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From the Editor

With Christmas rapidly approaching, and as we gear up for all the celebrations of the season, it's a good time to reflect on why Jesus came into the world. We have the biggest reason to celebrate – that we have been saved by His grace and mercy!

As 1 Timothy 1:15-17 says: ¹⁵ Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am the worst. ¹⁶ But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. ¹⁷ Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

So as we spend time with friends and family, may we constantly be reminded of Jesus' love for us, and thank Him for His gift of eternal life, which He freely gives us when we believe in Him. May you experience God's richest blessings at this special time.

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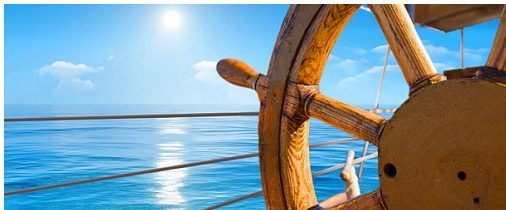
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Pastor's page

Navigating through life



If I knew then what I know now, would I have made the same decision? How often do we say something like this? The second thoughts we have on the big life-changing decisions we took based on the information we have at hand at the time, and as we implement the decisions, we discover so many things we did not see coming, nor could we have anticipated.

As we try and navigate the diversions life brings, we often regret a previous choice, we get frustrated at ourselves and life. At times we can also be angered by those who comfort by saying "I could have told you that!" or worse still "I knew it would not work!"

If only I had known...

Yet we do not have the 20:20 vision of foresight, and the Bible expressly for-

bids believers from horoscopes and fortune telling, it is not good for us! We need to go forward knowing we trust a God who knows the future, and in Him our lives are secure.

And if He had known then what we know now, would He still have done it?

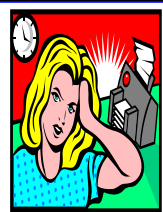
After all, we know so much more now than was known on the first Christmas. We know the baby would be at risk, rejected and hunted. We know that he would grow up and face persecution, personal attack and ultimately be crucified. We can see that the church He birthed, loved and supported would be broken, at times dysfunctional and go its own way. We know that the followers, throughout 2000 years would break, rebel and reject the love they were shown. Yet with all that negativism, which He already knew would happen, God gave His Son as a gift of love, into the world. No ifs, no buts, just the act of incredible love and sacrifice.

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I hope that we do not regret our decisions of the past in light of new information we did not have. I also hope that we see that God has never regretted His decision to send a saviour. However, there maybe a day when we regret not doing what we have been told about. That is accepting Jesus, God's gift, our get out of hell card, our saviour, the gift God has not regretted but longs for us, even today, to accept.

Oh and the decisions we are making as individuals, as a country and a church about the future, I am reminded of the speech of King George VI, Christmas day 1939:



*"I said to the man who stood at the Gate
of the Year,*

*"Give me a light that I may tread safely
into the unknown."*

*And he replied, "Go out into the darkness,
and put your hand into the hand of God.
That shall be to you better than light, and
safer than a known way."*

*May that Almighty Hand guide and up-
hold us all."*

Ian Bunce
(Team Leader)

Flowers

December 2019

- 1st Fay and Brian Veares
- 8th Wilma Bylth
- 22nd The Savines
- 29th Samuel and Lara Tunde



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- 19th Christine Brown



BMS Birthday Scheme

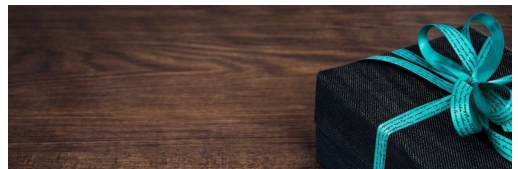
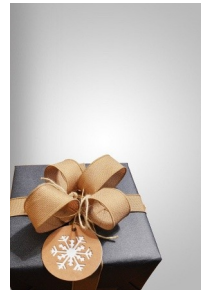
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- 1st Christine Wright
- 25th Muriel Warner



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- 5th Anne Barnes
- 10th Anne Carter
- 15th Peggy Warner
- 16th Grace Bello
- 23rd Daphne May
- 25th Janet Loveard
- 28th Barbara Palmer

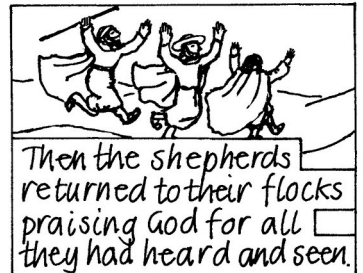


Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Luke chapter 2 verses 8 to 20

Shepherds were paid to look after the flocks
out on the hillside. Uneducated and rough,
they were usually avoided, or overlooked.



Experience the Joy of Advent

'Fear not: for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.' Luke 2:10



Advent starts on the fourth Sunday before Christmas. The word 'Advent' is from the Latin word 'adventus' meaning 'coming'. Sometimes called 'Little Lent', it's a time to prepare our hearts for the future Second Coming, as well as the birth of Christ.

We celebrate the season with advent calendars, candles and evergreen wreaths - symbolising Christ as Light of the world, bringing new and everlasting life.

Here are seven simple tips to help you experience and share the joy of Advent!

1. Connect with your inner child: Think back to the time when you were a child, on the simple things that made you happy at Christmas. Focus only on the good and feel the joy of Christmas come flooding back!

2. Keep it simple: This year, go for gifts

and cards that share the meaning of the season, shop early and stay within your budget.

3. Be people focused: Remember the story of Mary and Martha – keep meals simple and allow yourself time and space to focus on enjoying the company of your guests.

4. Make Room for Jesus: Take some time at the beginning of each day to read your Bible, meditate on Scripture and pray. Focus on giving thanks to God for His gift of Christ to the world and for all He has done for us.

5. Me Time: God wants us to prosper in body, soul and spirit, so try to eat healthily, don't overindulge, take time for long walks and enjoy the good and simple things in life!

6. Wear a smile and share the Joy! Finally, being joyful is a choice, it's not about your circumstances. So, decide to be thankful this season. Wear a smile, act and talk positively, do small things with great love, be on the lookout for opportunities to do good to people. Give to the homeless, visit the sick, or take gifts to lonely neighbours.

If people ask you about your joy, don't be afraid to share your faith. Simply explain to them that 'Christ lives in my heart, and He can live in yours too.'



Obituary - In His Presence with Thanksgiving

Winifred "Winnie" Vera Doughty

22nd May 1920 - 24th October 2019



I am sad to report the death of one of our members, Winifred Vera Doughty (Winnie) who went to be with her Lord on 24th October 2019.

The following tribute was written by her nephew William Cuthbert.

In her later life Winnie told us she regretted having to leave school at 14 and because of this, felt she hadn't achieved anything in her life. In her mind, she could have achieved much more had she been able to stay at school for longer and had the extra education. Always an extremely modest and private person, Winnie simply didn't seem to understand exactly what she'd achieved or how respected she was within the church family and wider afield. The presence of everyone here today is in itself a testament to those achievements.

Many of you will be fully aware of Winnie's involvement with the setting up and early years of Parkside but this is only part of her story, to which I'll re-

turn later.

Born in Peckham on 22nd May 1920, Winifred Vera Doughty was the second child to James and Florence. Her parents ran an "open all hours" corner grocer's shop and family life was settling down following James' return in 1919 from the War. Like many veterans, her father was trying to come to terms with the extreme horrors he had endured whilst serving in France and this at times was to affect family life.

Three years later in 1923, Winnie's brother Jimmy was born and they were to become very close as they grew up. With the increased family and a wish to improve their lives, Winnie's parents moved from Peckham and took over a grocer's shop in Regent's Park. Unfortunately, with the economic difficulties of the late 1920s, this was not the success they had hoped for and the family had to give up the shop and look for work elsewhere.

Following several moves, by 1930 the family were living in Hadleigh and suffering from the prevailing difficult economic times. It is often said that a new baby brings with it good luck and this

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certainly was the case for Winnie's family following the birth of her younger sister Maureen in early January 1930. James secured a new job as a travelling commercial salesman, the family moved to Litchfield Road in Barking and, as the phrase goes "never looked back".

In 1934 Winnie's older sister, Iris, was working for a milliner where she managed to secure a job for Winnie. In those days children could leave school at 14 and, according to Winnie, her parents didn't tell her about the job, or that she was leaving school, until she came home from school one day. She was simply told that she had now left school and would be working with Iris the next day at the milliner's. Winnie hated the job and also the fact that she had left school, but in those days work was difficult to get and she was lucky to have a job.

With the passage of time and her own privacy, our family knowledge of Winnie's life during the second half of the 1930s is sketchy, but we do know that on 12th June 1938 she was baptised by the Reverend H J Vellacott at the Upney Baptist Church in Barking. The handwritten verse by the Reverend in Winnie's presentation New Testament reads "walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge

of God" . How apt this choice of verse was to prove for Winnie.

The World events of the following year need no explanation and, like millions of other families, Winnie's started preparations including the construction of an Anderson bomb shelter in the back garden. The War was not kind to her family and their house in Litchfield Road was severely damaged during the Blitz early in the war and the family relocated to Tavistock Gardens on the Ilford/Barking borders, where they were to remain until the 1960s. Maureen was evacuated to Suffolk for six months and Iris went to work for one of the main telegraph offices in London. Winnie found herself in the ATS working, we believe, for the Pay Corps or some similar department. Winnie hated the ATS and being away from the family during the hostilities, as well as the moving around the country between different postings.

Her brother, Jimmy, joined Bomber Command and trained as a Halifax flight engineer, ending up based in Yorkshire. Such was the bond between Winnie and her brother that when Winnie joined the ATS, Jimmy wrote to her regularly, giving her encouragement as well as news of the family. Clearly these letters meant a lot to Winnie as she kept them all. When Jimmy joined up he kept writing, albeit not so regu-

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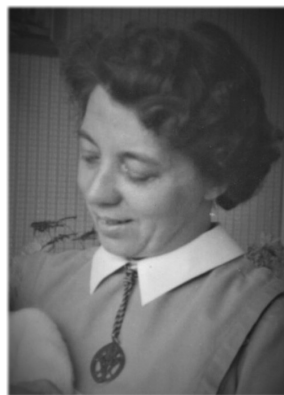
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larly, giving details as permitted by censors of where he was, his training and life in general. When home on leave he would give Winnie upbeat news of the family. Clearly all this was aimed at helping Winnie cope with the strain of life away from the family.

Tragedy struck on 13th August 1944 when Jimmy and his crew were killed on a bombing raid over Germany. The news devastated all the family, especially the 24 year old Winnie who was away on her own without the loving support from her parents and sisters. Winnie couldn't bring herself to throw the letters away, as they were a last keepsake from her brother, but she couldn't get closure as she had no way of saying goodbye. She never re-read the letters. It was only in 2009 that Winnie, accompanied by Maureen, felt able to visit Jimmy's grave in Germany, seeking the closure she so desperately wanted. Jimmy's photo was to remain by her bedside for the rest of her life.

Winnie was demobilised in July 1946, returning home from Ilfracombe to Tavistock Gardens. Once again we're not exactly sure how soon after leaving the ATS she started her nursing training but by March 1948 she was living in the nurses' home at Oldchurch Hospital. On 1st August 1951 Winnie was officially registered as a qualified "Registered Nurse". Clearly Winnie ex-

celled during her training, receiving three prizes on 15th September, 1949 – the only trainee in her year to win more than one prize – Anatomy and Physiology, Hygiene and a joint winner of the Preliminary Training School Prize for 1948. Additionally she qualified as a District Nurse and Queen's Nurse on 1st June 1953, an achievement she made little of in her modest way. Later training in Guildford in 1955 qualified her as a Health Visitor with effect from 16th April that year.



During her time at Oldchurch she became a ward sister and told the story of how one night she was so tired that she fell asleep at the duty desk, only to be woken up by the hospital Matron on her rounds. Winnie never did tell us what was said but we do know that she never forgot this incident, which is why as Matron of Parkside she would sometimes check on the night staff in the middle of the night. I'm sure the staff involved welcomed these checks!!! Clearly this incident never left her mind, as we also know that on a number of occasions she also did this whilst a resident there!!!

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Prayer Diary for December 2019

Sun 8 th	T Trussell Trust, which oversee Foodbank need our support with funds, food and prayer.	MAMBU, Danny & YE-LESO, Mimie; <i>Deborah & Betsy (Safari)</i>
Mon 9 th	H Having quality time with God is important, is your quantity of time quality time?	MARTIN, Beki & Paul, <i>Sarah & Sophie</i>
Tues 10 th	E Everything you do for the least of our brothers and sisters, you do for God.	MAY, Don & Daphne
Wed 11 th	L Lead us heavenly Father, lead us! Where do you want us to go?	McKENZIE, Michael & Beverley; <i>Arianna & Chaeli</i>
Thurs 12 th	O Only by grace can we enter God's presence, be amazed by God's provision of grace.	McSWEENEY, Bren
Fri 13 th	R Rejoice, the Lord is king!	MILLER, Paul & Anne; <i>Tommy & Katie (Ridout)</i>
Sat 14 th	D Do you actively seek to grow your faith? Why not?	MOI, Sam & Cecilia
Sun 15 th	I Immanuel, God with us. Introduce someone to God today.	MOKAKE, Julie Enjema
Mon 16 th	S Spurgeon's College is dedicated to enabling people to spread the Gospel. Pray for the work it does.	MOORE, Barbara
Tues 17 th	M Mental health issues affect many people, pray for wisdom to know how to help.	MOTT, Wendy
Wed 18 th	Y Your help is needed at RBC prayerfully, practically and financially; do you support the church fully?	MURRAY, Paul & Susan
Thurs 19 th	S Sin separating you from God? Confess it and seek forgiveness.	MUSE, Morenike
Fri 20 th	H Haiti is one of the poorest countries in the world, pray for it and other countries like it.	NELSON-MILLER, Emma & Stephen, <i>Stephanie & McKenzie (Miller) & Ocean-Blue (Nelson-Miller)</i>
Sat 21 st	E EBA (Eastern Baptist Association). Pray for the ministers and for the work it does.	NICHOLLS, Ruth
Sun 22 nd	P Praise God from whom all blessings flow.	NITISOR, Claudiu & Dana, <i>Darius, Giulia, Danluka</i>
Mon 23 rd	H Hope for Havering and their work need our prayerful support.	NJUHI, Hannah

Prayer Diary for December 2019

Tues 24 th	E Environmental issues, pray for full international co-operation to address them.	NKENG, Cecilia
Wed 25 th	R Restore, O Lord, the honour of Your name.	NORMAN, Doris
Thurs 26 th	D Do as you would be done by, show respect to all in society.	NORRIS, Bree
Fri 27 th	I Invite a non-Christian to RBC and pray that God will speak to them.	ODETOLA, Jide, Foluke; <i>Arinola, Damilola</i>
Sat 28 th	W Whatever your political views, pray for our government, that Christian practices will prevail.	ODUYEMI, Caroline
Sun 29 th	I I know not why God's wondrous grace to me has been made known, but thank God that it has.	OFORI, Gladys
Mon 30 th	L List your blessings and count them, thank God.	OGUNLEYE, Adekunle & Ronke, <i>Maria</i>
Tues 31 st	L Love your neighbour is a command from God.	OGUNLEYE, Christabel
Wed 1 st Jan	N NHS, fire brigade and police staff need our prayers.	OGUNLEYE, Emmanuel
Thurs 2 nd	O Open your heart to Jesus, you will be astounded at what He can do.	OLAWUYI, Anne & Abiodun, <i>Chelsey & Clinton</i>
Fri 3 rd	T The Holy Bible is not yet available in all the languages of the world, pray for more translators.	OLIVER, Iris
Sat 4 th	W Want wisdom? Ask God.	OLOFINJANA, Bunmi, <i>Tobi, Dianne, Feyi (Bankole)</i>
Sun 5 th	A Always pray for our ministers and leadership team.	OLSON, Dawn; <i>Katie, Oliver & Harry</i>
Mon 6 th	N Never let the sun go down on your wrath, who do you need to forgive?	OLUSOJI, Laura & Moses, <i>David & Tolu-walope</i>
Tues 7 th	T Tempted to do wrong? Ask God for strength to resist.	Operation Mobilisation - Andy and Rianna Stannard, Moldova



If you have any items for inclusion in the January 2020 Prayer Diary, please contact the Church Office.



Pause to Smile

A frog goes into a bank and approaches the teller. He can see from her nameplate that her name is Patty Whack, "Miss Whack I'd like to get a £3000 loan to take a nice holiday" said the frog.

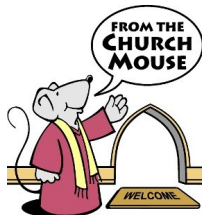
Patty looks at the frog in disbelief and asks his name. The frog says his name is Kermit Jagger, and that his dad is Mick Jagger, and that he knows the bank manager.

Patty explains that he will need to secure the loan with some collateral.

The frog says "Sure I have this," and produces a tiny porcelain elephant about an inch tall, its bright pink and perfectly formed. Very confused Patty explains that she will have to consult with the manager and disappears into a back office.

She finds the manager and says "There's a frog called Kermit Jagger out there who claims to know you, and says he wants to borrow £3000 and wants to use this as collateral." She holds up the tiny pink elephant "I mean what in the world is this? The bank manager looks back at her and says "It's a knickknack Patty Whack, give the frog a loan, his old man's a Rolling Stone".

The Church Mouse



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General nursing was not enough for Winnie and she decided to specialise in Midwifery, qualifying on 22nd December 1952 and initially working at the Ilford Maternity Hospital. Later she became the midwife for Epping, then Brentwood and finally in Shenfield, where she became the Health Visitor. In total Winnie delivered over 600 babies, the first on 3rd October 1951 whilst still in training – me!!!!

Sadly, during this period her parents' health was suffering and eventually both went to live with her in Shenfield, where she was able to nurse them. It was a difficult time for everyone but somehow Winnie managed to find the strength to cope with the often disturbed sleep at night when called out by expectant mothers and looking after elderly parents. Originally cycling around her "patch" in Epping, Winnie managed to pass her driving test in the 1950s and duly received the classic grey Morris Minor complete with oxygen tanks clanking around in the boot. I well remember the cushion she needed on the driver's seat so she could see over the dashboard!!

Winnie loved spending time with her nephews and nieces, especially holidays away, and was always fun to be with. Maureen and her family emigrated to Canada in 1957 and were greatly missed by the rest of the fam-

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ily. In 1959 Winnie went on the first of her many trips to Canada to see the family and I know her nieces here today have very fond memories of those visits, as I do for the holidays and times she spent with us in England.

By the late 1960s Winnie had started attending RBC, having been introduced to the church by her colleague Olive Chapman and friend Barbara Philpott. The story of the start of Parkside and Winnie's involvement is well recorded in the book written by Barbara Wright so I won't go into too much detail here. When the church was looking for a Matron to run the home, Winnie felt called to the position but she had her elderly mother still living with her – her father having died several years before. The creation of a two bedroom Matron flat within the home solved the problem and with effect from 1st September 1971 Winnie was appointed as the first Matron to Parkside and the first residents started arriving. However months before and together with her mother, she moved into their flat at the top of what can only be described as a building site. The two lower floors had no electric light or plumbing, walls either knocked down or being built, floor boards up, ceilings down plus all the other mess associated with a building project of this size.

Gradually, with Winnie's guidance, the

building work for each room was completed, soft furnishings installed and all necessary paperwork and preparations completed – all without any previous knowledge or experience on her part. Her training had been general nursing and midwifery, not care for the elderly or building. We strongly believe that many of the high standards originally set by Winnie still remain today but thankfully not those related to cling film.

I'm sure there are people here today who remember that in the early days in order to reduce costs, all used cling film had to be washed dried and reused!!! Likewise Winnie's two types of walk - firstly the loud clompy walk to let you know she was coming and secondly her silent soft shuffle when she simply appeared beside you – a walk she developed during her early nursing days. All hot drinks had to be served in bone china cups and saucers – no mugs - and crusts cut off sandwiches. Residents had to wear shoes, not slippers, when leaving their rooms and men needed ties when coming for meals.

Always in charge during her Parkside days in the mid-1970s, Winnie had to go into hospital for a couple of weeks in Great Portland Street. I worked nearby and was the only family member who could go in and see her every weeknight on my way home from

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work. Every night I was greeted with a pile of letters needing posting that Winnie had collected from other patients on her ward, together with a list of shopping items I needed to bring in the next day for the other patients. There were even some days when Winnie gave me instructions to pass back to Wendy and the other staff at Parkside. No mobile phones or internet in those days, just a handy nephew.

Cutting the Parkside story short, the success of the initial project soon saw the need for a second home, resulting in the creation in 1979 of Heathside some two houses away, also with Winnie as overall Matron as well as the building of the Ward (now Rose wing) at Parkside in 1975. Such was Winnie's devotion to care that she felt that all residents should remain at Parkside even if they needed end of life care. Something which in those days was not common in residential care homes.

During her days as Matron she also enjoyed, if that's the right word, a very brief TV career when the morning service of RBC on 20th March 1976 was televised on ITV and a seven minute film of the life of Parkside was included, the filming of which had taken a whole day filming.

After 17 years as Matron, Winnie retired, handing the reins over to Christine Brown. In grateful thanks to Winne

for her devoted service the Parkside Trustees built a "Bungalow" annexe to Heathside, where Winnie could live for the rest of her life, moving into the main house if necessary. However, always a nurse, her retirement years were often spent nursing sick and elderly friends and relatives as well as spending time with the family both in England and Canada. A great cook, especially for birthday cakes and deserts. When we went to dinner with her, she enjoyed making and serving us all our favourite deserts. The list of people Winnie helped during her retirement years is too long to read out here but I know many of you will have benefited directly from this care or know of people she nursed and will always fondly remember her as "Auntie Winnie".

Sadly in 2000, with ever changing legislation, Heathside became uneconomic to maintain and it was necessary to close the home and invest the proceeds into Parkside. This meant that Winnie lost her home but, thanks to the generosity of Barbara Gatherum, Winnie moved into Tudor Drive where she remained until failing health necessitated her move into Parkside as a resident for the last year of her life. It was at Parkside that she died peacefully on 2nd October 2019 aged 99 years 4 months. On behalf of the family I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank all the staff for the

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care and patience shown to Winnie during this time.

Given Winnie's long life, there is so much more I could add to her story but I hope in the short time available I've covered most of her major achievements, even though she wouldn't necessarily agree that they were achievements. My aunt was not someone who you could contradict or argue with but on this occasion I will, as I believe she should have been proud of her life achievements as I am of them for her. Winnie helped to bring me into this world and it has been a privilege to assist her during her more difficult latter years as well as calling her my aunt.

I'll finish with the second inscription in her baptismal New Testament which was written by herself, presumably at the time of her baptism in 1938, and which has been a clear guide for subsequent caring Christian life:-

"Oh let me see Thy footmarks, and in them plant mine own, my hope to follow duly, is in Thy strength alone, Oh! Guide me, call me, draw me, uphold me to the end, and then in Heaven receive me, my Master and my Friend".

*Rest in peace Auntie.
William Cuthbert*

Pause to Smile

The sergeant instructor was training a new recruit to the Parachute Regiment. On his first parachute jump, Mick was told by his instructor, "You must jump well clear of the plane .. Count up to ten then pull the ripcord." Mick repeated this to himself then jumped, counted to ten and pulled the cord. Nothing happened, he pulled harder, still nothing. As he hurtled towards the ground, he saw a chap travelling equally as fast coming up towards him with a spanner in his hand "Hey" shouted Mick "do you know anything about parachutes?" "No" Came the reply "I don't know much about gas cookers either".

The Church Mouse



Smile Lines

Shopping

The manager of a department store put this notice in the window: 'If you need it this Christmas, we have it.' But in the window of a rival, a sign appeared, stating: 'If we don't have it, you don't need it.'

Wise?

When I told my children the story of how the Wise Men brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh for the infant Jesus, my six-year-old daughter was not impressed. "Mum, a Wise Woman would have brought nappies."

Inspirations

card making

The next workshop will be on **Saturday 7th December** when we will be offering a workshop using peel offs. We will be making two cards, one for a man and one for a lady, using matting and layering, peel offs and embellishments. We can introduce simple colouring to one of the images if you wish, but it is equally beautiful just with the peel offs. Spaces are filling up fast and today is the last day for booking, so if you haven't booked and would still like to come, please speak to me as soon as possible.

The fee for the workshop is £6 which includes drinks, cakes & materials and runs from 9.30am -12.30pm.

Please watch out for the next workshop which will be advertised soon. Meanwhile, on behalf of Inspirations, we wish you a Happy and Blessed Christmas.



*Pauline
Yates
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Smile Lines

The little button

At a clearance sale, the wife of a senior judge found the perfect green tie to match one of her husband's sports jackets. Soon after, while the couple was relaxing at a resort to get his mind off a complicated conspiracy case, he noticed a small, round disc sewn into the tie. The judge showed it to the police, who were equally suspicious that it might be a 'bug', planted by the conspiracy defendants.

The police took the tie away for some serious analysis. A few days later, the judge phoned Scotland Yard to find out the results of their tests. "Well, we're not really sure where the disc came from," the police told him. "But we did discover that if you press it, it plays Jingle Bells."

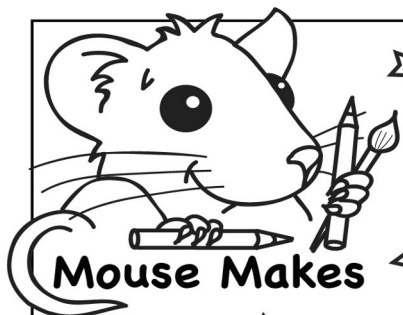
Bakery

Did you hear about the bakery that was burgled at Christmas? Everything was stolen!

With New Year's Eve in mind...

Bagpipes - the best way to terrorise your neighbours without getting an ASBO.

If a piper was playing alone in a forest 100 miles from anywhere - would everyone still hate his music?



Where was
Mary's baby born?
Why were Joseph
and Mary there?

Read Luke 2 :1-6

Where did
Mary lay
her baby
and why?

Read
Luke 2:7

Why were
the
shepherds
afraid?

Read
Luke 2:8

What good
news did
the angel tell?

Read
Luke 2:10-11

Who
appeared
praising God
and what did
they say?

Read
Luke 2:13-14

Good news!

Glory to God

A Saviour is born

What did
Mary dress
her baby in?

Read
Luke 2:6

What did the angel
tell Joseph to name
Mary's baby and why?

Read Matthew 1:21

What did the
shepherds
do after they
had seen
the baby?

Read
Luke 2:16

Colour a
star each
day until
Christmas



Autumn at RBC

Wednesdays @RBC

During the Autumn we have a new programme of Wednesdays at RBC, everyone is welcome. The dates are below. Small Groups meet in people's homes around the area. For details of a Small Group near you, please enquire at the Welcome Desk.

Together at RBC happens in the church, please use the side doors. We meet for refreshments at 7.30pm, and start the programme at 8pm. We will conclude by 9.15pm. Church Meetings are for church members.



December

- 4 - Together at RBC
- 11 - Together at RBC (Going into a half night of prayer finishing at Midnight)
- 18 - Small Groups



Christmas at RBC

Sunday 15 December:

All-age Nativity



Monday 16 December:

Remembering at Christmas

Amaze kids and adults Christmas party (TBC)

Adoption family group Christmas party (TBC)

Thursday 19 December:

Parkside Family Carol Service

Saturday 21 December:

Carol Singing in Market Place

Sunday 22 December:

Carols by Candlelight

Tuesday 24 December:

"Christmas Cracketeria"

4pm Christmas Eve

Tuesday 24 December:

Midnight Communion

Wednesday 25 December:

Christmas Day worship

Tuesday 31 December:

Crossover Service





Regular Church Activities



Monday

9am - 3pm The Meeting Place
10am Parent and Toddlers
12pm - 2pm Food Bank
6.45pm 'Parksiders' (Social and Fellowship Group
- usually first Monday in the month)
7.30pm Streetlight Youth Club (Year 7+)

Tuesday

9am - 3pm The Meeting Place
10am 'Stitch in Time' Needlecraft Group
2.15pm Treasure Times
8pm Prayer Meeting

Wednesday

9am - 3pm The Meeting Place
9.45am Parent and Toddlers
8pm Midweek Meeting (Small Groups or
central meeting)

Thursday

9am - 3pm The Meeting Place
9.30am Small Group
8pm RBC Music Team

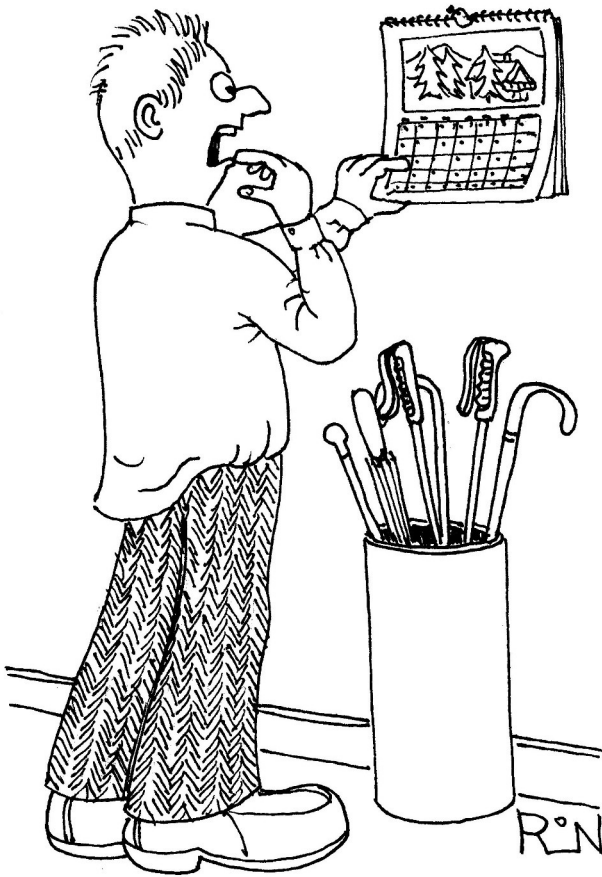
Friday

9am - 3pm The Meeting Place
10:30am Amaze Small Group for People with
Learning Difficulties
12.30pm Prayer Meeting

Sunday

10.00am Prayer Meeting
10.30am Morning Service
5.35pm Prayer Meeting
6.00pm Evening Service

If you have any regular church activity which you would like to have advertised, please let the editor know.



*George discovered Christmas this
year is December 25th*

