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Currently all church organisations apart from the flower ladies are “resting” due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Please watch out in this magazine or in the church porch for changing circumstances.

Sunday School

Sunday School – St Michael’s Club – begins at 10.30 in church and usually takes place every Sunday.

Leader: Mrs Liz Boland. Mobile: 07903 200204. E: lizboland@yahoo.co.uk

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Church Website: <http://www.hooleparishchurch.com>.

Our **Facebook** page is called “**St Michael and All Angels Church Hoole**”.

CHURCH OPENING TIMES

St Michael’s Church is open every day. Opening times are:

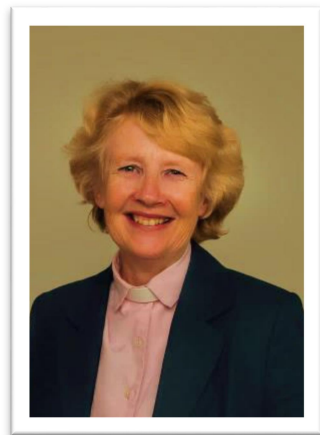
Monday to Saturday inclusive: 9.30am to 4.30pm.

Sunday: 8.00am to 4.30pm. Coronavirus restrictions are in place.

CHURCH ROTAS

Please note that the only rota in place at the moment is that of the Flower Ladies which you can find on page 17.

FROM THE RECTORY



Dear all

'O Worship the Lord in the beauty of Holiness'.

It's a great Bible verse and a beautiful hymn.

It made me think of our stunning church of St Michael and the fact that amidst all the pain of our current situation we can rejoice that once again we are allowed to meet and worship together in such beautiful surroundings.

The hymn goes on to talk about the 'gold of obedience and incense of lowliness' which is why we often sing it at Epiphany on January 6th when we remember the visit of the Wise Men to the infant Jesus and the gifts they brought.

Think now of the last verse of that lovely Christmas Carol ' In the bleak midwinter';

*What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man, I would do my part,
Yet what I can I give him: give my heart.*

And remember that Jesus is always there for you: as the same hymn has it:

*Low at His feet lay thy burden of carefulness:
High on His heart He will bear it for thee,
Comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
Guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.*

It's a great challenge as we begin 2021 and the best possible New Year's resolution for the Christian to give yourself again to your Lord and Saviour in love and service.

But the visit of the Wise men has a far reaching meaning beyond the personal challenge of a deeper Christian commitment.

It's about God sending His Son into the world to show absolutely everyone what He is like. It reminds us of the task of us His people to tell others the Good News of Jesus and show them what God is like by our words and deeds.

There will be many opportunities in our vaccinated post Covid world as we hope and pray we can begin to mix again more normally to share Jesus with our friends and neighbours.

Let me finish with an Epiphany joke and a New Year resolution:

*What if the three wise men had been three wise women?
Well, they would have asked for directions
and arrived on time,
helped deliver the baby,
cleaned the stable,
brought a casserole and given the child much more practical gifts!!*

And the New Year resolution:

*Do all the good you can
by all the means you can
in all the ways you can
at all the times you can
to all the people you can
for as long as you can.*

(John Wesley)

With prayers and best wishes

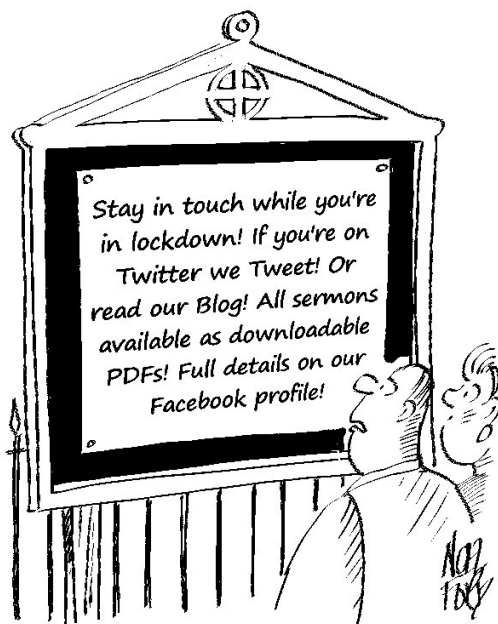
Rev Ann. December 2020



St Michael's Sunday School was meeting each Sunday morning (except on days when Family Church met in the afternoon) at 10:30. Following the lifting of the current Covid lockdown on 2nd December we are able once again to be able to start in church (obeying the social distancing rules), and then go outside to the tent in the churchyard for 20 minutes of Bible stories, games, crafts and fun. We then re-join the adults in church for the end of the service and refreshments.

All children, age 3-11 are welcome to join us. There are toys in the back of church for younger children, or they are welcome to come to Sunday School with an adult.

For more details about Sunday School, contact Liz Boland, Children and Young People's Worker on 07903 200204 or lizboland@yahoo.co.uk.





"...and we used to grumble about not understanding archaic church language!"

ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH, HOOLE

Parish Diary


Sunday 3rd January	9.00	Holy Communion
	10.30	Parish Communion with Sunday School
Sunday 10th January	9.00	Holy Communion
	10.30	Morning Worship with Sunday School
Monday 11th January	7.30	Bible Study/Growth group in church and by Zoom: 'Keep the Sabbath – Take a Break'
Sunday 17th January	9.00	Holy Communion
	10.30	Parish Communion
	3.45	FAMILY CHURCH LIGHT PARTY in Church
Monday 18th January	7.30	PCC meeting
Tuesday 19th January	7.30	Bible Study/Growth group in church and by Zoom: 'Keep the Sabbath – Take a Break'
Sunday 31st January	9.00	Holy Communion
	10.30	All Age Morning Worship
Sunday 7th February	9.00	Holy Communion
	10.30	Parish Communion

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

-  **FAMILY CHURCH LIGHT PARTY**
Sunday 17th January in church at 3.45pm
-  **CONFIRMATION SERVICE with Bishop Jill Duff**
Sunday 7th March at 10.30am



Intercessions: Please let the Rector or Margaret Kirkman know of anyone you would like including on our prayer list by text or call 07786 543581.



FAMILY CHURCH

"Put on the whole armour of light"

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

LIGHT PARTY

SUNDAY 17th JANUARY 2021

3.45 PM

AT HOOLE ST MICHAEL CHURCH



CRAFT / QUIZ

GLOW STICKS

BIBLE STORY

ALL WELCOME



Designed by Grace Wighall

Toy & Christingle Service

6th December 2020



It was great to be back in church at the beginning of December for the annual Toy & Christingle service. Ann and I had been into St Michael's School on the Friday before to make Christingles with two of the classes, and then we had made some more with other children on the Saturday morning in church.

On Sunday afternoon, 65 people gathered in church for a service of carols, and thoughts about





Christingles and Christmas. It was great to have several children reading a drama and prayers during the service, and we thought about Jesus the Light of the World, as we looked at Ann's huge

Christingle, and we thought about the birth of Jesus being good news, and we need that good news more than ever this year!

Families brought donations of toys and toiletries, all of which have been donated to the Women's Refuge in Preston, and Rainbow Hub, a charity providing therapeutic services for children and young people with physical disabilities as a result of a neurological condition or brain injury.

Towards the end of the service, we switched all the lights off, lit all the Christingles and listened to the choir singing Shine Jesus Shine.



The service was a lovely way to welcome our families back to church after the second lockdown, and a great way to begin our Christmas services.

Liz.



**RAINBOW
HUB**

Every day is a life changing day

Rainbow Hub, one of the recipients of the Christingle Toys, is a charity in Mawdesley which helps around 100 families from

across the North West region each week.

They support children and young people with movement disorders to live more active and independent lives through a range of specialist services. Their provisions currently include Conductive Education, Physiotherapy, Rebound Therapy and they offer many other opportunities to learn through bespoke mobility programs, communication sessions, Early Years sessions and sensory play.

Rainbow Hub is a very unique and special place where individuals are able to be challenged, and develop their learning in order to advance their capabilities. Essentially all of their services help children and young people with disabilities to achieve their potential; in addition to this, their families can access emotional and practical support too.

For more information, please visit: www.rainbowhub.org (on the scrolling banner at the top, you can click to 'Watch our Video' and see more about what they do).



St Michael's Christmas Social

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL BY ZOOM

Tuesday 15th December 7.30 – c 8.30pm

Everyone is invited to St Michael's Christmas social.

Carols, Christmas Quiz etc by Zoom

Bring your own celebration drink and mincepie.



An impressive 28 parishioners attended Ann's Christmas Social by Zoom on 15th December, most of whom brought along a

glass of something seasonal and a mince pie, and were decked out in their seasonal finery whether Rudolph's antlers (hope he didn't mind...), a Tam O'Shanter (with added whiskers) or a lively snowballs on sticks headband!

A good time was had by all with carols being selected and played by Carole, and a quiz compiled by Colin. Many thanks to Ann and Peter for hosting, and to Carole and Colin for organising the evening.



Our new Churchwarden

My name is Jane Elphick, and I am writing to introduce myself, as I was recently elected as Church Warden by the PCC. At the moment I am working alongside Jock Davidson, and benefitting enormously from the wealth of experience he has built up over the past seven years' service in the role as he helps me to find my feet. The first thing I have discovered is that there is a great deal to learn! However, I already know that with the knowledge and support of many different people at St Michael's, and particularly including the sidespeople – experienced and newly appointed – I will be part of a friendly and effective team.



I'll share a little of my background with you now. I was baptised into the Church of England as a baby, although several of my father's family were very involved in the Methodist Church and as a child my main memory of attending church was when visiting my grandparents. When I was confirmed as a teenager, my father also confirmed his faith, and that led to my family becoming more involved in our local village church in Surrey – a church my mother continued to attend regularly until recently.

I moved away as a student and had no involvement with church for some years. However, once settled in Manchester I did seek baptism for both my children. Several years later, the church which had welcomed me as a young parent was set alight by arsonists. It was a memorable, bitterly cold night during which fire fighters risked their lives to control the fire. Our community was very mixed, but predominantly Jewish, and everybody stood in shock – many in tears – trying to make sense of what was happening. The next day I was one

of over 200 people who packed into the school hall where an impromptu multi-faith service was led by the Rector and Rabbi focusing on renewal, and the next stage of my faith journey was under way. I became an active member of the church, and received so much support, teaching and leadership development over the years, as did my children.

When my husband Clive and I moved to Bretherton in 2002, I looked round for a church to join. However, my first attempt was unsuccessful, because I had underestimated how hard it is to walk into a new church, in a new area, where the services are very different and everybody is unfamiliar. What made it even harder was that nobody spoke to me, and at the end of the service only one person had a brief word. Thankfully, I was then invited to come along to St Michael's, and as soon as I arrived I received the warmest of welcomes and I felt at home, even though everybody was unfamiliar and parts of the service were new to me. The next stage of my faith journey was set.

Soon afterwards, Clive and I greatly enjoyed playing an active part in the transit of Venus celebrations in 2004; I joined the Friends of St Michael's and took over as Chair several years ago. I have also continued my enjoyment of singing in the choir, reading and leading prayers. I was elected to the PCC about twelve years ago (I think!) and have remained a member ever since. I am now retired from work – although just as busy as ever – and this does feel like the right time for me to step up as part of what will hopefully be a team of people sharing various roles associated with that of Churchwarden. I have never forgotten the importance of the welcome I received at both St Paul's in Manchester and upon my arrival here at St Michael's, and hope very much to keep that emphasis while undertaking my new duties. St Michael's is a special church to very many people, and it is a privilege to serve here as best I can.

Jane Elphick

Reflection on 2020 – a year in the life of a Children & Young People’s Minister

Almost a year ago to the day, I began working at St Michael’s Church as Children and Young People’s Minister. I had been to a couple of Family Churches and a 10.30 service to see whether I wanted the job, and to be honest, I still wasn’t 100% sure when I started in January! At the time, I was also working in a local primary school two days a week, so suddenly life was very busy. It wasn’t easy cutting down my involvement in Christ Church, Fulwood, where I had been going before, and getting to know a whole new set of people and how things work wasn’t as simple as I hoped.

I was just getting to know what I was doing when lockdown hit in March. Suddenly I was learning whole new ways of doing Sunday School and helping Ann and Peter with getting services online!

Now, as we approach Christmas, I look back on my year with St Michael’s and am grateful for how welcome I have been made all year and that I now definitely consider St Michael’s as “my church.” I have been able to take a very active role in Sunday School and Family Church, have led all-age worship one Sunday morning, am now visiting St Michael’s School every week for worship, am a governor there, a member of PCC and have two groups of older children investigating faith for themselves and working towards confirmation. What an amazing year! Who says everything has stopped in 2020? God definitely hasn’t stopped working in the hearts and lives of the congregation of St Michael’s, and I am privileged to be part of that, and am excited to see what 2021 will bring.

Liz Boland

2021 REGULAR GIVING ENVELOPES

The boxes of new envelopes have been in church since December. Please pick up your box if you haven't already, and start to use it this month.

Inside each new box of envelopes is a tax status slip and some of you will have a new Gift Aid Form to sign.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THEM TO ME THIS MONTH.

This applies whether your tax status has changed or remains the same.

I NEED TO KNOW.

Giving options available for you to consider:

- Change from yellow envelope giving to regular giving or standing order if you come to Church fairly regularly
- Convert from regular giving envelopes to standing order if you wish.
- Not a donor to Church? Please consider it, if you love your God and your Church

It does not matter which method you choose, but please bear in mind that our Church has suffered financially in this year of 2020.

In order to survive, we have had to draw down over £15k from our savings account just to pay the bills, wages, expand our family church, carry out essential maintenance and continue to support our charities to name but a few. Unless there is a drastic change to the current situation we are in, our income does not look as though it will improve much in the near future.

EVERY LITTLE HELPS!

Barbara Wood
Assistant Treasurer

Magazine Subscriptions

Please note that subscriptions for 2021 are payable this month. They remain the same this year, at £10.00.

Thank you for having yours ready when your distributor calls.

AN APPEAL

This is where you come in – if you possibly can – please **please** consider increasing your donations to Church to any level that you can afford.

In an ideal world, it would be just lovely if our regular donors could review their giving annually especially if there has been no increase for a couple of years?

Please – perhaps you could consider it now?

Did you know that if every regular tax paying donor, increased their monthly giving by just £1 per week, that would mean an extra £3,380 (with GA that is worth £4,225) per annum.

If our non-tax paying donors were to do the same, that would mean an annual increase of £1,040.

Give it thought would you?

If you have any queries on anything, just get in touch by phone, email or in person (but keep your distance!!)

Many, many thanks in anticipation

Barbara

Assistant Treasurer

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Ladies' Group

We would like to wish a Happy New Year to all our members. Following the great news about the vaccine, let's hope it arrives in Lancashire very soon so that we can look forward to our meetings once again. I think it'll take a while before we can do this but, eventually, it will be wonderful to be gathering together.

All best wishes from Erika and the Committee

Flower Rota

<u>Date</u>	<u>Arranger(s)</u>	<u>Sponsor(s):</u>
10 th January	Jean & Sue	Mr Les Smart
17 th January	Averil & Betty	Mr & Mrs K Leigh
24 th January	Jean & Joan	Mrs Eva Coxhead
31 st January	Julie & Elaine	Mrs Elaine Cowburn
7 th February	Clare	Men's Fellowship
14 th February	Gillian & Angela	Mrs J Smallwood
17 th February	All flowers to be cleared from church for Lent.	

Easter Day 2021 is on Sunday 4th April.

The other church rotas are still suspended until the Coronavirus restrictions are lifted.



The Conversion of St Paul

St Paul's day is on 25th January.

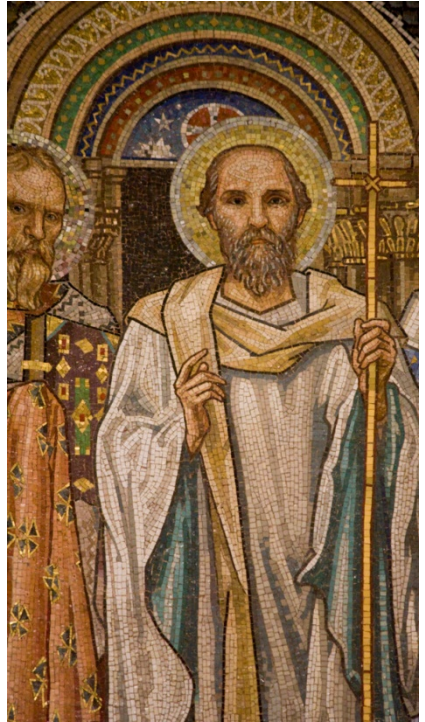
January is a month of the beginning of great things! As well as the naming of the Son of God, we celebrate the conversion of the greatest ever apostle of the Christian faith. Many books have been written on Paul, and here is the briefest of introductions.

He was a Jew, born as 'Saul' at Tarsus, and brought up by the rabbi Gamaliel as a Pharisee. A devout, fanatical Jew, Saul persecuted the Christians, and watched with satisfaction the first Christian martyrdom, the stoning of Stephen. Then on his way to Damascus Saul had a vision of Christ that stopped him, literally, in his

tracks. He realised that this Jesus whom he was persecuting was in fact the Messiah for whom he had longed.

Saul changed overnight. He took a new name, Paul, and became an evangelist for the cause of Christ. He became a leader in the early Church, and his special calling was as an apostle to the Gentiles. He wrote many epistles to the young churches he founded - and thus, inadvertently, wrote a great part of the New Testament.

Life as the greatest apostle was hardly full of perks: he was stoned, beaten, mobbed, homeless, hated, imprisoned, and finally martyred. Tradition has it that he was beheaded in Rome during the persecution of Nero in AD 64, and buried where the basilica of St Paul 'outside the walls' now stands. His mighty faith in Christ has kindled similar belief in many hundreds of millions of people down the centuries.



I think it's worth repeating some of the Hymns of the Month compiled by Bill Carr. Here's the first I have chosen.Ed.

GOOD KING WENCESLAS

HYMN No: 242

Words: Rev. J. M. Neale (1818-1886)

Music: "Tempus Adest Floridum" – The tune for an Easter song from the 13th century.

Good King Wenceslas was originally written as a carol for the Feast of St Stephen or Boxing Day with no mention of the Nativity, and first published in 1853. The charitable giving which the carol promotes is an old part of Boxing Day tradition (now, alas, supplanted by a spree at the first day of the sales which runs into January).

*Good King Wenceslas looked out on the feast of Stephen,
When the snow lay round about deep and crisp and even.
Brightly shone the moon that night, though the frost was cruel.*

When a poor man came in sight gath'ring winter fuel.

*"Hither, page, and stand by me If thou know'st it, telling
Yonder peasant, who is he? Where and what his dwelling?"*

*"Sire, he lives a good league hence, underneath the mountain
Right against the forest fence, by Saint Agnes' fountain".*

*"Bring me flesh and bring me wine, bring me pine logs hither
Thou and I will see him dine when we bear them thither".*

*Page and monarch forth they went, forth they went together
Through the rude wind's wild lament and the bitter weather.*

Wenceslas was a 10th-century Catholic Duke of Bohemia but was never a king. He was also known as Vaclav the Good, and was martyred after being assassinated by his wicked brother, Boleslaw the Bad. Wenceslas's remains are interred in St Vitus's cathedral in Prague, and he was recently made patron saint of the Czech Republic. St Stephen was the first martyr of the Christian church.

In the first place, this is not a traditional carol, a song sung by generations in honour of Christmas, but a song

about a king and his page bringing logs and food for a poor man down on his luck.

*“Sire, the night is darker now and the wind blows stronger
Fails my heart, I know not how, I can go no longer.”*

*“Mark my footsteps, my good page, tread thou in them boldly.
Thou shalt find the winter’s rage freeze thy blood less coldly.”*

*In his master’s steps he trod Where the snow lay dinted
Heat was in the very sod which the Saint had printed
Therefore, Christian men, be sure, Wealth or rank possessing
Ye who now will bless the poor shall yourselves find blessing.*

The poor little page is struggling along, walking in his master’s footsteps. What would the battle-hardened warrior Duke Vaclav 1 think of his reputation now, as the background music in shopping centres and lifts in the English-speaking world? Perhaps the warrior saint would still remind us of the need for kindness to the poor, who need our aid all year round and not just on the Feast of Stephen.

Bill Carr
Churchwarden Emeritus

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St James the Least of All

On what clergy do after Christmas

The Rectory

St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

I am glad you enjoyed your post-Christmas break from the parish, although a week of skiing in the Alps does seem a little excessive. In my day, an extra hour in bed on Boxing Day was considered quite sufficient. Curates are clearly paid too much. While your week after Christmas was spent falling down mountains at



excessive speeds, mine was used with the traditional activity of making apologies.

Apologies are always sent out to all those ladies who had fur coats ruined by guttering candles at the Carol Service. But as I feel obliged to point out, at least they were ruined with the best beeswax money can buy. Had they attended Saint Agatha's, our next-door parish, they would have been ruined by paraffin wax, which is most inferior.

A general apology was also necessary in the parish magazine. That our thurifer was slightly over-zealous with the incense at the midnight Service was quite excusable at such an important Service; that the organist improvised during Communion on the tune "Smoke gets in your Eyes" was not.

I also felt duty-bound to apologise to the landlord of the public house which adjoins the church, as his customers were blocked in the pub car park with cars of those attending our midnight Service. But since his customers were obliged to stay in the pub for an extra two hours, he asked if we could make the same mistake in future years. I also received several letters of thanks from those who were unable to return home until the early hours. One even made a donation to the church in appreciation.

Apologies were also made to the 8am Christmas morning congregation, the Service having been taken by Canon Rogers for the last 25 years. Now in his 97th year, he is becoming somewhat forgetful. Beginning the Service by wishing the congregation a very happy Easter was not entirely helpful. I may have to think about finding him a replacement.

My final apologies were given to Lady Duckworth who, having tumbled her returning children to church, discovered that strangers were sitting in her pew. Since her family has sat there for the last 400 centuries, she has always assumed squatters' rights, and so being obliged to sit at the rear of a side aisle was not at all appreciated.

And so we both begin a new year, you exhilarated from a week's strenuous activity and me energised by knowing that I will not have to apologize to anyone about anything for another 12 months.
Your loving uncle,
Eustace

Smile Lines

Not comfortable

The vicar was praying for the sick and said: "We must remember Mrs Goodwin in our prayers. She recently had all her teeth taken out and a new gas stove put in."

The cat

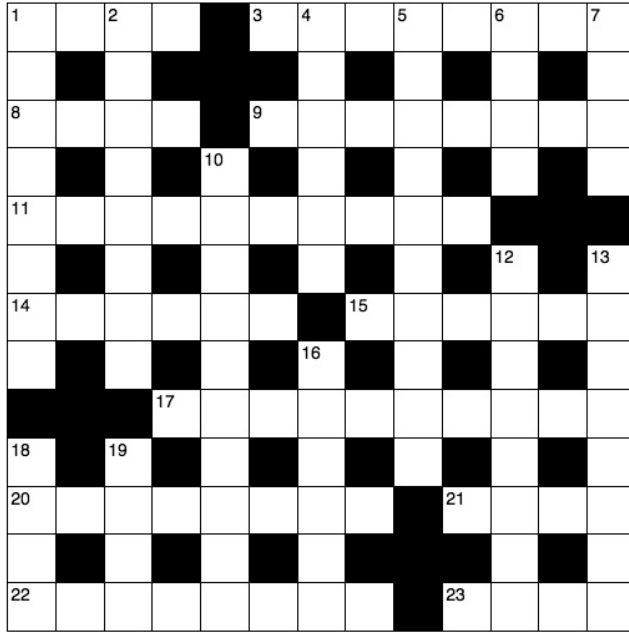
A vicar and his wife were going out for the evening, and carefully set the security lights and put the cat out. But when they opened the door to go to the taxi, the cat slipped back in and disappeared upstairs. Irritated, the vicar followed it.

The wife waited with the taxi driver. Not wanting him to know that they were leaving the parsonage empty, she said: "My husband is just upstairs for a quick word with my mother."

A few minutes later, the husband arrived, breathless. "Sorry I took so long" he said, "but she put up a fight! Stupid old thing was hiding under the bed and I had to poke her with a coat hanger and grab her by the scruff of the neck to get her out."



Crossword Puzzle



Clues: Across

- 1 'Again Peter denied it, and at that moment a — began to crow' (John 18:27) (4)
- 3 Fetters (Job 33:11) (8)
- 8 Perform on a musical instrument (1 Samuel 16:23) (4)
- 9 Paul describes it as 'the third heaven' (2 Corinthians 12:2-4) (8)
- 11 Loyally (Deuteronomy 11:13) (10)
- 14 Hens? Me? (anag.) (6)
- 15 Not visible (Matthew 6:6) (6)
- 17 Predicted site of the final great battle (Revelation 16:16) (10)
- 20 Jacob's youngest son (Genesis 35:18) (8)
- 21 One of Zophar's eleven sons (1 Chronicles 7:36) (4)
- 22 For example, London, Paris, Rome (8)
- 23 United Society for the Propagation of the *Gospel* (1,1,1,1)

Down

- 1 Favourite church activity: Fellowship round a — — — (3,2,3)
- 2 Divinely bestowed powers or talents (8)
- 4 Pile together (1 Thessalonians 2:16) (4,2)
- 5 Commanded to justify (John 8:13) (10)
- 6 Timothy's grandmother (2 Timothy 1:5) (4)
- 7 Killed (Psalm 78:34) (4)
- 10 One of Graham Kendrick's best-known songs, — — King (3,7)
- 12 Indecency (Mark 7:22) (8)
- 13 Unceasing (Jeremiah 15:18) (8)
- 16 He prophesied 'the abomination that causes desolation' (Matthew 24:15) (6)
- 18 British Board of Film Classification (1,1,1,1)
- 19 Pans (anag.) (4)

ALL ANSWERS ON PAGE 26

Sudoku - Easy

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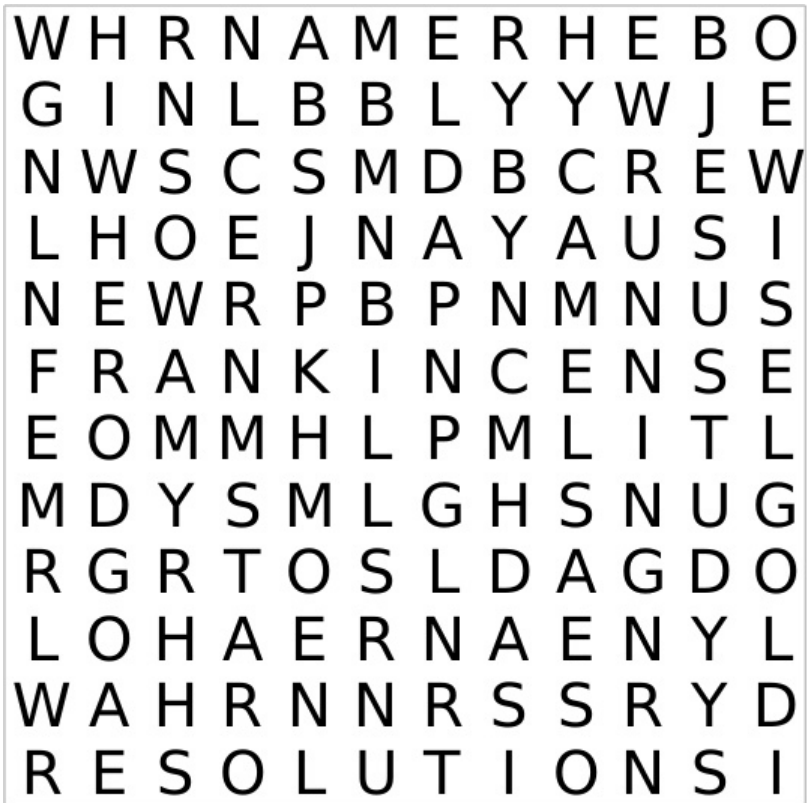
Sudoku - Medium

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Word Search

The Christmas story carries on into the New Year, with Epiphany and the arrival of the Wise Men, led by the Star in the East. Through the eyes of faith, they saw Messiah in that small baby, and worshipped him, giving gifts that foresaw his life and work. New Year is also a time of new beginnings for us - resolutions about diets and paying the bills and doing better at work... Happy New Year!



SOLUTIONS:

CROSSWORD

ACROSS: 1, Cock. 3, Shackles. 8, Play. 9, Paradise. 11, Faithfully. 14, Enmesh. 15, Unseen. 17, Armageddon. 20, Benjamin. 21, Beri. 22, Capitals. 23, USPG.

DOWN: 1, Cup of tea. 2, Charisma. 4, Heap up. 5, Challenged. 6, Lois. 7, Slew. 10, The Servant. 12, Lewdness. 13, Unending. 16, Daniel. 18, BBFC. 19, Snap.

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WORD SEARCH

Epiphany

Wise

Men

Camels

Baby

Jesus

Star

Herod

Worship

Gold

Frankincense

Myrrh

New

Resolutions

Bills

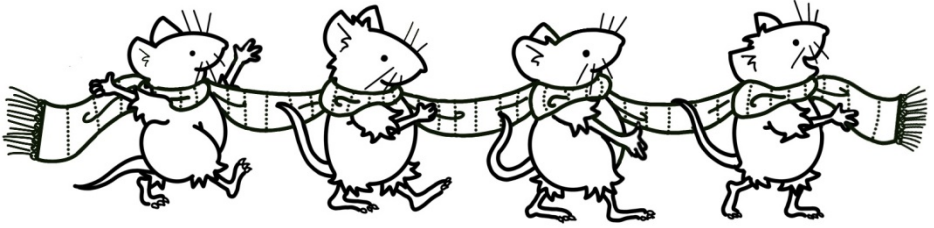
Work

Study

Running

Gym

Could you colour this in?



New Year Celebration

The New Year's days are white with snow,
The winds are laughing as they blow.
Across the ponds and lakes we glide,
And o'er the drifting snow we ride,
And down the hills we gaily slide,
For it is winter weather.

Each rushing stream is warmly dress'd,
An icy coat upon its breast,
And on each branch of every tree,
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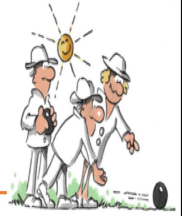
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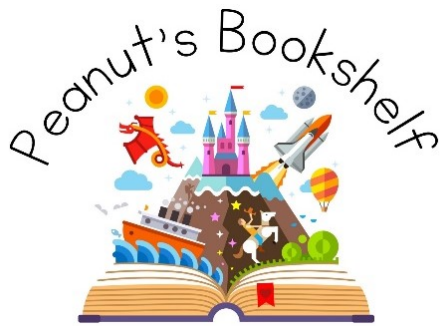
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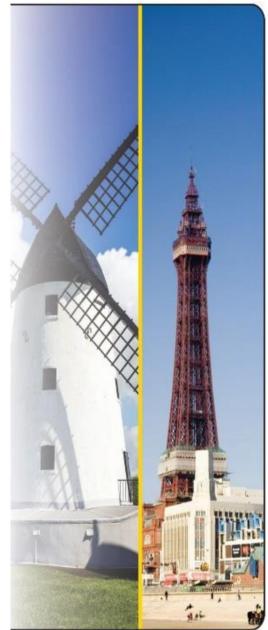
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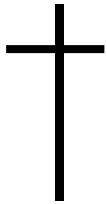
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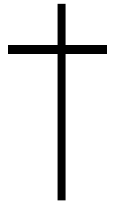
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