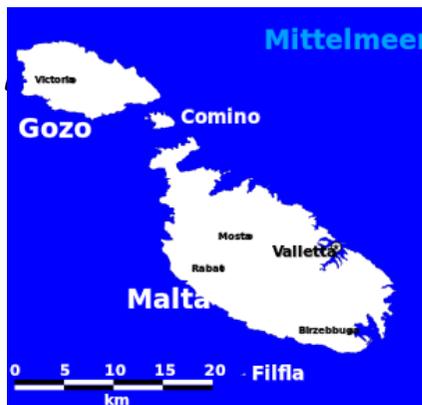
Pat



**CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL PREVIEW  
EVENING**

**FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE TIME FOR THE  
PREVIEW EVENING HAS CHANGED TO  
6.30pm**



## Pat Hewitson's History of Malta continued.....

The Arrival of the British Fleet in Malta  
 It is now 1798 and from the time of La Vallette peace had reigned as Malta grew and prospered. The work of the knights could still be seen in the first water supply in Valletta in 1730 as well as its beautiful buildings and those of Floriana and Manoel Island fort and many others.

The knighthood of Malta had run its course. The French Revolution some years earlier had turned Europe upside-down and the flow of money to the knights had stopped. Living a life of luxury with little to do they had grown fat and lazy. The morning came when they awoke to find they were no longer privileged aristocrats. Their rights and titles had been abolished and the Order was declared extinct.

General Napoleon Bonaparte on his way to conquer Egypt found Malta in his path and his to plunder. Leading his fleet of 472 ships in his flagship L'Orient he anchored secretly in Grand Harbour. The feeble and flabby last Grand Master made a deal with Napoleon and within twenty-four hours the details of surrender were signed and sealed. Malta was in peril again. Within seven days Napoleon left with his flagships' holds full of gold chalices and candlesticks, silver, tapestries and other treasures. He pressganged Maltese men into the French fleet and left a garrison of 3,000 troops so that the inhabitants of every town and village were forced to pay enormous taxes while their churches and the knights' auberges were pillaged of anything of value. The people suffered.

However Napoleon had reckoned without his old enemy, Lord Horatio Nelson, now forty years old and with only one arm and one eye, but still a superb tactician in battle. Malta was of great strategic importance to him and must not go to the French. "Malta is in our thoughts night and day" he said as he scoured the Mediterranean in his hunt for Napoleon. The French fleet having sneaked out of Grand Harbour had disembarked Napoleon and his army in Egypt, where Nelson caught up with him and almost destroyed the fleet including flagship L'Orient.

Malta received the news weeks later by a few French survivors who had managed to limp into Grand Harbour. Within hours the people rose up against their captors and the rebellion spread like wildfire. The French were driven out of Valletta and into the sea. Napoleons Commander-in-chief managed to escape, but most of the garrison were hunted down and slaughtered.

It was time for Captain Alexander Ball, Nelson's friend who had saved his life a few years before and was blocking the sea approaches to Malta, to come ashore. The French were finally defeated and in 1802 Ball was confirmed Civil Commander of Malta. He lived in St Anton Palace amid the orange groves and worked for Malta until his death eight years later and was buried at St Elmo fort. The British had arrived!!



# ST JOHN'S CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2021

DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup>

MONDAY - FRIDAY 12-5pm

SATURDAY 10am - 5PM

SUNDAYS 1.30 - 5PM

**There will be no booking system this year but a one-way system for viewing the trees will be in place**

SEASONAL REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED IN THE HUB @ St JOHN'S  
SATURDAYS 10AM-4PM SUNDAYS 1.30-4pm

LIVE MUSIC EACH SATURDAY  
RAFFLE  
FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> December - PREVIEW EVENING 6.30pm

This year there will be wine and a chilli to enjoy, plus musical entertainment in the HUB after the preview Tickets £10 contact [knartreefest@gmail.com](mailto:knartreefest@gmail.com) or church wardens

PLEASE BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY ALONG TO SUPPORT THE  
FESTIVAL  
ALL MONEY RAISED WILL BE SHARED BETWEEN THE CHURCH AND CHARITIES  
OF ITS CHOICE

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW WOULD LIKE TO ENTER A TREE THE  
DEADLINE IS:  
15th NOVEMBER

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION  
email Ann [knartreefest@gmail.com](mailto:knartreefest@gmail.com)



## MUSIC @ the CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

The Christmas Tree Festival will run from Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December to Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December (inclusive). The Songbirds will be returning to St John's to perform at the Preview Evening on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December and various local musicians and choirs will be performing during the three Saturdays of the festival. The full schedule has not been finalised at the time of going to press, but provisional details thus far are as follows:

| Saturday<br>4 <sup>th</sup> December<br>2021 |                   | Saturday<br>11 <sup>th</sup> December<br>2021 |                            | Saturday<br>18 <sup>th</sup> December<br>2021 |                              |
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| 10.00  | Tewit Junior Band | 10.00   | TBC                        | 10.00   | Harrogate Theatre Choir      |
| 11.00  | Treble Clef       | 11.00   | Martha Hayward             | 11.00   | Harrogate Theatre Choir      |
| 12.00  | St Mary's Singers | 12.00   | St John's Choir            | 12.00   | TBC                          |
| 13.00  | TBC               | 13.00   | TBC                        | 13.00   | TBC                          |
| 14.00  | St John's Choir   | 14.00   | Garklein Recorder Ensemble | 14.00   | Knaresborough Choral Society |
| 15.00  | TBC               | 15.00   | Voix Celestes              | 15.00   | St John's Choir              |
| 16.00  | TBC               | 16.00   | TBC                        | 16.00   | TBC                          |

## **Spotlight on.....**

### **Pam Thomas, churchwarden at St John's, Knaresborough**



#### **Tell us a bit about yourself.**

I was born and bred in Woodseats, Sheffield. I went to a local Secondary Modern School where I didn't achieve very much. I was a shy, very nervous pupil who was constantly being told 'I could do better'. I left school at 16 to begin my Nursing Training, my headmistress told me I would never make the grade and would be better going to the Domestic Science college that I had already got a place at.

So, I started as a Green Girl at the Royal Hospital in Sheffield. A green girl was a student who ran errands, did sluice work and was a general dog's body. At 18 I became a 1st year Student Nurse, the start of my training. In those days we did 3 months Block which was theory work and then you went onto the ward to do the procedures you had learnt followed by exams at the end of the block and also the end of the year. These exams were both written and practical. The training was 3 years 3 months but I do hasten to add despite what my headmistress said, I passed all my exams and qualified as a State Registered General Nurse in 1965. I really enjoyed my nursing years.

Also in 1965 I went on holiday to Llangollen and met Peter at a CHA holiday, we married in 1967 and that was when I moved to Knaresborough. We had an extremely happy marriage and raised 2 children, Karen and Darren. Peter and I did everything together one of which as a family we enjoyed walking in our beautiful countryside. I thank God for this wonderful time together.

#### **What do you consider to be your greatest achievement?**

Becoming a State Registered Nurse and going back to school to show my certificate of Qualification to the Headmistress who had no faith in me at all.

#### **How would you describe yourself in one sentence?**

A person who lacks confidence, but I hope that people find me friendly, helpful, and caring.

#### **What is your motto?**

Smile and the world smiles with you.

### **What is your food heaven?**

Roast pork and crackling and all the trimmings and I love a Chinese king prawn curry.

### **And food hell?**

Any pasta dishes, fresh tuna and pizza. I also cannot stand the taste of mustard.

### **If you had to go and live on a desert island, what would be your luxury item?**

My knitting and crafty things to keep me busy and also can I take some books including my Bible.

### **What is your favourite hymn?**

Thine be the Glory risen conquering Son and also Just as I am without one plea. The words are beautiful as I accept the invitation of Jesus.

### **What are you most thankful to God for?**

My life, my time together with Peter, my home, my wonderful children, Karen and Darren and all my friends. I thank God for walking with me at my side especially during all the difficult and sad times when Peter, Darren, and my Mum died.

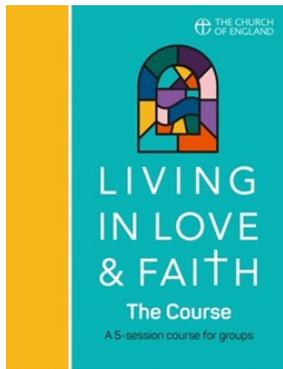


It's that time of year when lots of people turn to internet shopping for Christmas. Remember that the parish has two accounts with EasyFundraising – **Holy Trinity Church Knaresborough and The Hub @ St John Knaresborough**. If you haven't already done so, you just need to download the app and then click on it to find your favourite retailers to continue shopping.

Very easy and costs nothing, but a great financial support for both churches.

# Knaresborough Team Ministry

## Advent Study Course: Living in Love & Faith



How do questions about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage fit within the bigger picture of the good news of Jesus Christ? What does it mean to live in love and faith together as a Church?

The hope is for people in Church of England churches across the country to use the LLF resources to study and pray together.

The Church of England is keenly aware that issues of gender and sexuality are intrinsic to people's experience; their sense of identity; their lives and the loving relationships that shape and sustain them. We also know that the life and mission of our Church – and of the worldwide Anglican Communion – are affected by the deep, and sometimes painful, disagreements among us which have been debated and discussed on many occasions over the years.

These divisions have come into sharper focus because of society's changing perspectives and practices, especially in relation to lesbian, gay, transgender, bisexual and intersex people. The Church wants to understand what it means to follow Christ in love and faith given the questions about human identity and the variety of patterns of relationship emerging in our society, including marriage, civil partnership, cohabitation, celibacy and friendship.

The course explores these matters by studying what the Bible, theology, history and the social and biological sciences have to say, and by telling the real-life stories of followers of Christ with diverse experiences and convictions. Find out more about what the learning outcomes of the resources are.

We hope that people in worshipping communities across the country will get involved and use the resources to learn together.

We believe that the Holy Spirit will be active among us as we pray, study and deliberate together to discover Christ's call to the Church today. We do this with a deep sense of hopefulness for a future in which Christians can follow Christ together joyfully, fruitfully and with integrity.

**Monday nights by Zoom– 7.30pm to 9pm**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> Nov, 29<sup>th</sup> Nov, 6<sup>th</sup> Dec, 13<sup>th</sup> Dec, 20<sup>th</sup> Dec**

If you are keen to join then Revd Garry has the books... no need to do anything else, other than join the Zoom meeting

If you want to have a quick look at some of the material beforehand then please look on the Church of England website.

# Knaresborough Team Ministry

## Advent Study Course: Rhythm of Life



“...learn from Me the unforced rhythms of grace...”

During this year the Diocese developed the Rhythm of Life courses and materials for our churches and people to use across the Diocese helping people to concentrate on 7 areas of their lives to help them to ‘live life to the full’ (John 10:10) .

The Knaresborough Team took part in the Lent course online earlier this year which proved to be very successful and this Advent whilst Garry has chosen to do the Living Life in Faith and Love Course for our Advent Course we will also be running alongside that a couple of sessions of the ROL Advent material in order to reflect upon our thoughts of what it means to be Christians this Advent.

The hope of the ROL sessions is that by committing to shaping our life on a pattern of consistence, stability, and rhythm we learn to live life more fully. There is no one better that we can learn from than Jesus himself, the Word made flesh. In committing time to learn more about Him and His teaching, we can grow more into His likeness.

In particular as we prepare to hear again the story of the Incarnation ‘growing in His Likeness’ just as He grew in ours seems an appropriate way to focus and grow our spirituality and faith.

The two sessions we will be doing are:

**THURSDAY 2nd December 7:30pm -8:45pm** ROL Session 1: **Sharing:** reflecting on Philippians 3 and how we share and express our faith and our doubts. With some inspiring hymns and some worship from The Soweto Gospel Choir

**THURSDAY 16th December 7:30pm-8:45pm** ROL Session 2 **Praying** - reflecting on Mary and some of the stories of women in the Bible- what does it mean to be women of God now? With some traditional musical renditions of the Magnificat and Taize worship.

There is no charge for the sessions and you don’t need to bring anything with you. Before each session you will be sent the link of how to join with us.

**If you would like to join in either or both of these 2 sessions with us please let Revd Stroma McDermott know by e-mailing [stroma.mcdermott@leeds.anglican.org](mailto:stroma.mcdermott@leeds.anglican.org)**



# Holy Trinity

On 23rd November our Messy vintage focused on advent preparations and the meaning of the four candles in the advent wreaths and everyone had the opportunity to make their own advent wreath. Our December meeting will have a Christmas/Epiphany flavour so do come along and join in our festive fun on Tuesday 28th December.

For more information please contact **Denise Cullingworth on 07739398197**  
**Holy Trinity Church Hall**

**Tuesday 28th December 2021 at 11am**  
**Tuesday 25th January 2022 at 11am**  
(and every 4th Tuesday in the month)

**Refreshments including a simple lunch will be served.**

**Creativity- Celebration—Christ-centredness—Mission—Hospitality**



<https://messychurch.org.uk/messy-vintage>



Sincere thanks to everyone who sponsored members of Holy Trinity on the walk they completed in the summer, we raised over £1000, which has been shared between Water Aid and Holy Trinity funds.



## **Trinity Teddies at Holy Trinity Church Autumn Term 2021**

We are over half-way through the Autumn term and our numbers are back to pre-COVID times. There are a few places left so if you are wanting a fun-packed morning for your child and some adult company for yourself do come along.

Our craft activities are linked to our songs and rhymes time and enjoyed by all. We have celebrated 5<sup>th</sup> November and made a donation to "Children in Need". There is also a collection box for the "Food Bank" in the hall if you would like to contribute to that charity.

Hoping to see you on Thursdays between 10am and 11.30am.

***Dot Jelbert***

**Tel: 01423-441518**



# **INVITATION**

**Sunday 19th December @ 4pm**

**Traditional Carol Service in Holy Trinity  
Followed by mulled wine and mince pies**

**Christmas Day  
@ 10am in Holy Trinity  
Family service with Holy  
Communion**





# HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

## Christmas Fair

Saturday 4th December  
11am to 4pm

Sunday 5th December  
12noon to 4pm

Delicious lunches, Cakes and  
Preserves, Raffle, Gifts  
Tombola and bottle stall  
Books, bric a brac, jigsaws

And a visit by Santa himself

*Knaresborough Choral Society*

# Christmas Celebration

*Conductor Ben Crick*

**Saturday 11th December**  
**Holy Trinity Church,**  
**Knaresborough**  
**7:30pm**

**Tickets £12 (under 18s free)**  
**from members and Art in the Mill**

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| <p align="center"><b>Friday</b><br/><b>24th December</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Christmas Eve</b></p>   | <p align="center">3pm<br/>Christingle</p> <p align="center">7pm<br/>Nine Lessons and<br/>Carols</p> <p align="center">11:30pm<br/>Midnight Mass</p> |   |
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|  | <u>St Mary<br/>the Virgin<br/>Goldsborough</u>                  | <u>St Paul &amp;<br/>St Margaret<br/>Nidd</u>                          | <u>St John<br/>the Baptist<br/>Brearton</u> |
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| <b>Friday<br/>24th December</b><br><br><b>Christmas Eve</b>                     | 11:30pm<br>Midnight Mass  |  |   |
| <b>Saturday<br/>25th December</b><br><br><b>Christmas Day</b>                   | 10am<br><br>All Age<br>Worship                                  | 10:30am<br><br>BCP Holy<br>Communion                                   |   |

**Holy Communion Services are usually held  
 every Wednesday in Knaresborough  
 Holy Trinity at 10am and St John the Baptist at 11am  
 PLEASE NOTE There will be NO services on Sunday 26th and  
 Wednesday 29th December**



St John  
the Baptist  
Knaresborough

Holy Trinity  
Knaresborough

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| <p><b>Sunday</b><br/><b>2nd January</b></p> <p><b>Epiphany</b></p>   | <p>8am<br/>Holy Communion</p> <p>10:30am<br/>Holy Communion</p>                                | <p>10:45am<br/>Sunday Morning<br/>Praise</p>                 |
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| <p><b>Sunday</b><br/><b>23rd January</b></p> <p><b>Epiphany 3</b></p> <p><b>Week of prayer for<br/>Christian Unity</b></p> | <p>8am<br/>Holy Communion</p> <p>10:30am<br/>Holy Communion</p> <p>4pm<br/>Choral Evensong</p> | <p>10:45am</p> <p>The Eucharist</p>                          |
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**Holy Communion Services are usually held  
 every Wednesday in Knaresborough  
 Holy Trinity at 10am  
 St John the Baptist at 11am**

# St Mary the Virgin Goldsborough



## THE VALENZANO ENSEMBLE

### Concert at St Mary's, 26th September 2021

.....this time it wasn't "Banger Obligato" but rather Kalashnikovs which opened this enjoyable programme! That is, until I re-read the notes to discover it was, in reality, a composer by the name of Viktor Kalinnikov, the younger brother of the better-known Vasily. Joyce Martin's clever arrangement of these three Sacred Choral Motets by this little-known composer brought these pieces together with an accompanying translation of the Russian Orthodox liturgical texts. In a wonderful church acoustic and with the sun shining favourably against a background of beautiful Harvest flowers in autumnal colours, the capacity audience was transfixed.

The absence of live music in almost two years naturally heightened the whole experience and this talented Quintet once again brought us a fabulous line-up of music spanning over three hundred years from an Albinoni Sonata to the American Songbook. A highlight was Paul Cole's arrangement of Mozart's *Gran Partita*, the Serenade for Thirteen Wind Instruments adapted for five strings. Again, the audience was entranced.

During the interval, we were lucky enough to enjoy our drinks outside and finally catch up face-to-face with so many friends.

The second half brought us the more unfamiliar but very tuneful Dvarionas. He had been "unearthed" by Joyce at an earlier Valenzano concert four years ago. Interestingly, there is a Dvarionas Competition for young violinists and pianists held in his native Lithuania every four years.

Blissful Borodin, dreamy Debussy, swinging Shostakovich and dancing Dvorak all made an appearance, and we ended with Paul's skilful arrangements of Berlin's "Puttin' on the Ritz" and Kander and Ebb's "New York, New York".

We certainly had our money's worth after almost two hours of playing, but nonetheless the enthusiastic audience were reluctant to let them go – there were shouts of "More!", "Encore!" and "Bis!" We were rewarded with Laura Lindsay's fun arrangement of a lively Proms-style Sailor's Hornpipe from Wood's "Fantasia on British Sea Songs" with the audience spontaneously clapping, bobbing and toe-tapping as the rhythm gathered pace. So ended yet another wonderful afternoon's entertainment, enjoyed all the more after such a long time of enforced deprivation.

Thank you Valenzano! More, please! And you raised over £600.

**Jeanette Smith**



**St. Mary's Church, Goldsborough**

presents

# **Harrogate Male Voice Choir**

in a

## **Festive Concert**

**Saturday 11th December 2021**

**at 7.30 p.m.**

**Tickets £10 each, Family £25**

to include a glass of wine or soft drink  
and mince pie or Christmas cake

**Tickets from**

**Jackie Shaw 01423 863939**

**or Nicky Wynn 01423 864316**



# St Paul & St Margaret

## NIDD

In the last edition of Accord I wrote about levelling the burial area at Nidd. That's now been done, and the grass cut down and graves cleared for the winter. Nidd Church relies heavily on Nidd Hall (hotel) for congregation and churchyard care. Hospitality staff we all know are in short supply as are the hotel gardeners. I was talking to one the other day and she noticed that the church clock had stopped. Without a watch, she relied on it. She lived in the village and the situation reminded me of something I had read. The 1880 tower clock has been out of sorts. The striking had got "transposed": it gave a single strike on every hour and the multiple strikes on the halves, then it stopped completely. The engineer sorted it out but a sprocket had sheared off between a motor and the winder mechanism and the drive chain was hanging useless. He said considerable force was involved though how since nobody has been up there? Access is via a 15ft Jacob's Ladder – a vertical plank of wood, secured off the wall, with toe holes cut out of it. Definitely not for cowards like me!

Anyway, back to what I'd read, as I told the gardener. In the 1880's the estate workers, like her, relied on the clock strikes for their timekeeping. Lunch started on the strike of 12 and ended on the strike of 1. But, the 12.30 single strike was often taken as the end of lunch. The remedy? Silence the 12.30 strike. Nidd must have the only clock with a single half-hour strike, except at 12.30!

Change of Christmas routine at Nidd: we've always had a "Midnight Mass" but the for the elderly regulars, night driving is not easy. So, this year our Christmas BCP Holy Communion service will be at 10.30 on Christmas morning rather than 11.30 on the Eve. Everyone is invited to hear Canon Michael Hunter and the church clock, both fully functioning.

**David Andrews**  
Reader and Organist at Nidd

## Revelation

The silent screaming of the naked soul that sees  
First time the dark night of eternity  
And solitary stands to view the endless stars  
March outwards to the boundaries of the universe.  
No colour's there; all's grey or black or white.  
No twinkling stars, just gleaming, threatening light.

He sees the sheer immensity of space  
And sees and feels and knows a million, million miles.  
His world is shrunk, a boulder, dust or grain of sand  
And by his shoulder and behind him stands a threatening monolith.  
No other living thing is there  
Only the fearful Power that holds it all.

In terror then he falls upon his knees and hides his face  
And cries aloud "Dear God! Remove me from this dreadful place!"

One comes who takes him by the hand  
And voiceless bids him lose his fears and stand and look again.

He does so and this time he sees  
The whirling sparkling stars that joyful dance toward their  
Destination.  
And all is colour now and that fearful Stone transformed  
Becomes a protecting wall, a buttress.  
He hears the music of Creation and then he knows  
The joy and love that holds both him  
And the whole wondrous universe of God!

**ASB**

## PARISH FRIENDSHIP GROUP

The November meeting of this new group turned out to be very encouraging. Fourteen people (mostly ladies, but men are always welcome) enjoyed a pleasant afternoon of chat, a brain-teasing quiz and then a cup of tea. On arrival they were all asked to fill in a form as to what they would like to happen at this group as this is what we want to know. We are very open to good suggestions!

In December our meeting on Wednesday 8 December at 2pm in Holy Trinity Hall will be a Christmas 'party'. Members may bring a favourite Christmas poem or reading, and we may even sing a verse or two of people's favourite carols. We shall round the afternoon off with a seasonal tea.

Please do join us – if you could let either of us know that you may come, then we can ensure there will be enough mince pies, etc. Hopefully, after twenty months of isolation and inaction, this Christmas will be special, so do come and help us get it off to a happy start.

I should also mention that the following meeting will take place on Wednesday 12 January at 2pm, and we have invited a representative from Marie Curie to come and tell us about the inspiring work they do.

**Christine Cope (868545)    Anne Peppitt (864968)**

## PARISH FRIENDSHIP GROUP

**Wednesday 8th December at 2pm  
and  
Wednesday 12th January at 2pm**

**In Holy Trinity Church Hall**



## Café church @ the HUB



All welcome to come and enjoy free tea/coffee, cake, chit-chat and led prayer

**Friday 3rd December 2021 and Friday 7th January 2022**

**10.30am - 12noon**

**Come with friends or simply on your own**

**We look forward to seeing you there.**



### **Pastoral Support Team**

Just to let you know that our telephone volunteers are still happy to contact people who are feeling particularly isolated or in need of pastoral support .

We have received lots of messages of thanks from people who found the calls a big help during this difficult time but please let us know if you no longer require this support as our churches reopen for regular worship.

Printed pew sheets and copies of Accord for people who can't get to church will be available for collection and delivery by volunteers.

If you know of someone who might appreciate any of these things please contact:

**Anthea Green**  
**07946 419528**

**Denise Cullingworth**  
**07739 398197**



# Culinary and cropping curiosities

*By Sophy Potager*

Happy Christmas – even though as I write we are not yet in Advent. Now, and for the next three months, is the season of hearty warming soups, and yet I am often amazed at the number of people who have not learned the tradition of making soups at home. Our grandmothers all made soups as an easy and nutritious way of feeding the family and many of us still do. However, here is a basic simple set of instructions.



## Winter soup base.

Heat a little oil in a large saucepan and gently fry 2 finely chopped onions, a clove of garlic and 2 finely chopped sticks of celery. Let it simmer gently for 5 to 10 minutes until the onion is transparent.

That is all there is to it.

Then add – 3 grated carrots and some chopped coriander for carrot and coriander soup

- OR 2 diced potatoes and two finely chopped leeks for leek and potato soup
- OR 1 diced sweet potato and 1 diced butternut squash and a tsp of cumin
- Or 2 diced potatoes and a diced courgette and a tsp of basil

Or the whole lot for mixed vegetable soup!!! But start off with more onion base. Then add around half a litre of stock, or boiling water and a stock cube.

For larger quantities just use more ingredients, keeping the proportions roughly as above. You will soon learn to make your own varieties. If you make too much, all soups freeze very well. Soup makes an easy quick lunch with just a slice of bread. For a hearty meal serve with bread, cheese, pate, egg mayonnaise, salad, etc

I am sure there are many readers who have been making soup all their lives and have their own variations of both soup base and full recipe. Please send these in to Denise – we could maybe make a simple soup recipe book to sell as a fund-raiser.

## And in the veg. patch.

It has been so mild that some of us (including myself) have not finished the usual autumnal tasks. These are still leaves to come down, to rake and store in a bags or in polythene bags to use as a mulch. Perennials can still be split and potted up. Dahlias and begonias need to be lifted after the first severe frost.





But the main task for January is the pruning of apples and pears. I find the advice in gardening books or on line to be very unclear, especially the difference between tip-bearing and spur-bearing apple trees. However, do read up before you start. Having refreshed my mind with confusion I go out and look at each tree.

I try to get into my mind how I want it to look. Basically, the tree should be kept low so that all fruit grows within picking height. Growth in the middle of the tree should be cut out so that the eventual shape is of a wine glass. Then I begin by removing all damaged or dying branches. Then I remove branches that are crossing other and branches that are growing inwards. If I haven't cut back the water shoots in August then I reduce all these down to 2 or 3 buds. Step back and take another good look at the tree and then remove branches that are going to grow too high. Do not be afraid to be vicious in removing thick branches that are too high. Their removal will allow other fruit bearing growth to develop. An established tree can survive the removal of half its branches, though I tend to keep to removing only one third. I have in the past, when cutting down to size trees that have been allowed to grow too high, removed enormous branches 8 inches thick - and been rewarded with many, many apples the next summer.

I regularly visit National Trust and R.H.S. gardens and other places with ancient orchards. Ripley Castle vegetable garden has some really old and gnarled apple trees that bear fruit on low branches and have obviously been pruned hard back for decades if not centuries. Looking at these can give you a good idea of what you are aiming for. Do remember that we prune apples and pears when dormant, but cherry/plum/apricot/peach trees only when the sap is running, and then sparingly.

Other than routine jobs – cleaning greenhouse and cold frame, sharpening tools and cleaning bird feeders - this is a time of rest, recuperation and forward planning for gardens and gardeners alike. When thinking about future plans it is good to remember that it is not only the family who enjoy your garden. Gardens are shared with many residents, seasonal and permanent, and they will also benefit from your planning. If increasing the number of shrubs, then look for bushes which have bright berries in the autumn and winter, colour for your eyes and dinner for hungry birds. If planning for perennials, then think about the insects and plant flowers for them. Buddleias, honeysuckle, and many other varieties are both beautiful and good for insects and birds. Stay off the soils and let the worms do their bit. Relax and enjoy it.





## Thinking caps on for our December/January quiz

It's December and here we are with the bumper Two Month December/January edition of Accord – just like the Christmas and New Year edition of 'Radio Times' that bursts onto us at this time every year, facilitating meticulous planning of all our festive viewing and listening! Well, something like that, anyway. Knotty loves all the quizzes that emerge for Christmas and New Year – names of Santa's

reindeer, which song kept 'Fairytale of New York' off the number one spot in 1987, how many wise men visited Jesus (famous trick question), which country sends a Christmas tree to Trafalgar Square every year, how many maids-a-milking are sent by my true love by the 12<sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas (40, just to save you working it out) and so on – all wonderfully redolent of Brussels sprouts, nut roast, pigs in blankets and falling asleep during Billy Smart's Circus (that's going back a bit!) So, because Knotty knows your desire for festively themed questions will be well and truly sated from other sources, the quiz for this edition of Accord is of a totally non-festive nature!

With best wishes to all you quizzers for a joyous Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

### Knotty

1. Which Shakespeare play contains the stage direction 'Exit, pursued by a bear'.
2. December 5<sup>th</sup> this year is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of a ban imposed by the English Football Association. The ban wasn't lifted until 1971. What did the FA ban?
3. "At long last I am able to say a few words of my own. I have never wanted to withhold anything, but until now it has not been constitutionally possible for me to speak." Who spoke these words in a radio broadcast on December 11<sup>th</sup> 1936 and in what circumstances?
4. December is the twelfth month of the year. Twelve is a number of mathematical, religious, mythological and practical significance – Twelve disciples, Twelve tribes of Israel, 12 pennies in a shilling and so on. Just a few quick questions about twelve – (a) What is a 12 faced polyhedron called?; (b) Which of the planets in the solar system takes just under 12 earth years to complete an orbit of the sun; (c) Which part of the body is named after twelve?
5. The final of Strictly Come Dancing is an annual TV feature of December! Which celebrity won the 2020 competition, which Spice Girl came third in 2006 and which actress, psychologist and wife of a knight of the realm came third in 2010? Knotty is also contractually obliged to ask for the name of the town in which this year's contestant Adam Peaty was born (on December 28<sup>th</sup> 1994)?
6. Another iconic BBC TV programme has graced our screens every December since 1954 – 'Sports Personality of the Year'. Knotty reckons that Emma Raducanu is a shoe in for the title this year, and quite right too. Who was the last woman to win the title (15 years ago, shamefully, given the great female competitors there have been)? Who was the last female tennis player to be voted BBC Sports Personality of the Year? Knotty is again contractually obliged to ask for the name of the only Staffordshire born winner of 'SpotY'

7. December 26<sup>th</sup> is, of course, St Stephen's Day, 'The Feast of Stephen'. For what is he particularly venerated in the Christian tradition?
8. Which great Lichfield-born lexicographer died on December 13<sup>th</sup> 1784?
9. What act of defiance on December 1<sup>st</sup> 1955 in Montgomery, Alabama has taken on seminal significance in the history of the United States of America?
10. December 29<sup>th</sup> is the feast day of St Thomas Becket. His assassins famously took refuge in Knaresborough Castle, but which king's careless words are said to have instigated Becket's murder?
11. Which Scottish pop group had a hit with the song 'January' in January 1975?
12. By what colloquial name is the first Sunday after Epiphany known in Church of England tradition? (It's January 9<sup>th</sup> in 2022, get your wellies on).
13. Born January 31<sup>st</sup> 1921 in Philadelphia, USA, Alfredo Arnold Coccozza became an opera singer and actor, starring in the film 'The Great Caruso'. He died in 1959. By what name is he better known?
14. In Geoffrey Chaucer's 'Canterbury Tales' January (or 'Januarie') is one of the primary characters in 'The Merchant's Tale'. Which three of the following people did NOT contribute a tale to Chaucer's work: the Knight, the Digital Marketing Executive, the Friar, Sir Topas, the Abbot, the Squire, the Nun, the Innkeeper?
15. January 25<sup>th</sup> is 'Burns Night', celebrating the birthday of Robert Burns. Knotty will be tucking into haggis, preferably one of the wild variety from the Yorkshire Dales rather than one of the factory farmed specimens. Of the other Scottish delicacies that might be served up on Burn's Night – what is Clapsnot?; what is the role of the 'Clottie' in a Clottie Dumpling?; what is Cullen Skink?; and what is Cranachan?
16. Which South American city is on and named for a river explored by Europeans for the first time in January 1502?
17. Monday January 17<sup>th</sup> 2022 is a Federal Holiday in the USA. It commemorates and celebrates the birthday (January 15<sup>th</sup> 1929) and life of which major 20<sup>th</sup> Century figure?
18. First broadcast January 29<sup>th</sup> 1942, first guest Vic Oliver, theme tune 'By the Sleepy Lagoon'. What's the programme?
19. The spring terms of the English and Irish Law Courts and Oxford and Dublin Universities, which commence in January, are called the Hilary term. Why?
20. Which majestic vessel caught fire and sank on January 9<sup>th</sup> 1972, and where did it happen?



# How many did you get right in our November quiz?

## Check your answers below.

1. Guy Fawkes
2. All Saints. November 1<sup>st</sup> is All Saints' Day
3. November, spelt out in the NATO phonetic alphabet. November, Oscar (Wilde), Victor, Echo, Mike, Bravo, Echo, Romeo.
4. Richard Harris. Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone.
5. 31. March (3 & 31), May (5 & 31), July (7 & 31) and February in Leap Years (2 & 29).
6. The Clangers.
7. St Martin
8. The fourth Thursday in November.
9. Henry Morton Stanley met Dr David Livingston in Ujiji in what is now Tanzania.
10. Pope John XXIII.
11. Sodium.
12. The words 'a bustle in your hedgerow' are included in the Led Zeppelin song 'Stairway to Heaven' which was a track on the album 'Led Zeppelin IV' released on 8/11/71 (Fifty years ago!!! Goodness gracious, it can't really be half a century old!!!)
13. 'Stir Up Sunday'. Named so after the beginning of the collect for the day in the Book of Common Prayer, "Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people". Making Christmas Pudding, or Christmas Cake.
14. 1921.
15. Legend has it that in AD 832 Óengus II led an army of Picts and Scots into battle against a much larger force of Angles. Praying before the battle, Óengus vowed that if victorious he would appoint Saint Andrew as Scotland's Patron Saint. On the morning of battle white clouds forming an X shape in the sky appeared. Óengus and his army, emboldened by this apparent divine intervention, fought and prevailed. Óengus interpreted the clouds' appearance as representing the cross of St Andrew and honoured his vow.
16. St Andrews – they are the names of the 7 golf courses which form the St Andrews Links.
17. Czechoslovakia.
18. The assassination of President John F Kennedy on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 1963.
19. Stoke on Trent.
20. Association Football, Cricket, Field Hockey, Bandy and American Football have 11. Canadian Football, Shinty and Ladies' Lacrosse have 12 players on a team; Men's Lacrosse, 10; Hurling and Gaelic Football, 15; Netball, 7.





## PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

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| <p><b>4th<br/>December<br/>2021</b></p> | <p>Bibletrack seminar: reading the bible, part 2, Jane Williams<br/><br/>(DVD and facilitated discussion)</p> | <p>Zoom only (facilitated by Dave Bolton and HST&amp;M team members)<br/><br/>10.00am –11.30am</p> |
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**Live lectures:** live lectures attended in person: STILL ONLY £8 per session, including breakfast and mid-morning refreshments (Covid guidance allowing); students: £5 per lecture:, under 18's free. Fees payable preferably in advance by the online booking system *Eventbrite* or on the day by contactless card or cheque to Harrogate School of Theology and Mission. Zoom live-stream of lectures: £5 per person, bookable via *Eventbrite*.

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## St Mary's Goldsborough

### Food Bank collection for St Peter's Church Harrogate

Members of the congregation of St Mary's Goldsborough and others who live in the village have been regularly donating tinned and packet food for the Food Bank at St Peter's Church in Harrogate this last year.

The staff at the food bank work very hard to provide meals and give out food parcels to those in the community that require this fundamental support. The staff recognise and are very grateful for the consistent support from St Mary's.

So many many thanks for your generosity and the regularity of your donations.

**Nicky Wynn**



CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2021

# New Life Ghana



## Health card success

Thank you so much for your support towards the provision of health cards for the staff of Diamond Hill School and the people of Honi village. This appeal has been one of our great successes of the past few years and now all who need a health card have one and there is enough money left in reserve to renew these when required. For this reason, we will not be having health cards as part of our Christmas appeal but have 3 exciting new projects for you to contribute to. Our Christmas appeal this year is 'Christmas in a Box'.



Scan the QR codes on the Christmas Appeal poster to donate or click the links on the homepage of our website.



### Christmas Party Box

Last year, you enabled the children to have a Christmas outfit made especially for them. This year, we would like them to receive their special outfit, which is traditional in their culture, and also party accessories to help them celebrate Christmas.

### Christmas Gift Box

These boxes will be given to children in Honi and other villages, who attend government schools and may not be able to afford school supplies. They will contain stationery and other items they will need for the new term in January.

### Christmas Dinner Box

We would like to reward the staff of Diamond Hill School for their hard work and commitment through the last year by providing them with a Christmas dinner in a box. Their present will also include essentials such as rice, tomato paste and oil to see them through the festive season.

# Christmas in a Box



New Life Ghana are raising money to help our friends in Ghana run their Christmas initiative. Scan the QR codes to donate through Golden Giving.

## Christmas party box

Party clothes and accessories so children can have a special day.



## Christmas dinner box

Tasty Christmas dinner for Diamond Hill School Staff.

## Christmas gift box

Gifts of stationery and school supplies for students.



Or visit [www.newlifeghana.co.uk](http://www.newlifeghana.co.uk)

# CHRISTMAS

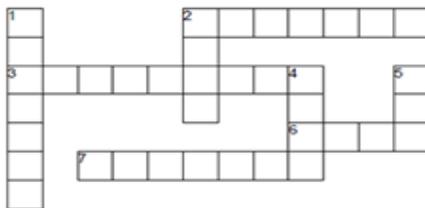
On Christmas morning, we may wake up to find brightly-coloured packages tied up with pretty ribbons and bows. But would you be as excited if the only parcel with your name on it was wrapped in plain brown paper and tied up with string, what might be your reaction?

So many people miss out on God's gift of Jesus because he didn't come in fancy wrapping. Jesus' mother was a young virgin... His earthly father was a poor carpenter... He was born in a stable. Not a very pretty package, is it? Yet despite the wrapping, Jesus is the greatest gift the world has ever known. He offered us salvation and eternal life with God! Through Jesus, God sent us the gift of His love, but some people are so busy unwrapping the beautifully wrapped packages this world offers that they have missed out on the greatest gift of all.

## The Gift of Love

"Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"  
Luke 1:45 (NIV)

Complete the activity below.



### ACROSS

2. To accept as true
3. The mother of John the Baptist
6. The mother of Jesus
7. To agree to do something for someone in the future

### DOWN

1. Highly favored by God
2. An infant; a young child
4. The place where a person lives
5. The feeling of great happiness

ELIZABETH  
JOY

PROMISE  
MARY

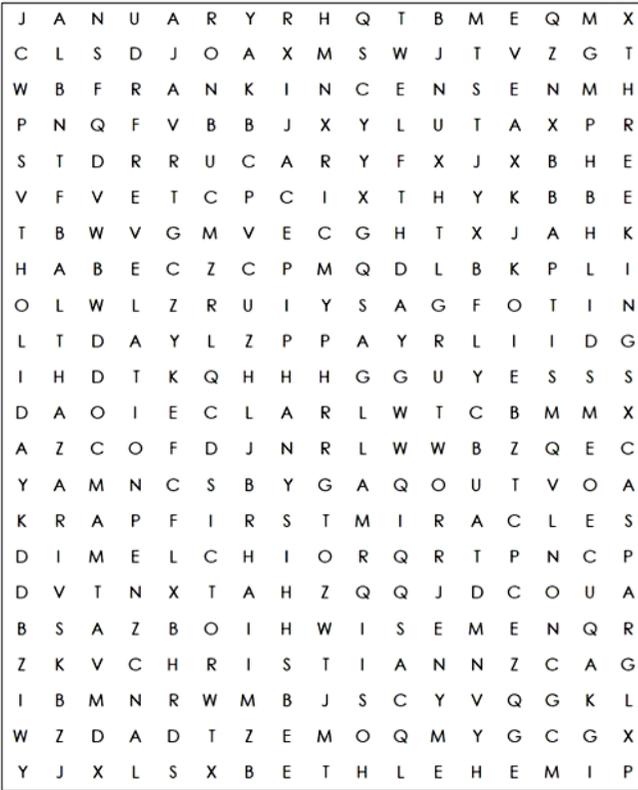
BLESSED  
HOME

BELIEVE  
BABY

# Accord

# EPIPHANY

## Epiphany Word Search



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| FIRST MIRACLE | REVELATION | MELCHIOR |
| FRANKINCENSE  | BALTHAZAR  | BAPTISM  |
| WISE MEN      | BETHLEHEM  | HOLIDAY  |
| THREE KINGS   | CHRISTIAN  | JANUARY  |
| TWELFTH DAY   | EPIPHANY   | CASPAR   |

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