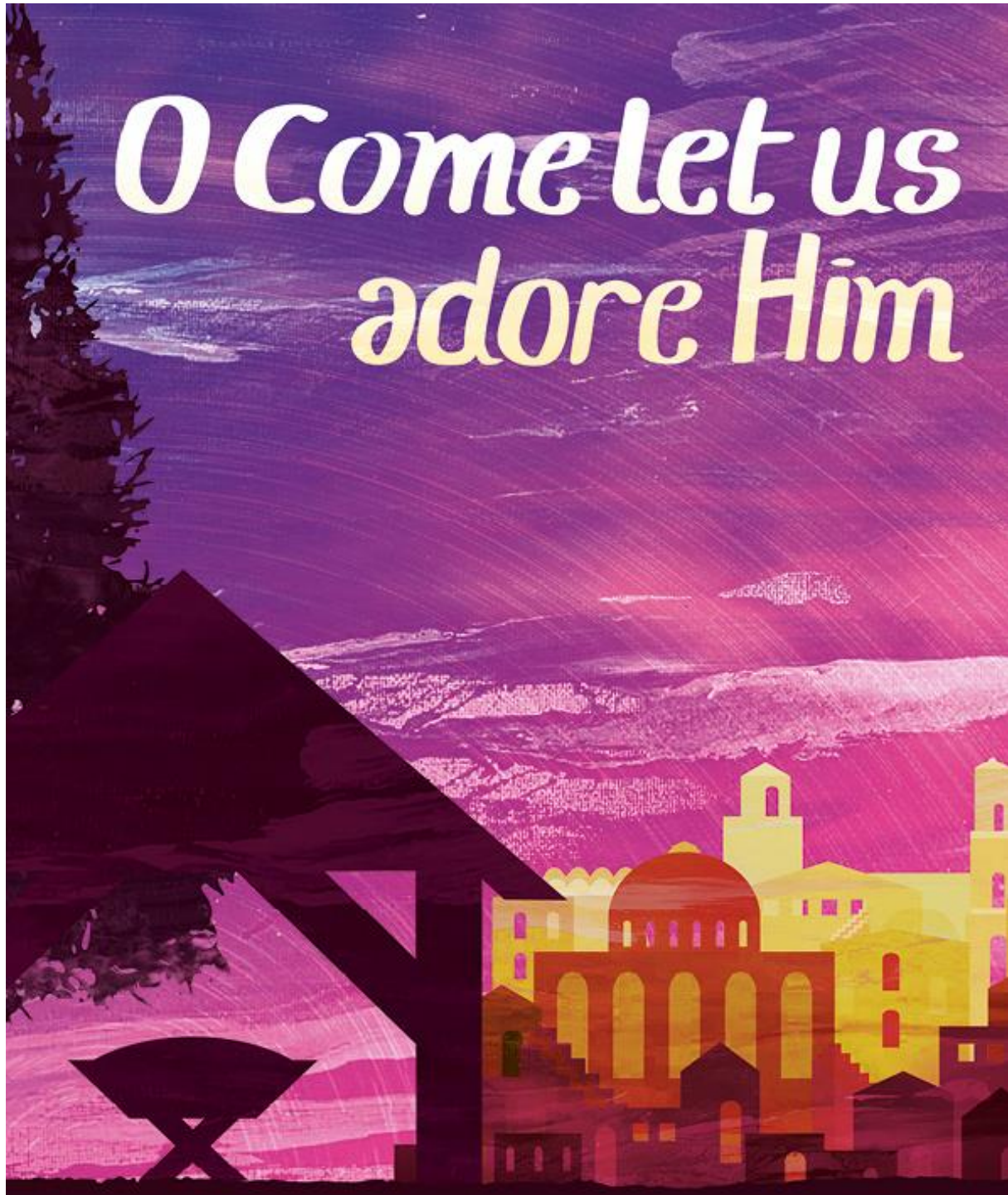


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from the Vicar

December 2020

Revd. Ed Dines

Dear friends and family of St Luke's & Mark's,

Romans 8:28 God works in all things for the good of those who love Him, who are called according to His purpose.

Many people in the church may be feeling a bit lost or worried about what might happen in the future with Mike having stepped down from duties (even though he may not have quite *physically* left yet!). Some may feel excited about how the future may pan out with refreshed or renewed buildings. Still others may be preoccupied with the coronavirus and how will it all end? In all these cases we remember that *God is good*. Despite what happens, despite all that may come our way, good and bad, we cling to God, knowing, He is faithful and He knows all that is needed for each and every one of us. But the key word in that sentence is 'cling'... God does reach out to all, but it is only to those who cling to God who find they recognise His provision. It is only those who have faced the challenges and joys of life as they *welcomed* Christ at their side, who realise quite how good He is and exactly how much He can be trusted! (which is completely of course). If you are facing doubts ... that is fine, but tell your doubts to God and then *look* for what His answers are to your doubts. Little by little you will begin to see His hand at work in what is happening around you. Be patient. God is faithful. Keep watch.

In December, we welcome priests from both St Faith's and Christ Church as they take it in turns to lead services every month at St Luke's. December 6th sees the Vicar of Christ Church, Revd Simon Cansdale, leading the 9.30am service and I know he, and all those who come, will receive a warm welcome from the congregation. Thank you in advance! I too will be leading services every month, though it will be the *evening* service every second Sunday plus others whenever possible. Thanks too to the Luke@10 team (Margaret, Mary, Lionel & Jasmine) who also have committed to the second Sunday in the morning at St Luke's. With St Mark's being covered by Marianne for the 10.30am service and Christopher and James the 8am twice a month, it means we have been able to maintain most of the usual services. Many of you will be wondering what Christmas services are happening in December - I am too!! We are making hopeful, if more limited, plans. We will give you as much notice as possible as soon as we know more about restrictions after lockdown, which will hopefully have finished by the time you read this! As you know, we had to cancel Mike & Kate's farewell service and we will instead be saying a proper goodbye to them at the February 14th, 9.30am service at St Luke's (booking essential). See you there!

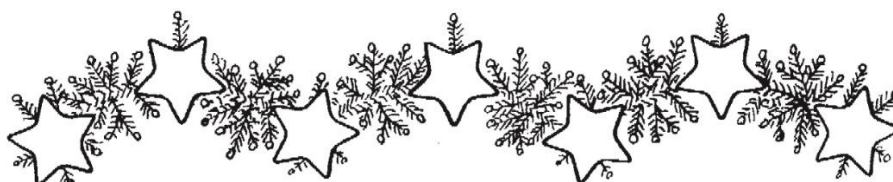
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Rev Ed



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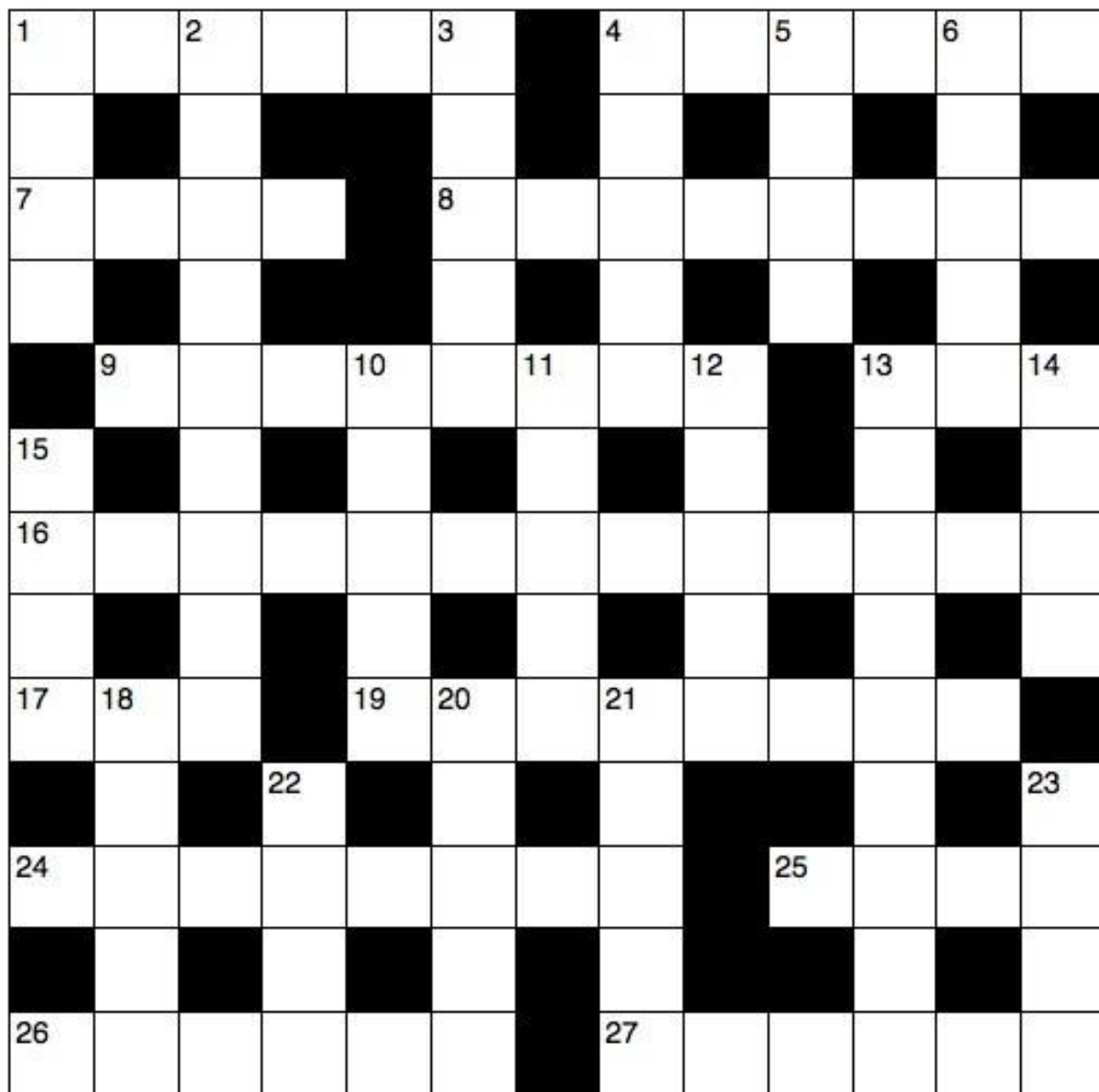
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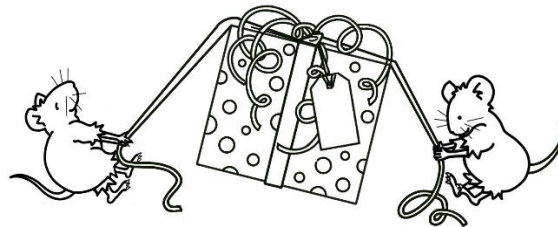


Across

- 1 Rely (Psalm 62:7) (6)
- 4 'He stretches out the heavens like a — , and spreads them out like a tent to live in' (Isaiah 40:22) (6)
- 7 What the dove carried the olive leaf in, when it returned to Noah's ark (Genesis 8:11) (4)
- 8 Annoy (1 Samuel 1:6) (8)
- 9 Judah's last king, who ended his days as a blind prisoner in Babylon (Jeremiah 52:11) (8)
- 13 'They all — and were satisfied' (Luke 9:17) (3)
- 16 Eliphaz the Temanite was one; so was Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite (Job 2:11; 16:2) (4,9)
- 17 National Association of Evangelicals (of the USA) (1,1,1)
- 19 Popular song for New Year's Eve, Auld — — (4,4)
- 24 Able dock (anag.) (8)
- 25 The number of stones David chose for his confrontation with Goliath (1 Samuel 17:40) (4)
- 26 Elgar's best-known 'Variations' (6)
- 27 Soak (Isaiah 16:9) (6)

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- 1 Money owing (Deuteronomy 15:3) (4)
- 2 Conciliatory (Titus 3:2) (9)
- 3 'Do this, whenever you — it, in remembrance of me' (1 Corinthians 11:25) (5)
- 4 A group assisting in the governance of the Roman Catholic Church (5)
- 5 One of the gifts Joseph's brothers took with them on their second journey to Egypt (Genesis 43:11) (4)
- 6 'Reach out your hand and — — into my side. Stop doubting and believe' (John 20:27) (3,2)
- 10 Be outstandingly good (2 Corinthians 8:7) (5)
- 11 'What — — that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?' (Psalm 8:4) (2,3)
- 12 Horse's feet (Judges 5:22) (5)
- 13 Notice (Deuteronomy 17:4) (9)
- 14 Comes between 2 Chronicles and Nehemiah (4)
- 15 One of Israel's northern towns conquered by Ben-Hadad (1 Kings 15:20) (4)
- 18 Narnia's Lion (5)
- 20 One of the two rivers in which Naaman would have preferred to wash (2 Kings 5:12) (5)
- 21 Avarice—one of the evils that come from inside people (Mark 7:22) (5)
- 22 Knight Grand Cross of St Michael and St George (1,1,1,1)
- 23 Jacob's first wife (Genesis 29:23) (4)



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A CHILD REMEMBERS

ONE DAY IN 1932

We questioned him as rigorously as Inspector Morse would have done. "You told me you used to dream a lot and suffered frequent nightmares. Yet you're claiming this was a vision. How was it different this time?" "Yes, it was a dream all right," he replied, "but a dream unlike anything I've experienced, before or since, and it changed the course of my life. After all, doesn't the Bible tell us of individuals who received important instructions through dreams? It really was a jolly long time ago, I know, but it still seems more like last week. It was so vivid."

Mother, who was very scientifically-minded, talked to me about God the Creator as the great Scientist who both designed the Universe and kept the whole show going, rather like the Chief Mechanical Engineer of one of the railway companies I so much admired. If I ever met God, I hoped He would explain how He kept the Earth *up* as it went spinning round the Sun.

I remember vividly the house where I grew up and its surroundings. I was the eldest child, aged 6, having a younger sister and brother. My parents were very kind, but ever anxious that I should be brought up on the right principles. Quite a while earlier they had decreed, wisely or otherwise, that I should sleep in a room on my own. This I did not like! Even though Mother lit a night-light (slow-burning safety candle) on the mantelpiece at bedtime, I still suffered serious night terrors. Awake, I was afraid. Radio music from downstairs, half-heard and distorted through the floor, seemed melancholy and depressing rather than comforting. Sleep brought frequent nightmares.

Their origin is rather obscure: somewhere, somehow, I had received a bad fright. Perhaps there had been a real event, but it may have been the descriptions of cruelty to children in the Charles Kingsley story that mother read to me. And some even enjoyed being cruel. English boys imbibed the "stiff-upper-lip" principle at a very tender age. We used to criticize the Germans who had a saying, "Deutsche Jungen weinen nicht." (German boys don't cry), but how like them we were. There was a curious mixture of toughness and fear, pride and shame. I was a solemn little soul: neither humour nor courage had much of a chance. This was one thing I just couldn't discuss with Mother.

However, there were plenty of subjects we did discuss. She was a Maths graduate and scientifically-minded: she spoke interestingly about many things. She taught me about God, who had created the world and everything and everybody in it. He was always in charge and always present, even though you couldn't see Him. At this stage in life, her definition meant more to me than ideas about the Jesus they talked about at Sunday School and at Morning Services in Church, taken by Mr Darleston, the minister my parents so much admired. (I admired him too, because he gave me a model railway turntable for Christmas; a handsome addition to my new train set.)

Our house was called "Wychwood". It was adjacent to a public park, where I often walked, rode a tricycle or helped to push my sister's pram. In daylight the outlook was pleasant, especially in summer when we could see the fountains and luxuriant flower-beds, almost looking as if they were extensions of our own garden, and the men going up and down with their motor-mowers trimming the grass. But at night the owls hooted – a wild, weird sound. Somehow, they represented evil and I was convinced they were in league with the witches. The witches? Yes, their one aim of course was to beat me and snatch me away. Frequent nightmares, night after night, repeated this theme. "They" were always awaiting their chance to sneak up and catch me when Mother wasn't around.

Sometimes this fear spilled over into the daytime: although past 5 years old I disliked being left alone in a room. It was well known that witches would stop at nothing. In one of my dreams I heard them discussing what they would do with me. I even suspected them of hitching rides to reach the house on one of the Foden steam lorries which used to trundle up and down the main road. Witches liked moonlight; I knew. Once I marked the position of a moonlight shadow on the windowsill. Over a short time, it had moved perceptibly. This struck me as sinister. I felt the chill of a silent menace and looked away from the window.

There were some pictures in our house that affected me strongly. About one particular picture I had a very curious misconception, which had in the end a fortunate outcome. It was a reproduction of Henry Holiday's 1883 painting of the poet Dante Alighieri encountering his beloved Beatrice by a bridge over the Arno in Florence. Perhaps through picking up a fag-end of adult conversation about this picture, I had got entirely the wrong end of the stick. Ignorant of the story of Dante, the Shakespeare of Italian literature, I thought that this tall, strong, grave figure in a dark, flowing robe, surmounted by a floppy medieval cap, was meant to represent the Almighty, none less than God the Father himself.

This one particular night I fell asleep and started dreaming as usual. The grown-ups were eagerly talking things over, as they often did. The word went round: God Himself was going to pay a visit to Crouch End. I was all ears. Perhaps Mother would be able to take me there to watch Him pass by. I supposed He would be holding a conference with the Minister and other responsible persons in the church. What tremendous discussions would go on! Next came even better news on the grape-vine: He would actually be calling in at Wychwood! This was an honour indeed! Well, Dad was a Deacon of course . . . I was so curious to see what God really looked like. And as for what He might say!!

Then came an even bigger shock. A broad-shouldered man in the prime of life was sitting by my bed. I knew at once it was Him! How? Because He was wearing the Dante costume! (Only the cap was missing: He was bare-headed.) So, He had come to see me personally, short-circuiting the hierarchy. What about Dad and Mother, the Minister, the Deacons, all the senior people who must be queueing up for an audience, yet He had come to see me in the middle of the night when I was all by myself. The face that looked at me was manly, yet full of gentleness. The mouth was neither questioning, nor reproving, nor laughing at me, but it was on the very verge of a smile. The eyes totally enthralled me: they were deep, deep pools of utter serenity. I watched with intense interest and waited for Him to speak. No doubt He would have information for me and explanations, I hoped, of all those puzzling questions I'd tried to understand. Then, probably, instructions about the things I was to do, or not do. Information and instructions, in equal measure, were what I had come to expect from the highly articulate adults who surrounded me.

God said nothing. Nothing at all. He just looked at me. The night's surprises were still not over. Suddenly He started to bend down towards me holding out His arms. He was actually going to pick me up! I sat bolt upright in bed and hunched up my knees in anticipation. He scooped me up and put me on His right shoulder, just as Daddy used to do. I don't think He put the light on; anyway, there seemed to be enough light to see Him perfectly well. Though the rest of the room was in darkness, I felt safe as never before. I was facing towards the window which overlooked the park where the trees were black and threatening shapes. So what? Nothing could harm me now. I was perched on God's shoulder, the safest place to be in the whole universe. I felt exultant: now the witches and their allies stood no chance!

Held in this way, I was facing one way and God the other. While He wasn't actually looking – it wouldn't have been polite otherwise – one could take the only chance in a lifetime just to reach out and feel that robe, to find out what sort of material it was made of . . . Ah, just as I thought. It was super-soft to the touch. Must be very expensive indeed, I reckoned. God was therefore rich. Now that idea to me was most reassuring. It meant that He had immense resources and there was nothing He couldn't achieve.

I was gently laid back in the bed and the figure slipped away. When I awoke in the morning, I was at first struck with disappointment at the realization that He hadn't actually said anything from first to last. Why not? Then it dawned - perhaps after all He hadn't needed to. He had certainly communicated. He had shown me He loved me. I would never be alone. He was in charge and if that was so, there was nothing to fear. I was never again troubled by those nightmares. I told my parents about the dream, that strange dream that was more like a vision. They were happy for me.

It was Mother, I think, who later explained about the famous poet. Sometimes I imagine the Lord saying: "Well, I don't mind dressing up as Dante for the sake of this child, but I draw the line at wearing that ridiculous cap!"

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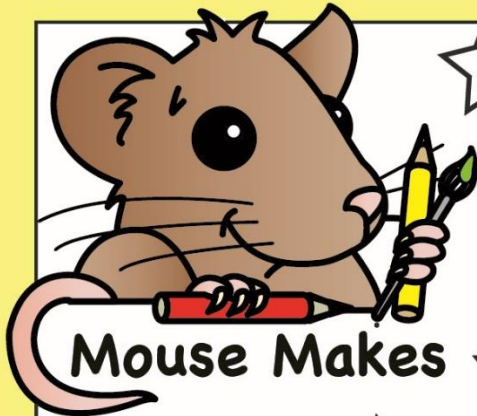
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Children's Pages

December 2020



"I bring you **good news** that will bring great **joy** to all people. The **Saviour** has been born today! ...

Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased".

from Luke 2 vs. 10,11,14

HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

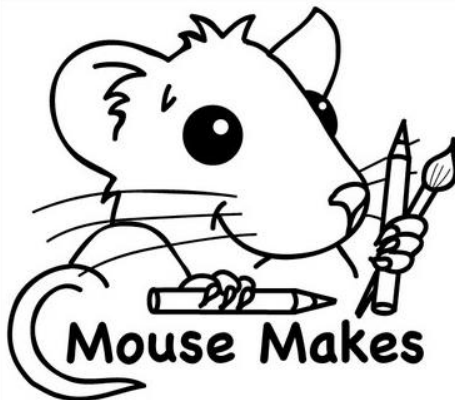
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New Year



"Oh, Teach us
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Teach us to live
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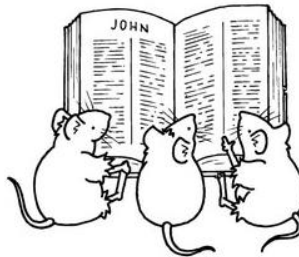
from Psalm 90:12 MSG



"This is the day the Lord has made,
Let us rejoice and be happy today!"

Psalm 118:24

"**Trust** in the Lord with all your heart;
do not depend on your own understanding.



Seek his will in all
you do, and He
will show you which
path to take.

Proverbs 3:5-6

"Always be full of joy.
Never stop praying.

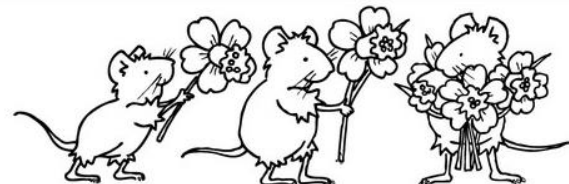


Whatever happens,
always be thankful."

1 Thessalonians 5:17

"Be kind and loving to each other,
and forgive each other
just as God forgave you in Christ."

Ephesians 4:32



"The Lord has told you... what he wants
from you: to do what is right to
other people, love being kind to others
and live humbly obeying your God."

Micah 6:8



Cut out these Scripture
verse cards to remind
you this new year of how
God wants us to live.

BURSTING WITH A GOOD IDEA!

She was a ten-year-old boarder at the school in north Wales where I was Head for many years. Her father was a Major in the Army and at that time he was stationed in Northern Ireland during the “Troubles”. When she went “home” in the holidays and would go walking out with her dad, he made her stay on the opposite side of the road so that if an IRA sniper shot at him, she would be safe. She was an occasional bed-wetter, and no wonder. But school gave her safety and stability. She was an eager pupil and entered into every activity with great gusto.

One morning there was an excited knocking on my study door before breakfast. “I had a thought in the middle of the night,” she exclaimed. “I thought you would not want to be woken then.” (“Indeed not,” I said to myself.) “You know that we are always growing out of our shoes and have to have new ones,” she continued. “Why don’t we send our old ones to children who haven’t got any?”

It was indeed a good idea, and when I told the Staff, they all agreed we should do something. So I got in touch with one of the mothers who lived in Birmingham (the second biggest city in the UK) to see if she knew of a school where second-hand shoes would be welcomed. She responded immediately and said she did indeed know of such a school. In fact she was friends with the Head Teacher of a Primary School where sometimes a child did not come to school because he or she had no shoes to wear. The mother I had got in touch with said she would be willing to collect old shoes from us and take them to this school.

So began a scheme which was carried on for years. Our girls, aged 7 to 11, had stout leather lace-up outdoor shoes and leather buckled indoor shoes. Of course, we had to get their mothers’ permission to keep their daughters’ out-grown shoes but they all readily agreed to our suggestion.

So then there was a great to-do polishing and pairing up the shoes we were going to send away. The girls loved the polishing part of the job. All the shoes were then put in a large cardboard box, ready for the mother who was going to take them to the school in Birmingham.

This business carried on for years; long after the original “polishers” had moved up to our Senior School.

Kay Hassell



TRAIDCRAFT: DECEMBER 2020

We are all in need of treats at the moment. It's been a hard year, and Christmas won't be the same for most of us, so a little bit of self-indulgence is what we need. I've never met anyone who doesn't like brownies; and here are some seasonal variations that make my cousin's old recipe extra festive.

Christmas Brownies

INGREDIENTS:

4 oz Fair Trade dark chocolate
4 oz butter
2 large eggs, beaten
6 oz Fair Trade granulated sugar
2 oz Fair Trade soft brown sugar
2 oz plain flour
1 tsp baking powder
Pinch of salt
Cranberries, glace cherries or stem ginger to taste
Chopped Fair Trade nuts (optional)



METHOD:

Grease and line a 18cm x 27.5cm tin. Chop 2 oz of the chocolate into small pieces and scatter them on the base of the tray. Add chopped nuts, if you want them.

Preheat the oven to 180C.

Melt the butter and remaining chocolate together in a bowl over a pan of hot water. Mix together well. Add the dry ingredients and the fruit, and mix well again. A splash of your favourite liqueur (I'm thinking Tia Maria or Bailey's would be a wonderful idea), but steady on with it or the batter will be too runny. Pour into the tin over the chocolate pieces and nuts, if used. Bake in the oven for about 20 minutes. The top should be cracking slightly and the cake firm-ish. Leave it for at least 10 minutes in the tin before you tuck in.

NB Replace the plain flour and baking powder with their gluten-free alternatives, if necessary.



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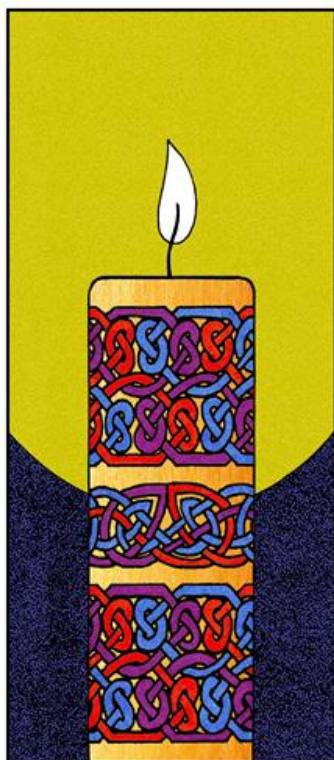
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We hope to display the poems in Winchester Cathedral over Christmas, and will certainly publish on our website. We shall do our best to honour our winners and the efforts of all who participate.



By Daphne Kitching
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Everyday Christmas

(Mal 4:2, Mt 1:23)

Light a candle,
Look into the light,
Pray.

*Light and life to all He brings,
Risen with healing in His wings.*

As the flame rises,
Smooth, bright,
Know the comfort of Christ
In the carol speaking
Afresh.

Bringing Jesus
Into heart and prayer.

Emmanuel, God with us.
Light of the world,
Out of the stable
Into our situations.

Because of Jesus
Christmas is every day.

The Lord is here.
Hallelujah.

Christmas Greetings

2020

Christmas Wishes
We wish all our friends at St.
Luke's and St. Mark's a very
Happy and Peaceful Christmas
and New Year.
Linda and Lionel Kay



Geoff and Tania Fowler wish all
our Parish Friends a peaceful
Christmas and a healthy New
Year. We will not be sending
cards in order to minimise
cross-infection.

Dear Friends,
What a year! Nevertheless, we
hope the joy and peace of
Christmas brings much
comfort and hope to you all.
With our love and prayers,
Margaret and David Weaver

Wishing a joyful Christmas to
all friends from St. Luke's and
St. Mark's. Whatever happens
Christmas is NOT cancelled!
Emmanuel = God with us.
Ruth Coggan

Pam and Bill Vandersteen
wish all our dear friends at St.
Luke's and St. Mark's a Happy
Christmas and a Peaceful and
Healthy New Year. God Bless.

Wishing you all a
happy, healthy and
safe Christmas.
With very best wishes,
Sue and Pete Faulkner



Mark and Paul Burrows-Gibson send
warmest Seasonal Greetings to all
our Friends at St Luke's and St
Mark's. We are making a donation to
Butterflies Bereavement Support
rather than sending cards this year.



Ray and Jo Curtis wish everyone a
very Merry Christmas and a Happy
New Year; may 2021 be a better one
for us all. With much love x x x x

Terry and Doreen Morris wish everyone Joyful
Christmas greetings and thank everyone for all
their good wishes and support during what has
been a difficult year.

Once again, we are donating to the Macmillan
charity instead of sending Christmas cards.

A Happy Christmas to all my
friends at St Luke's. Missing
you all and hope we meet
again soon. John Le Riche

Wishing everyone at St Luke's
and St Mark's a Merry
Christmas and a Peaceful
New Year.
Ali MacCabe

