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Items for the next edition deadline Sunday 15 January
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Public Worship

Sunday 10am Mass

In relation to covid - do use hand gel on arriving and leaving the building and wear a mask if you feel more comfortable.

Physical distancing of 1.5m will still be observed in the North Aisle.

Please do not attend if you feel unwell.

Those in the extremely clinically vulnerable group are still advised to consider their risk.

Messy Church is on 15 January this month

A time of worship based on craft activities, singing and stories with food. Ideal for families. This month's theme is **New Starts**

Wednesday 10am Mid-week Communion

A service of mid-week Holy Communion in the church building

Tuesday Morning prayer

A 30min service of prayer on Zoom continues each week gathering at 09.50 for a 10am start. All Welcome.

Contact church office for Link

How are you feeling this New Year?

From the curate

As I'm writing this in the third week of Advent, I'm reflecting back over the past year. A year ago this week, the Omicron wave of the coronavirus pandemic was rapidly escalating, with the endless discussions on whether Christmas would be cancelled yet again and the eventual advice to limit the number of personal contacts over the holiday period.

Looking back over 2022, although the coronavirus hasn't gone away and we had another wave over the summer (BA5), COVID19 has generally dropped from the news with the other things we have had to contend with over the year. In February, Russia launched a full-scale invasion of Ukraine, a conflict which is still sadly ongoing this winter with Russia now targeting Ukraine infrastructure. In addition to the obvious effects on Ukrainians, this conflict has had economic implications for the whole world, especially regarding energy costs and food supplies. In addition, we have had our own political upheavals resulting in the resignation of two PMs, which has contributed to the cost-of-living crisis that many are now facing this winter. And, in addition to these international and national concerns, locally, here at Newbold Parish, we are still in a vacancy.

Where does this leave us here in Newbold? For some, the scrapping of coronavirus restrictions has led to enthusiasm for re-engaging in many things. At church, we have trialled different formats of the 4pm All-age services and are currently offering Messy Church once a month, which has been well received. In addition, we have been able to have a full

programme of special Christmas services, including our traditional carols and midnight mass plus a Messy Christmas and Christingle. Also, we have been able to have all three primary schools back for their carol services/Christingles, and we have welcomed both the Pre-school and Whittington Moor Infants and the FSE scouts into church too for different occasions in the past month. Personally, this has given me a sense of optimism about the possibilities going forwards.

However, for many, there is still a continued sense of anxiety and feeling of tiredness, and lack of umph to do anything. And, if this applies to you, I just wanted to reassure you that this is a perfectly normal response to the collective trauma we have all faced over the past 2 years and 9 months since the first COVID lockdown in March 2020.

For me, the important thing is that, whether we are now feeling energised, or still feeling tired, or a mix, that we listen to each other and give each other the space to be where we are each at. We are all in our own recovery process and, despite what it might seem on the outside, it will take some time to recover from the emotional aftermath of the pandemic and subsequent traumas.

As we process these collective traumas and our own personal traumas, the thing that makes the most difference for me is the understanding that God walks alongside us in all of this. As we celebrated at Christmas, God came to be one of us, Emmanuel, God with us. So, God is able to sympathise with our condition (Hebrews 4.14). And therefore, we can trust God for everything that we have gone through in the past, are going through now, and will go through in the future. We can, like the Psalmists, be completely honest with God about what

we feel about the circumstances we are in. And the God who became one of us, calls us into relationship and redeems us, inviting us into new life.

Here's a poem about this by Malcom Guite from his book, "Sounding the Seasons" published by Canterbury Press

Epiphany on the Jordan

Beginning here we glimpse the Three-in-one;

The river runs, the clouds are torn apart

The Father speaks, the Spirit and the Son

Reveal to us the single loving heart

That beats behind the being of all things,

And calls and keeps and kindles us to light.

The dove descends, the spirit soars and sings

'You are beloved, you are my delight!'

In that quick light and life, as water spills

And streams around the Man like quickening rain,

The voice that made the universe reveals

The God in Man who makes it new again.

He calls us too, to step into that river

To die and rise and live and love forever.



From the Churchwarden

Richard Peet

We are now in the new year 2023 and I wonder what this year has in store for you.

What plans have you already made for the year such as celebrations, holidays, new job, family occasions, trips to the theatre or sporting events? It may be a health matter which is being investigated or an operation which is being done.

In our church during December, we had many events taking place including Christingle, carol services, nativity involving four schools and our pre-school.

We had a wonderful time at our Christmas Messy Church on the first Sunday in December with around 60 taking part in the activities, a time of worship, followed by food and refreshments in the Parish Room.

The January meeting will take place on SUNDAY 15TH JANUARY AT 4pm as the 1st Sunday is a bank holiday.

As I am writing this article, we have had a covering of snow to remind us winter is here.

The 21st December was the shortest day of the year.

As the weather is colder many will have to consider either putting the heating on or turning it off due to the rising cost of electricity and gas.

We give thanks for the work of foodbanks, the food hut here in Newbold, Pathways, and those working with the homeless, especially at this time of year.

We are hoping to start visiting Elm Lodge, and Ridgewood House for their monthly service of communion.

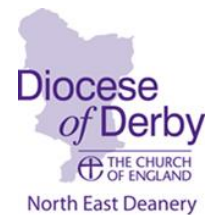
We are currently contacting members of the pastoral team to see if they wish to continue to be members of the team.

We send our love and best wishes to all church members who are unable to come to church on a temporary or permanent basis and hope to contact them with regards to receiving communion at home.

If there is anyone who is ill at this time, and would like to be prayed for during the service time of intercession (prayers) please let our churchwardens Carol and Richard know, but we must receive the person's permission.

May we continue to pray that we have a new Rector in place in the coming months, and we continue to pray for each other, our families, and friends.

Diocese Vision Prayer for 2027



Our Diocese celebrates its centenary in 2027 and as part of the preparation for this they are encouraging us all to pray this prayer:

*Gracious God,
in your mercy and for your glory,
renew us, reshape us, revive us –
with generous faith, courageous hope and life-giving love –
that, in transformed lives
through growing church and building community,
we may see your Kingdom come and be good news for all.
Amen.*

Epiphany House Blessing: Chalking the Door

Rev'd Rhoda

Epiphany is on 6th January 2023 and is the day the church remembers the journey of the magi to visit the infant Jesus.

Blessing our houses is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows. This has been done yearly in the epiphany tradition of “chalking the door” when the following is written above the home’s entryway

20 + C + M + B + 23

The letters C, M, B have two meanings.

- They abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, “May Christ bless the house.”
- They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar.

The “+” signs represent the cross, and 2023 is the year.

May this new year be one of hope, joy and comfort. Lord be with us as we continue to try and love you and our neighbours. Guide us and protect us. Amen.

Blessing your home.

1. Light a candle. Its light reminds us that Jesus came as light into the darkness of the world in which we live.
2. Using some chalk write 20 + C + M + B + 23 on the lintel of your door (or porch step or other convenient location). If you haven’t got any chalk, trace the numbers and letters with your finger. As you do this say:

The Magi (wise people) followed the star of God’s Son who became human over two thousand years ago. May Christ

bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.

3. Then offer the following prayer:

Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and for ever. Amen.

“Chalking the door” is a way to celebrate and physically mark the occasion of the Epiphany and God’s blessing of our lives and home. With time the chalk will fade. It is a reminder to let the meaning of the written symbols sink into the depths of our heart and be manifest in our words and actions. You may wish to mark other entrances/door ways, or rooms in the home. Carry the candle with you as you go so the light of Christ fills the home, and say the prayer but adapted to the room (e.g. may all who rest and sleep here...). You may also wish to pray God’s blessing on your neighbours and neighbourhood.

If you wish, take a photograph of your door blessing and share it on Facebook/Twitter and with your friends, or send it to revrho2020@gmail.com to collate for a facebook post.



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Recent church events in pictures!



Messy Christmas with Nativity Photo Booth and matching Christmas jumpers!



Christingle - Looking at Rev Rhoda we are not sure how many sweets made it to the Christingles!!!

The Methodist Covenant Prayer

Sue Wheeler

I began my faith journey in the Methodist Church as a teenager. One of the traditions I valued was the annual Covenant Service, held in January, giving me an opportunity to re-commit myself, at the beginning of every year.

It is not an easy prayer, “rank me with whom you will”, “put me to doing, put me to suffering”, “let me be employed for you, let me be laid aside for you” – Bold and challenging stuff!!!

During the depths of the pandemic, I was often reminded of this prayer, but its comfort was in knowing that, in good things *and* bad, God is using us for His purposes and then the reassurance of that intimate line “you are mine, and I am yours”, giving me that ultimate confidence to trust Him.

I am no longer my own but yours.
Put me to what you will,
rank me with whom you will;
put me to doing, put me to suffering;
let me be employed for you or laid aside for you,
exalted for you or brought low for you.
Let me be full, let me be empty,
let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things
to your pleasure and disposal.

**And now, glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
you are mine and I am yours.
So be it.**

**And the covenant made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven.
Amen.**

A New Experience for Arranging Flowers

From Church of England Flower Arrangers

Derby branch of CEFAA (Church of England Flower Arrangers) met for their yearly workshop at St John's this year. We had a number of visitors join us and hope they may join CEFAA in the future.

We wanted to follow last year's workshop looking at ways to be eco-friendly by reducing the use of floral foam. Last year we used chicken wire, this year agra wool. The workshop gave us the opportunity to try the product and discuss our experience.

Agra wool is made from earthwool, a natural rock product made from basalt, a volcanic solidification rock. It is produced in Holland and is 100% biodegradable.

I demonstrated two arrangements, one a linear arrangement for everyone to have a go at and the other a traditional triangle based on a pedestal shape.



There was a lot of laughing, frustrated looks and concentration to the task as everyone had a go at arranging their flowers in the agra wool.

Once everyone had completed their arrangement I asked for feedback, see below:

Agra wool:

- Could not get some stems to stand up
- Those with arthritis would find it very difficult to press stems in
- Not a satisfying experience –this time
- Thanks for a wonderful opportunity to experiment
- Would be difficult in large church arrangement-not possible to hold stems at the base to push in
- Need to arrange in-situe
- Frustrating as nothing holds in position
- Agra wool fell to bits and foliage and flowers moved
- Could limit the flowers used as they need to have firm stems
- Flowers don't feel secure at all
- Need to cut stems clear of the nodules as they won't push in otherwise
- Found it more difficult to put stems in as time went on
- Really disappointing – no good for soft stems
- Takes too long to arrange



We are still a long way from finding a solution to arranging flowers without floral foam, we will keep looking for a solution we can work with.



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Readings and Collects

Sunday 1 January John, Apostle and Evangelist -

Patronal Festival

Exodus 33.7-11a Psalm 117 1John 1 John 21.19b-end

Merciful Lord, cast your bright beams of light upon the Church: that, being enlightened by the teaching of your blessed apostle and evangelist Saint John, we may so walk in the light of your truth that we may at last attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ your incarnate Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Sunday 8 January Epiphany of Christ

Isaiah 60.1-6 Psalm 72.[1-9]10-15 Ephesians 3.1-12

Matthew 2.1-12

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

(or)

Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday 15 January Second Sunday of Epiphany

Isaiah 49.1-7 Psalm 40.1-12 1 Corinthians 1.1-9 John 1.29-42

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

(or)

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday 22 January Third Sunday of Epiphany

Isaiah 9.1-4 Psalm 27.1,4-12 1 Corinthians 1.10-18*

Matthew 4.12-23

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

(or)

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord.



Sunday 29 January The Presentation – Candlemas

Malachi 3. 1-5 Psalm 24.[1-6]7-10 Hebrews 2. 14-18

Luke 2.22-40

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

(or)

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God.

Create in me a pure heart, O God,

and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me from your presence

or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation

and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Psalm 51:10-12

Diary JANUARY 2023

Sunday 1 January **Patronal Festival** 10am Mass
Sunday 8 January **Epiphany of Christ** 10am Mass
Sunday 15 January **Second Sunday of Epiphany** 10am Mass
Messy Church 4pm
Sunday 22 January **Third Sunday of Epiphany** 10am Mass
Sunday 29 January **Candlemas** 10am Mass

Every Tuesday **9.50am Morning prayer via Zoom**
Every Wednesday **10am Mid-week Communion in Church**

Sunday 1 January **Walking Group** 12noon Church Gate
(see page 28)

Wednesday 4 January **Women's Group** 7pm Parish Room
(see page 26)

Saturday 7 January **Coffee Morning** 10am-12 Parish Room

Monday 9 January **Monday Club** *1pm-2.45pm Parish Room

*note change of time

Saturday 14 January **Churchyard Tidy Up** 10-12noon

Saturday 21 January **Men's Group** 10.30am Parish Room

Monday 23 January **Monday Club** 1.45pm Parish Room

Can you host a Coffee Morning?



We are looking for groups or individuals to host one of our monthly coffee mornings, held on the first Saturday of each month 10am-12noon.

Hosts offer a warm welcome, chatting to people and creating a lovely atmosphere, whilst preparing, serving and clearing.

Tea, coffee and juice are provided but you will need to bring milk/cake/biscuits etc.

March and May are covered but if you are able to offer cover for another month or would like more information, please do contact **Ann Bennett on 07598 985495**.

Would you sponsor the Aumbry Light?



The candle which burns over the aumbry in Church never goes out. The aumbry is where consecrated bread and wine are kept. In the Eucharist, we believe that the real presence of Christ is made present to us in bread and wine. The light reminds us of Christ's continuing sacramental presence in his Church and is a focus for our devotion too.

The candles we use burn for a whole week. If you would like to sponsor the light for a week you will find a list at the back of church. Perhaps this might be at a time to offer thanksgiving for an event in your life or perhaps offered in memory of someone. If there are a number of people wanting the same date you may wish to share the date and sponsorship. If you wish to sponsor the light, please put your name on the list. The cost of the candle is £4. The date shown is the Sunday beginning the week you sponsor. If you sponsor the aumbry light, your name will appear on the pewslip.

From the Registers



Holy Baptism

11th December Esme Joy Anne Haslehurst
 Mollie Frances Haslehurst

*May all things belonging to the Spirit
live and grow in them*

Funerals

6 December Clarice Amy Hopkinson aged 96

Churchyard [burial or interment of ashes]

10 December Alan Clifford Bush
10 December Violet Evelyn Bush
10 December Terence Clive Crane
10 December Doreen Crane
14 December Clarice Amy Hopkinson
14 December Christopher Oram

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Cheques and cash can be given to your distributor, posted through the church letter box in the door on the left of the building (this is a locked letter box) or handed to a Churchwarden.

Many thanks

Editors

New ventures

Rodger Wheatcroft



I joined The Royal British Legion early this year and after a short time I had the honour to be asked to be The Chesterfield Royal British Legion Standard Bearer. This meant that I had to do a certain amount of training at Wallis Barracks Chesterfield.

My first official assignment was for the opening of Chesterfield Poppy Appeal, which was on the same day as the 1940's Forces Festival on Chesterfield market.

Following this I was asked to be one of the Standard Bearers at the 43rd Remembrance Day Festival at The Winding Wheel, which was nerve wracking to say the least.

With the permission of The Royal British Legion, I offered to bring the Standard to St John's Church for the remembrance service.

Finally, the latest assignment which I have undertaken was for a soldier's funeral at Chesterfield Crematorium which required The Royal British Legion Branch Standard being at the head of the coffin.



During November I agreed to do Movember by growing a moustache to raise money for the benefit of The Macmillian Unit The Chesterfield North Derbyshire Royal Hospital and have received sponsorship of £359.00

Newbold Women's Group

Trish Law

The December meeting was our Christmas celebration. This included our own carol service, which was ably accompanied by Anne Peacey on her keyboard, plus the traditional Bible readings of the Christmas story.



Everyone had brought refreshment items and a delicious spread was then enjoyed. A Christmas themed quiz followed, the winning team being Jean and Wendy. Finally, a raffle decided the order for each member present to receive a wrapped gift, having been donated individually. Altogether a very enjoyable evening.



Our next meeting is on **Wednesday, 4th January 2023, at 7pm in St John's Parish Room**, when solicitor Liz Garratt will give a talk on

the important matters of Wills & Probate, plus Power of

Attorney, advice which should help us to ensure that our wishes concerning our finance and health are carried out when necessary.

Everybody welcome.



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Walking Group

From Steve Franks

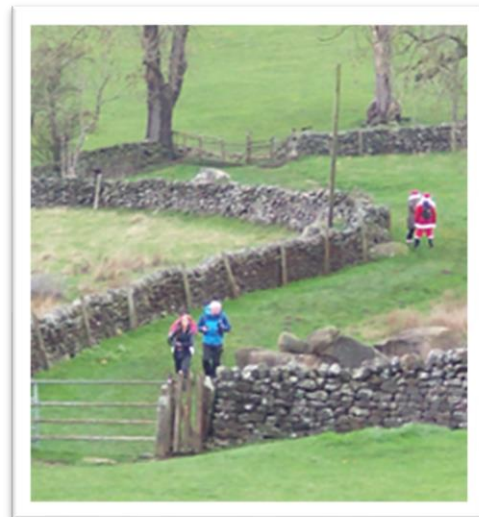
Five walkers gathered outside Church on the 4th December on an overcast, damp, cold afternoon. We parked on Eaton Hill in Baslow to have our packed lunch before starting the walk.

We walked up Bar Lane before taking a left hand turn up Gorse Bank Lane, passing the entrance to Baslow Hydro. Opened in 1881 and demolished in 1936 this was the 19th century equivalent of a luxury spa hotel with gardens and a golf course and was meant to be a local competitor to the spa towns of Matlock and Buxton. It was a successful venture until after World War 1 when it suffered from a lack of investment.

We continued along the lane, passing through a farmyard where a farm dog watched us warily but left us to continue on



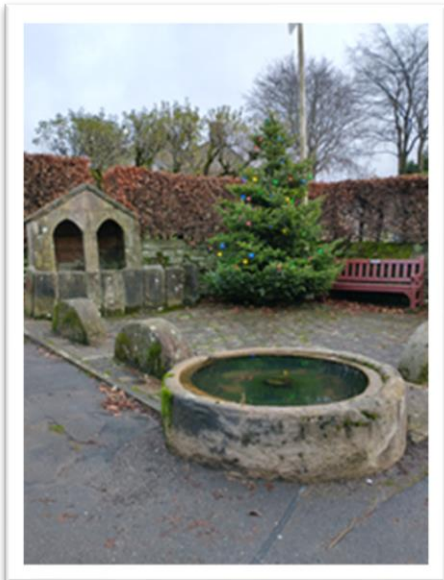
our way.
We
walked
through
rock
strewn



fields below Baslow Edge before passing through a gate and walking downhill passing a group of walkers from Nottinghamshire. Ahead of us we could see somebody dressed as

Santa Claus, but we never caught up with them to find out why.

After passing a small stone lined pool we passed through a gate, turning right to walk up a muddy path alongside a narrow stream. At the top of the path, we reached a tarmac drive, here we paused to look at a conical roofed stone building, trying to decide its use. It may have been an old dovecot originally but now it looked more like a trulli house – similar to those found in the Apulian region of Italy. Continuing up the drive we reached the village of Curbar.



We turned left then right, walking downhill into the village, meandering through the stone houses, reaching the old well along with its millstones and horse trough at a junction in the centre of the village.

Continuing, we walked out of Curbar along narrow lanes, passing properties with views across to Calver and Stoney Middleton.

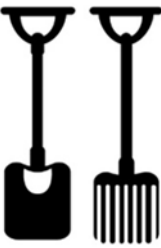
Starting to go downhill again we walked through the buildings of Cliff College. It is a Christian theological college teaching biblical theology at the undergraduate level along with postgraduate mission courses. The original buildings were purchased by the Wesleyan Methodist Church in 1903.

On reaching the A623 at the bottom of the hill we turned left, walking on the footpath alongside the busy road.

Shortly we branched off, walking up a narrow lane. At one point an electric car came up behind us, all we could hear was a hum. We soon reached the outskirts of Baslow, walking along Over Road until we reached School Lane. Turning left we passed a large stone house up on our left 'The Alma' – built in 1854 and originally a beer house.

Continuing up the lane we reached Overend Crossroads marking the meeting of four important old routes from Calver, Chesterfield, Sheffield and the old bridge across the Derwent, before returning to our cars and making our way back to Chesterfield.

If anyone wishes to join us, then meet us outside church at 12pm with a packed lunch on **Sunday 1st January 2023**. You will be made very welcome.



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Churchyard Birdwatch

From John Drake

Saturday 3 December

We had a bright but cold and dry start to the morning with just a few spots of rain at the start.



The birds seemed to be fairly active, but the light was not good, and this made it difficult for identification purposes. The problem with birdwatching is that the birds don't always show off their best features and sometimes identification is based on a sighting of only a part of the bird.

The good news was that we counted 19 species which is more than we've had previously.

We did pick the best of the day as the weather deteriorated later on and ended up a right old miserable one.

It was good to finish with a visit to the Parish Room for refreshments including a warm drink and a wonderful display of goodies to eat. May be tempted to have some more tomorrow after church. What made it even better was that the author won a box of biscuits in the raffle!

Birds seen

Blackbird, BH Gull, Blue Tit, Carrion Crow, Chaffinch, Collared Dove, Dunnock, Feral Pigeon, Goldcrest, Goldfinch, Great Tit, Herring Gull, House Sparrow, Jackdaw, Long Tail Tit, Magpie, Robin, Starling, Wood Pigeon.



The Big Garden Birdwatch

January 27-29

Big Garden Birdwatch is fun, free and for everyone. And you don't need a garden to take part! Counting birds from your balcony, or your local park will play a vital role in helping us understand how UK birds are doing. Sign up for your free guide and let's look out for birds together on 27-29 January.

How to take part in Big Garden Birdwatch

Taking part is as easy as 1,2,3

1. Watch the birds around you for one hour
2. Count how many of each species of bird land on your patch
3. Go online and tell us what you saw

The fact that we've lost 38 million birds from UK skies in the last 50 years underlines that nature is in crisis. We see it in our own back gardens with house sparrows struggling and starlings undergoing a severe decline. As a conservation charity, your Birdwatch results help us monitor how our UK birds are faring in the face of the nature and climate emergency. But we can't do it without your support.

By taking part in Big Garden Birdwatch you, and hundreds of thousands of other like-minded nature lovers, will be taking action to protect our birds for generations to come.

You don't need to be an RSPB member to take part.

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>

From the Archives

The following item has been taken from *The Evangelist*,
February 1952

They Brought Him

They brought him - where? To the Clinic? Yes, we may be thankful there are clinics; we may be thankful for the orange juice, the free milk, the school dinners. The Chief Medical Officer of the Ministry of Education in his report for 1948-9 says that the average height of London school children increased by three quarters of an inch and the average weight by one- and three-quarter pounds between 1938 and 1949. At Wolverhampton senior school weighing machines are no longer adequate for weighing pupils in their last year.

But He who made these boys and girls says *man shall not live by bread alone*. To do everything we can for our children's physical well-being is natural and obviously desirable. But it is an offence against the child to ignore his spiritual nature and to do nothing about his training as a child of God. On February 2nd, Churchmen will read again the story of the Presentation of Christ (Luke 2:22-40).

His mother and St. Joseph *brought him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord*. The child grew, we are told; and as he was going to be a carpenter, it was essential for him to grow up a strong and sturdy boy. But our

writer adds he waxed strong in spirit. The whole boy was growing body and soul. Here then is the pattern for every boy and girl; *Jesus increased in wisdom and stature and in favour with God and man.*

Notice that they *brought him*. He was not merely sent, or even encouraged to go, to temple or synagogue. He was brought by his mother and her husband. Here there is the pattern for parents also; the whole family at worship every Sunday. Blessed are the children whose parents give them not only the best food, the best toys, the best clothes, the best schooling, the best holidays which they can afford, but who teach them and lead them in, their religion by the all-persuasive force of their own example.

It is never too early to begin. A child should be presented to the Lord before it is born. And children of any age, whether fitted with silencers or not, are welcome with their parents at any service in Newbold Parish Church.

For it is by grace you have been saved,
through faith—and this is not from
yourselves, it is the gift of God.

Ephesians 2:8

As New Year's Eve is almost upon us,
here is a

Bar Drinks Quiz!



- 1 Educators
- 2 Cares for children
- 3 1980's pop group
- 4 Eye water from a West Side beauty
- 5 Bowmen
- 6 A more intelligent friend
- 7 Campanologists
- 8 If she nicked your wallet, you may
- 9 A dog has one but a chicken doesn't
- 10 Posh's favourite tippie
- 11 To wail
- 12 There was an old lady who swallowed a spider that wiggled and wiggled in
- 13 A pirate's poison
- 14 A magician's brother perhaps?
- 15 What you use to fire heavy arrows
- 16 A card game when you are drunk perhaps?
- 17 Forbidden
- 18 My French sweetheart
- 19 Leader of the Opposition in the 1990's



Answers to last month's advertising quiz

- 1 Bell System Telephone Directory Yellow Pages (1960's)
- 2 Walls Ice Cream (1922)
- 3 Strand – cigarettes (1960)
- 4 Esso Petrol (1964)
- 5 National Dairy Council (1958)
- 6 Hamlet
- 7 John Lewis Partnership
- 8 Schweppes Mineral Drinks (1960's)
- 9 Commercial Union Insurance
- 10 Haig Whisky (1936)
- 11 Oxo (1960)
- 12 Gibbs Toothpaste The first advertising slogan on British TV 22/9/55
- 13 Mr Kipling Cakes (1967)
- 14 Coke – Coca Cola (1963)
- 15 Privatization of British Gas (1986)
- 16 British Post Office (1960's)
- 17 Frys Turkish Delight
- 18 Rowntrees (1958-61)
- 19 Heineken Lager (1975)
- 20 Hoover Vacuum Cleaner (1919)

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