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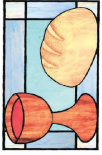
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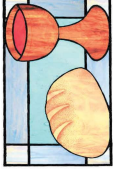
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## Church Services January 2021



All our services will be subject to Government guidelines please check on [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com) for updates or see the weekly bulletin.

**The Epiphany**  
Weston Holy Communion (BCP)  
Leathley Holy Communion  
Fewston Evensong (BCP)

**The Baptism of Christ**  
Farnley Holy Communion  
Denton Holy Communion

**Second Sunday of Epiphany**  
Farnley Holy Communion  
Fewston Holy Communion  
Weston Evensong (BCP)

**Third Sunday of Epiphany**  
Fewston Holy Communion  
Denton Holy Communion  
Farnley Evensong (BCP)

**The Presentation of Christ in the Temple**  
Fewston Holy Communion  
Weston Holy Communion (BCP)

**Second Sunday before Lent**  
Denton Holy Communion  
Leathley Holy Communion  
Farnley Evensong (BCP)



## From the Registers

13.11.2020 Funeral of Harold Swift at Fewston and Burial at Farnley

30.11.2020 Funeral of Linda Dibb at Weston and Cremation at Skipton

## The View from the Vicarage

One of my late mother in law's favourite films was the 'King's Speech.' You will remember that the film tells the story of King George VI and his struggle to overcome his speech impediment in order to serve his people better. I could never tell if she liked the film so much, because of her love of the late King or because she had a soft spot for Colin Firth. Whatever the case she went to the cinema three times in a week, when the film came out.

King George by sheer hard work and determination conquered his handicap. And the encouragement he gave to the nation during the years of the Second World War played no small part in keeping our morale high.

His Christmas broadcast in 1939 was heard by the peoples of these islands and the Empire (as it then was) at a time when the future seemed very bleak indeed.

In that broadcast he quoted some lines from a poem by a Christian Missionary worker, Minnie Haskins, written while she was working in India.

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 better than light, and safer than a known way.'

The comfort and support that these words gave to those who heard them has become legendary. Let's hold on to these words ourselves as we journey into our New Year.

It is hard to imagine that 2021 could be any worse than the year just gone. However, there is still so much uncertainty around our future. The new vaccines will take some time to roll out to the general population but then we should be able to get back to some semblance of normality. And normality is this: some of us will have a wonderful year, for others the New Year may bring pain and grief. For most of us we will have the usual mix of good and bad which is called real life.

Whatever the year brings, let's face it with our heads held high, with confidence and with calm. My hand will be in the hand of God. I hope yours will be as well. If you are not sure, don't worry because his hand will be guiding you, as it guides all of us.

God bless you all for the New Year ahead.  
Stephen



## News from Norwood Chapel

Happy New Year, dear friends! If you're like me, you are happy for the year 2020 to be in the past. Hope has been born again as we celebrated Christ's birth at Christmas and the Coronavirus vaccine is now here. Folks are getting vaccinated! Having said all that, I know we have a ways to go before we can all be together again like old times. It will take a long time for all the UK and the world to be vaccinated. Therefore, we continue to wait and pray for safer and better times to come. In this time of waiting, we can be active rather than passive especially when we think about our life with Christ.

For many Methodist Churches, January is a special time where we observe the Covenant and Communion Service. This is a service where we recommit ourselves to Christ by praying a unique prayer written by John Wesley back in the 18<sup>th</sup> century (the current words are modernized!). This prayer is about discipleship, where we strive to uphold our promise of following Christ. It's about recognizing that we will be changed along the way and that we are not in control. It's about submitting our whole selves to the love and will of God. This prayer is humbling and unsettling. If we mean what we pray, then watch out! We must fasten our seat belts because we have just signed up for an adventure that will take us "who knows where?!" The end of the prayer reminds us what's most important . . . belonging to God and being engaged in a dynamic relationship with him here on earth and in heaven.

I invite you to consider making this prayer your own!

### The Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own but yours.  
 Your will, not mine, be done in all things,  
 Wherever you may place me,  
 In all that I do  
 And in all that I may endure;  
 When there is work for me  
 And when there is none;  
 When I am troubled  
 And when I am at peace.  
 Your will be done  
 When I am valued  
 And when I am disregarded;  
 When I find fulfilment  
 And when it is lacking;  
 When I have all things,  
 And when I have nothing.  
 I willingly offer  
 All I have and am  
 To serve you,  
 As and where you choose.

Glorious and blessed God,  
 Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
 You are mine and I am yours.  
 May it be so forever.  
 Let this covenant now made on earth  
 Be fulfilled in heaven. **Amen.**

*Methodist Worship Book p. 288*

May 2021 be a brighter, healthier, and safer year for us all as we strive to follow where Christ leads us.

New Year blessings,  
 ~ Rev. Shannon



## Carol Singing

It is the first week of December, the weather is gloomy, damp and grey. Normally by now I would have typed out a rota of evenings we would have earmarked for Carol singing, and then sent it out to all those who would have been willing to join us. This is, I think, the first time in nigh on forty years when we have been unable to do our rounds. It is very sad, but it is also right that we should have observed the restrictions. It has been stated that we could stand outside and sing, socially distanced. But first we would have had to organise transport and then hope that residents would be willing to face us on the doorstep to listen to us, and also that our older singers would be willing to do the carol singing. We couldn't car share which meant that wending our way along narrow country lanes with at least five or six cars, finding parking and turning points in the dark is quite difficult even with the weather in our favour.

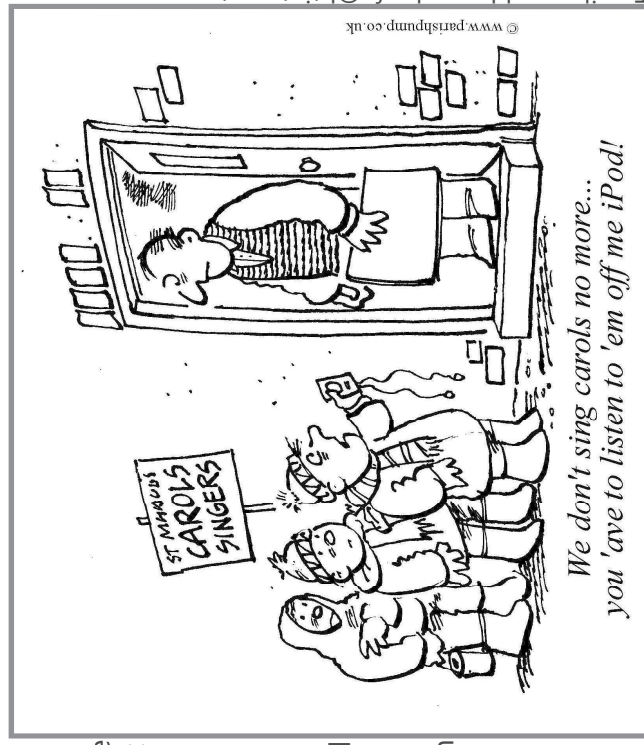
been changing on a regular basis which meant that making any contingency arrangements became almost impossible to organise. I do hope next year will have a better outcome.

So reluctantly and without the promise even of a carol service (which we could have held but the congregation would not have been allowed to join in the singing), this year is a little barren on the singing front.

On behalf of carol singers all, we hope that you and your families have had a safe Christmas, and will have a much more promising 2021.

Cheri Beaumont.

The rules and boundaries had



*We don't sing carols no more... you 'ave to listen to 'em off me iPod!*

# Community Notice Board

## “Valley Bible Study Group

AKA pre Lockdown “Discussion Group”



The Valley Bible Study Group meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. At present, we are meeting via Zoom at 2.30pm.

Contact Peter Wood for details on [peterlwood1951@gmail.com](mailto:peterlwood1951@gmail.com).”

## Reverse Advent Calendar (in advance!)

Thank you so much to all of you who donated to the Foodbank. I was able to take a very large amount of food (it took half an hour to unload it all!) and cash to the Foodbank in early December.

Your donations will have made the difference to so many local families over the Christmas period and into this New Year.

Stephen



## Craft Group

Will be re-starting in the new year. If you would like to join please contact Liz Carnell on 07590 466629 Or [liz.carnell3@gmail.com](mailto:liz.carnell3@gmail.com).



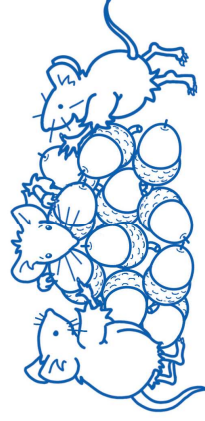
## Winter Book Club

This book group provides an opportunity for us discuss, explore and meditate on the life of St Cuthbert, by looking at the book Fire of the North (The Life of St Cuthbert) by David Adam together. You will, ideally need your own copy of the book.

If you would like to join the group details can be found here: <https://learning.leeds.anglican.org/course/winter-book-group-2020/>

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“Thank you.

Jane and John Charman thank everyone for the prayers, support and well wishes received during Jane’s recent illness and wish you all every blessing for the year to come.”

# All in the month of January

It was:

500 years ago, on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1521 that German Protestant reformer Martin Luther was excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church by Pope Leo X after he refused to recant his writings. A few weeks later, on 23<sup>rd</sup> January, the Diet of Worms was called by the Holy Roman Empire and ran until 25<sup>th</sup> May. This imperial assembly culminated in the Edict of the Diet of Worms, which branded Martin Luther as a heretic, and banned his writings.

150 years ago, on 26<sup>th</sup> January 1871 that the Rugby Football Union (RFU) was founded in England.

125 years ago, on 28<sup>th</sup> January 1896 that Walter Arnold of Kent became the first person in the world to be convicted of speeding. The speed limit was 2 mph and a person carrying a red flag had to walk in front of the vehicle. But Arnold drove at 8 mph without a flag bearer. He was chased by a policeman on a bicycle, arrested, and fined one shilling.

100 years ago, on 28<sup>th</sup> January 1921 that the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier was installed beneath the Arc de Triomphe in Paris. It honours those who died in WWI (and later also WWII) who were never identified.

80 years ago, on 5<sup>th</sup> January 1941 that Amy Johnson, pioneering British aviator, drowned in the Thames Estuary, aged 37. She had bailed out after her plane ran out of fuel and crashed in adverse weather conditions.

75 years ago, on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1946 that William Joyce (‘Lord Haw Haw’), British fascist politician who broadcast Nazi propaganda from Germany during WWII, was hanged for treason.

70 years ago, on 9<sup>th</sup> January 1951 that the United Nations moved into its present headquarters in New York City. It is a 39-floor building in the Turtle Bay area of Manhattan, overlooking the East River.

65 years ago, on 27<sup>th</sup> January 1956, that Elvis Presley’s hit song ‘Heartbreak Hotel’ was released. It topped the US charts in April and became his first UK hit in May of that year.

60 years ago, on 20<sup>th</sup> January 1961 that John F Kennedy was inaugurated as the 35<sup>th</sup> President of the United States.

50 years ago, on 25<sup>th</sup> January 1971 that Idi Amin became President of Uganda after deposing Milton Obote in a coup.

40 years ago, on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1981 that British serial killer Peter

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Sutcliffe (the 'Yorkshire Ripper') was arrested in Sheffield, South Yorkshire. He was charged with murdering 13 women. He died of Covid-19 in November 2020.

30 years ago, 17<sup>th</sup> January to 28<sup>th</sup> February, that the Gulf War's 'Operation Desert Storm' took place. Invading Iraqi forces were expelled from Kuwait and the Kuwaiti monarchy was restored. It was a decisive coalition victory.

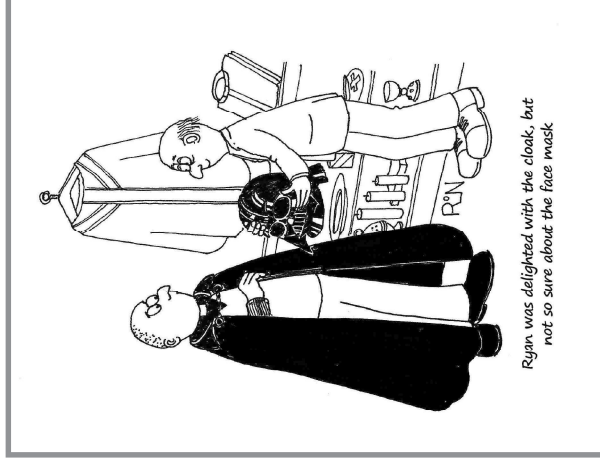
25 years ago, on 27<sup>th</sup> January 1996 that the first Holocaust Remembrance Day was observed in Germany. It became International Holocaust Day in 2005 when it was adopted by the United Nations. It marks the day (27<sup>th</sup> January 1945) when the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration/death camp was liberated.

Also 20 years ago, on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2001 that a Scottish court in the Netherlands convicted Abdelbaset al-Megrahi of the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie in 1988. He was the head of airport security for Libyan Arab Airlines and a suspected Libyan intelligence officer. He was sentenced to life imprisonment but released on medical grounds in 2009 and died in 2012.

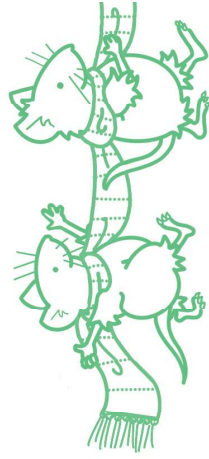
10 years ago, on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2011 that Gerry Rafferty, Scottish rock singer and songwriter, died. Best known for his solo hit 'Baker Street'.



...Rodney, I've been meaning to have a word with you about your carbon footprint!



Ryan was delighted with the cloaks, but not so sure about the face mask



## BTO Garden Bird Watch Free Offer

During this current period of uncertainty, many of us are looking to our gardens to enjoy nature and be outdoors, to learn, and to improve our well-being. BTO Garden Bird Watch (GBW) offers a great opportunity to learn more about garden birds and other wildlife, and to contribute directly to BTO's important scientific research on the value of gardens for wildlife. The more we know about how wildlife uses our gardens, the more we can make our cities, towns, villages and individual gardens better for nature.

The survey involves simply keeping a list of the birds you see visiting your garden over the course of a week, and then entering this into the BTO's online recording system. You can also record other garden wildlife, such as butterflies and mammals.

GBW is normally membership only, with an annual fee of £17, which includes an ID book and a quarterly magazine. The generous financial support of participants is what allows BTO to carry out its work monitoring garden wildlife and our scientific research.

However, we want to enable more people to get involved in garden wildlife recording under the current circumstances, to discover an enjoyable purpose in garden bird-watching, and to feel part of a community all working on the same project, even though all of us are confined to our own gardens. Therefore, we are offering free membership of the BTO Garden Bird Watch during the COVID-19 lockdown.



The free offer does not include the book or magazines and will be online only. It will include

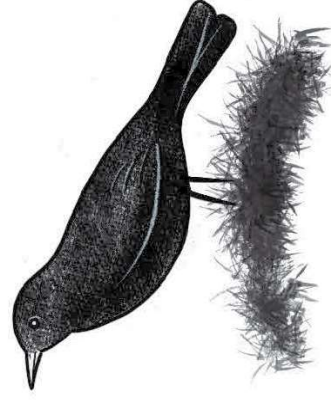
- Access to the GBW online recording system.
- A regular e-newsletter with information on recording and identifying garden wildlife.
- Access the BTO's team of wildlife experts, to answer your questions.

The free membership will be valid for one year, after which it will expire or can be renewed at the normal rate. To take part in Garden Bird Watch, please visit <https://www.bto.org/our-science/projects/gbw/join-gbw>

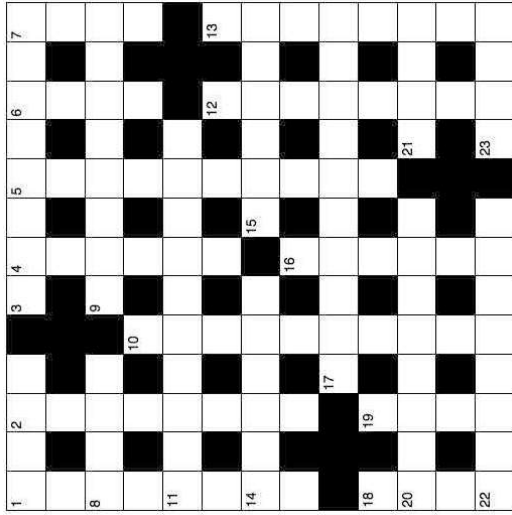
Garden Bird Watch is designed to find out how, when and why birds and other animals use our gardens.

Participants send in weekly lists of garden birds and other wildlife, which are analysed by scientists working under the BTO's urban and garden ecology research programmes, to investigate the links between changes in wildlife populations and factors such as garden management, food, weather and urban structure.

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## Crossword Puzzle



### Across

1 'Again Peter denied it, and at that moment a — began to crow' (John 18:27) (4)

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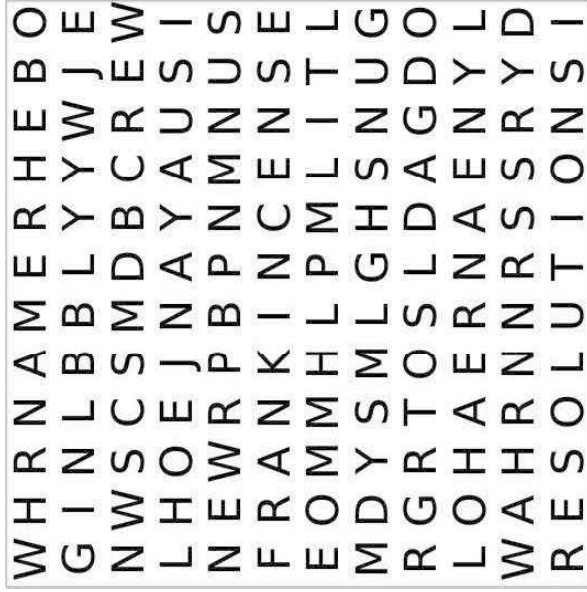
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## Word Search

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. They believed that the baby Jesus was the Messiah and worshipped him, giving gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.



- Epiphany
- Wise Men
- Camels
- Baby
- Jesus
- Star
- Herod
- Worship
- Gold
- Frankincense
- Myrrh
- New Resolutions
- Bills Work
- Study Running
- Gym



## Sudoku

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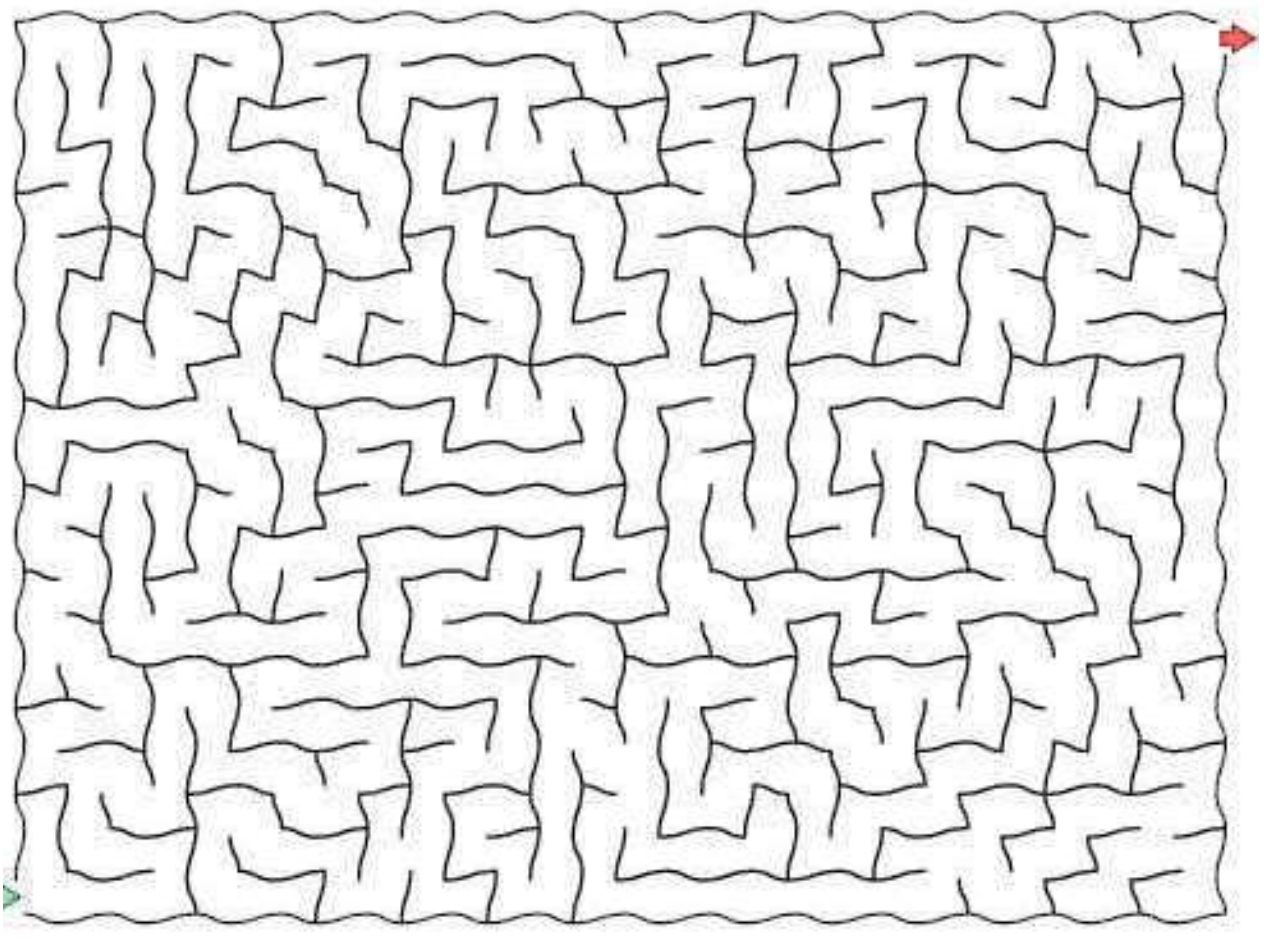
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# HAPPY NEW YEAR



# Bible Bite

It can be read in the Bible in 1 Samuel chapter 26 - 27:1

People came to tell King Saul where David and his men were hiding. Saul took 3000 of his best soldiers and went to look for David...

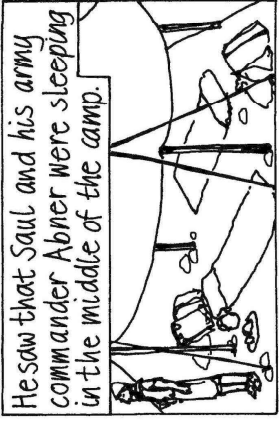


They camped near where David was hiding



When David heard that Saul was near, he crept up to the camp.

He saw that Saul and his army commander Abner were sleeping in the middle of the camp.

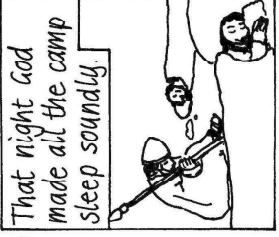


Who will come with me into the camp?

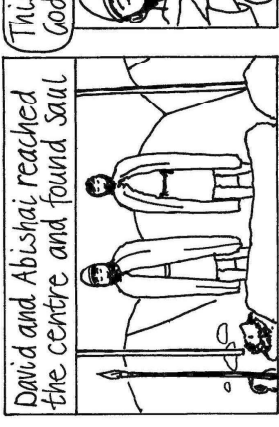


Abishai said he would.

That night God made all the camp sleep soundly.



David and Abishai reached the centre and found Saul

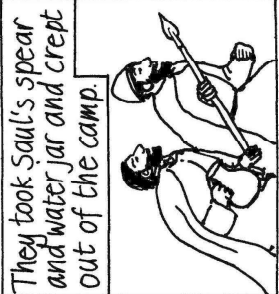


This chance is from God! I'll kill him!

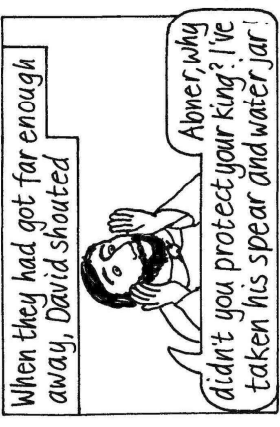


No! God chose him as king!

They took Saul's spear and water jar and crept out of the camp.

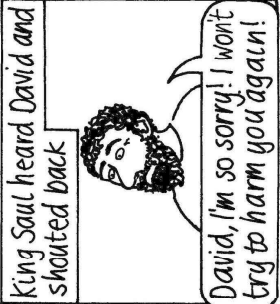


When they had got far enough away, David shouted



Abner, why didn't you protect your king? I've taken his spear and water jar!

King Saul heard David and shouted back

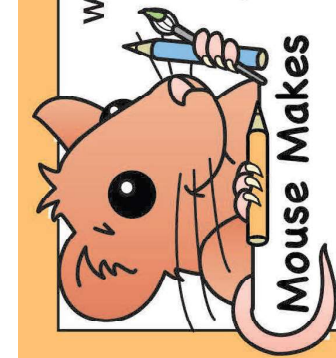


David, I'm so sorry! I won't try to harm you again!

But David knew that Saul would try again to kill him, so he left Israel and went to Philistia.

## A short story from the Bible

When King Saul wasn't fighting the Philistines to stop them invading Israel he was still trying to hunt down David.



## Mouse Makes

**What happened after Jesus had been born in Bethlehem?**

**READ Matthew 2:1-12**

Who came from the East?

Why had they come?

What were they following?

Who was alarmed by their arrival?

Who had the prophet written about?

Where were they then sent?

What were they to look for?  
..... and why?

Where did the star lead them?

Who did they see? .... What did they do?

How were they warned to go home another way?

**READ Matthew 2:13-23**

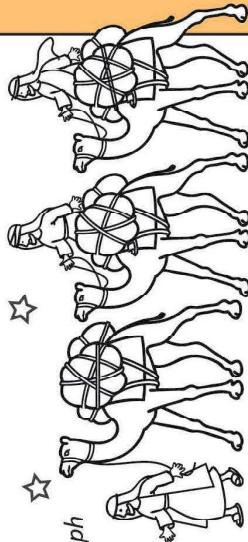
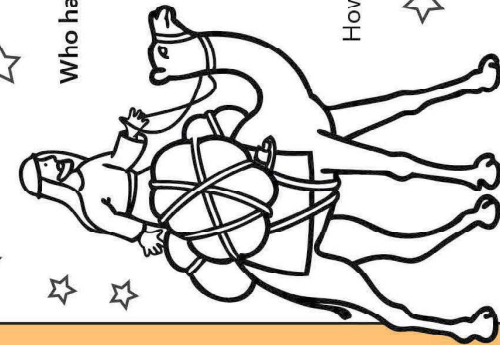
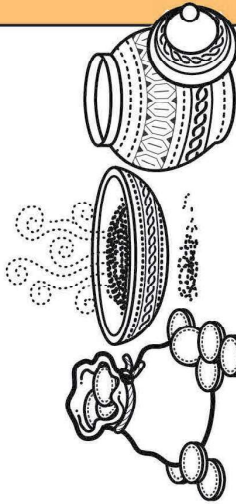
Who appeared to Joseph?

What was he told? .... Why? What did he do?

Who then became angry? .... and why? What horrible thing did he then do?

When Herod died where was Joseph told to take his family?

Where did Jesus finally grow up?

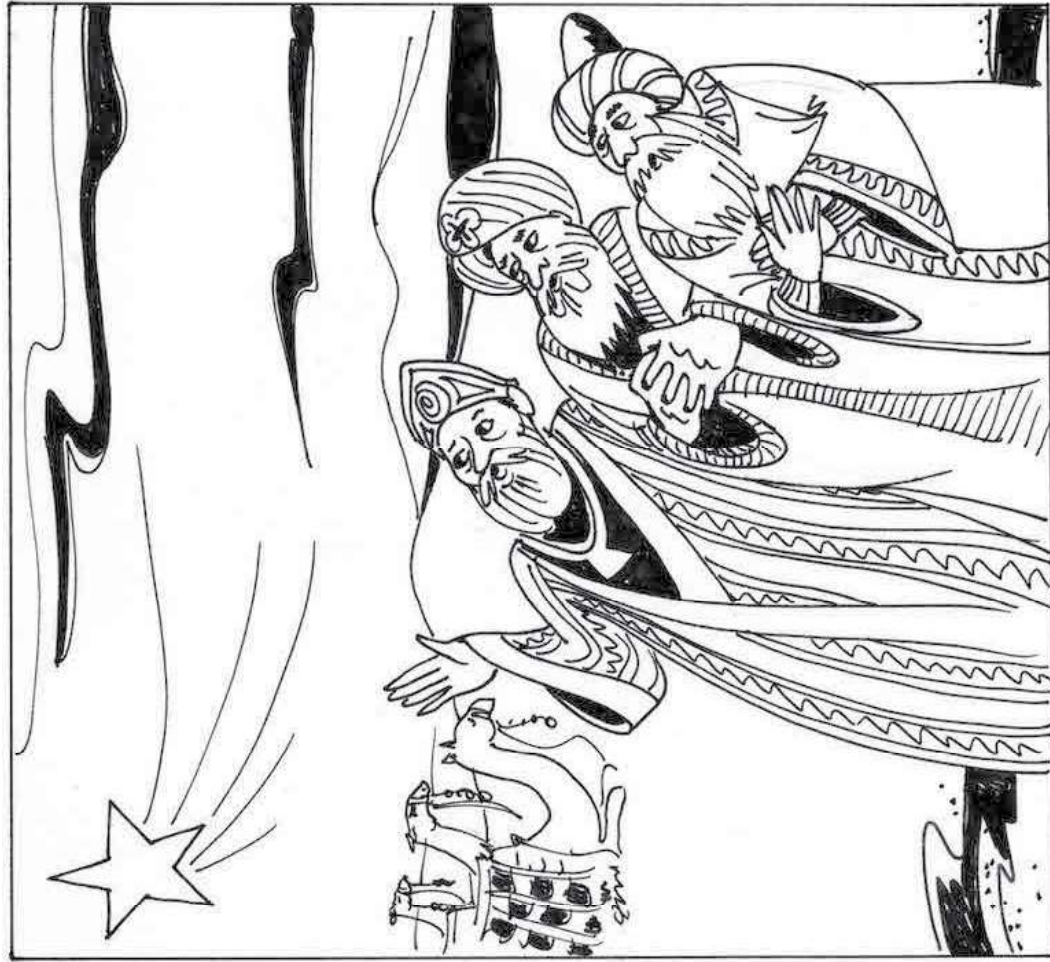


## The three wise men colouring—in

The evening before Epiphany is called Twelfth Night. Children in many European countries receive presents on this night. According to Italian folklore, an old woman named Befana goes down chimneys on Twelfth Night and delivers presents in imitation of the Wise Men. In Spain, children fill their shoes with gifts for the Magi and hope gifts will be left in thanks.

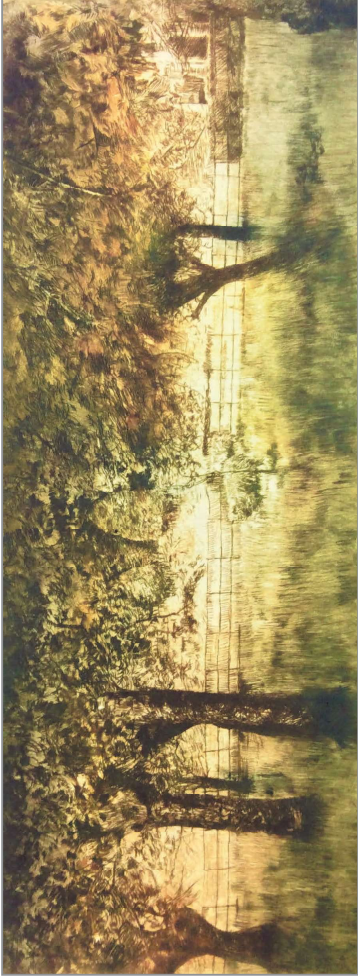
In many countries a special cake, called a king cake, is eaten. Hidden inside the cake is a small object, such as a bean or a plastic baby. The person who finds the hidden object is named king or queen of the celebration.

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## The story of the Weston Series

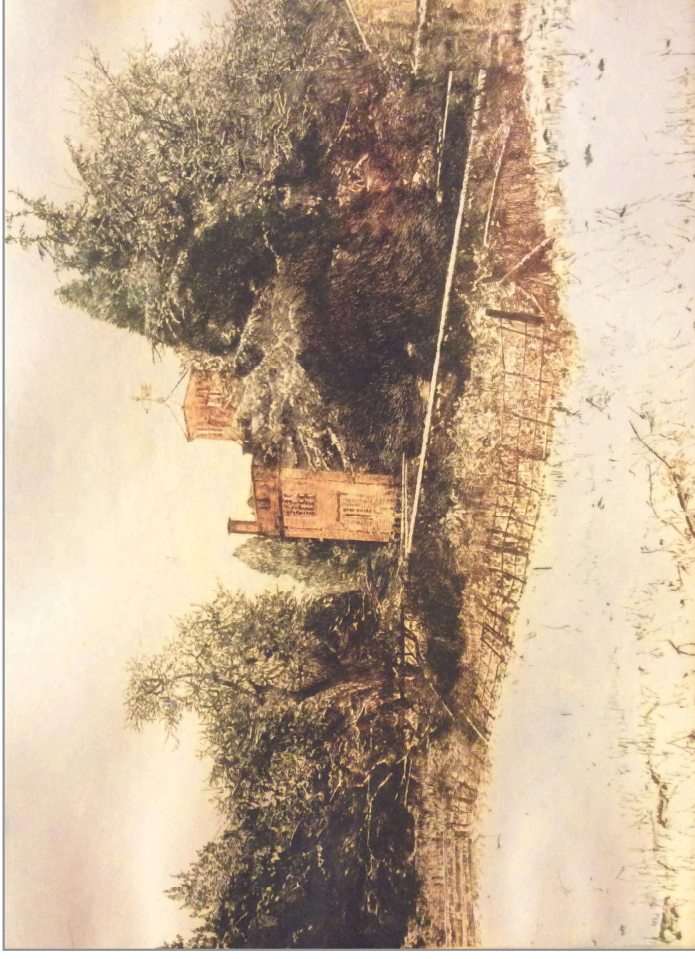


The road between Ilkley and Otley north of the River Wharfe, is an alternate route to the A659, which winds uphill towards the villages of Denton, Askwith and Weston. A few years ago I had the desire to stop at Weston and go explore Church Lane to find All Saints Church, which is as far as it goes. It was a damp, cold and wintry afternoon similar to this month. It was a pleasure to find this Grade 1 listed building from the 11th century although not open at least I was able to access the key, of which later ...

On another day the following week I took a walk from what I would describe as a 'wayside' into 'Weston Park' which is the most easily accessed area from the west of Otley. My complete surprise was to find the most tantalising view of the Banqueting House, which stands at the edge of the Hall gardens. This is considered to be one of the finest examples of

Elizabethan architecture of its sort in the country.

I followed up my enquiries by research at Otley archive and began to piece together the associations with Farnley Hall, Washburn and Lower Wharfedale. These initial visits gave me a



Above finished print

Below the photograph taken on a snowy winter day.



have a large 'archive' of material which I can reference, although much of my print examples allow me to use my imagination to conjure some elements of this 'other' special place ...

passion for the place that inspired me to begin a three-year project to capture what I have called my 'Weston Series'. Since those first times at Weston, I have established a friendly association with the owners of the estate, and on a few occasions been able to see the Banqueting House up close, the Garden and inside the Hall.

During visits I was able capture the place with on-site drawing and supporting photography, which then enables me to produce hand drawn printing plates. These are 'etchings' and 'drypoints' which basically means to engrave, scratch or etch with acid into metal plates from which I can make copies. I

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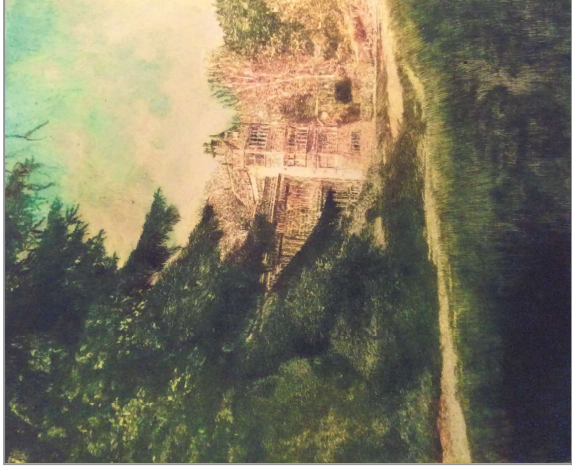
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shown in a joint exhibition 'Body of Water', at 'Sunny Bank Mills, (83-85 Town Street, Farsley, Pudsey LS28 5UJ) from January.

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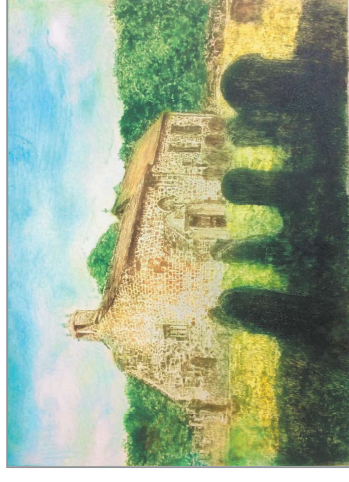
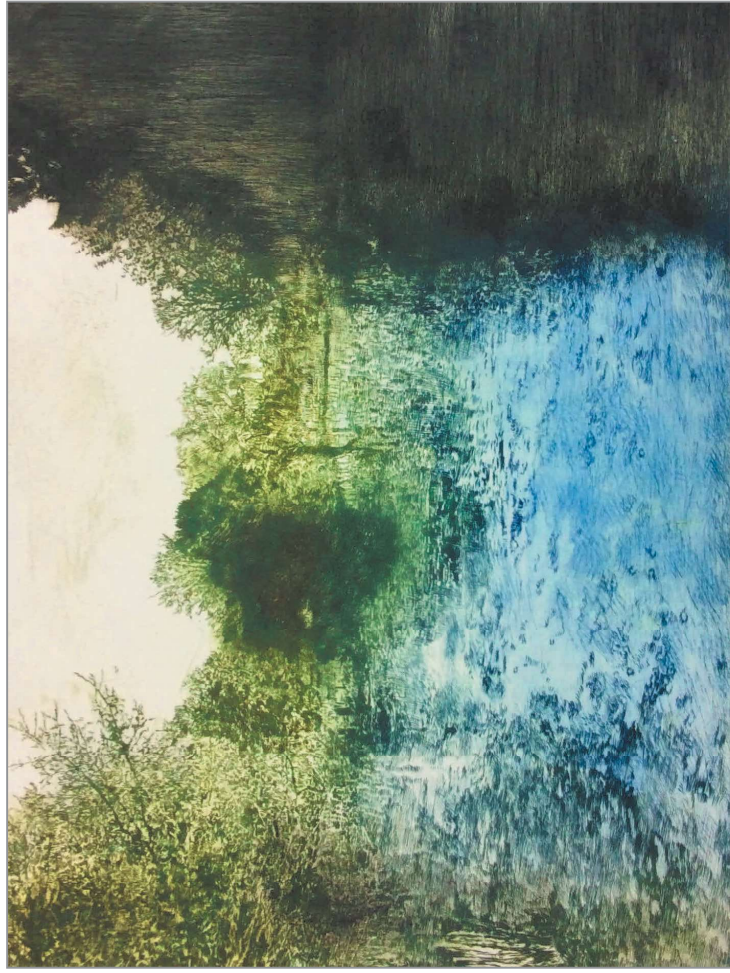
Brian Hindmarch  
Artist



I have to say that it does remind me of my early years living in Northamptonshire (county of squires and spires) and later when discovering the writings of John Clare for example.

I have worked as a lecturer in graphic design and printmaking for about thirty years, most recently at Bradford School of Art. I had two exhibitions in All Saints Church and presented my work to the Ilkley Arts organisation at both solo shows and the Art Trail. It was also a great pleasure to show this work at Saint Andrews' Church, Blubberhouses as part of the 'Nidd Art Trail' on three occasions.

I have examples of my printmaking currently on display in 'The Gallery at The Art Shop in Ilkley, (Hawksworth Street, LS29 9DU) during December and January. There will also be some new work



Me at Westen

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Brian Hindmarch

A BTO news release a couple of weeks ago talking about the numbers of Blue Tits and Great Tits in our gardens being lower than usual got me wondering, as mine is buzzing with them.

The article said that both species have been seen in fewer gardens and in smaller numbers this year. It suggested that the fifth-warmest April in a 100 years meant that invertebrates, such as butterflies and moths, made an early appearance, which in turn altered the relative timing of their abundance and the tits' requirement for food for their hungry offspring.

Caterpillars are an important food for tit nestlings, but in warm springs they develop earlier, so there are fewer

available during the main tit nesting season, reducing the number of birds fledging.

Blue Tits are one of the most common garden birds, being seen in more than 9 out of 10 gardens during the winter months, frequently visiting garden bird feeders. They can be easily distinguished from other garden birds due to their small size and bright blue and yellow colouring.

Not all our tits have had a terrible year though. Long-tailed Tits, those small, black-and-grey birds with long "lollipop" tails, were reported more often than usual. Suggesting that they have had a successful breeding season.



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One aspect of the large numbers of tits around at the moment, is that it's easy to study the feeding strategies of the various species.

Blue tits typically take seeds away from the feeder and perch somewhere nearby to eat them. This behaviour makes it quite difficult to work out exactly how many are around. Is it the same two or three birds coming back again and again, or is it several different birds coming back from time to time, or even a flock of a dozen or so birds just passing through? They do have to stick around longer when feeding on suet balls, however, and these are an irresistible attraction for all our garden tits.

Great Tits tend to feed lower down in the undergrowth than other tits, presumably because they are larger and less agile, eating invertebrates when available, and seeds when they are not. Although sociable birds, they don't form foraging flocks, and their behaviour around feeders is decidedly hierarchical, with the dominant adults using the best feeders (closest to cover) leaving the younger birds to feed on more exposed ones where the risk of Sparrowhawk attack is greater.

They are unmistakable given their larger size, together with a black cap, collar and bib plus white cheeks. Their backs are green to blue-grey. Underneath they are lemon yellow with a central black stripe running downwards from the throat. It is wider and more strongly developed in males than in females, and it is this stripe, together with the black head that differentiates them from their smaller cousins, the Blue Tits, with their blue heads.



Both species will look for bugs on tree branches and plant stems, with the Blue Tits being just that bit lighter and more agile, and able to exploit thinner branches.

Add to this mix the Coal Tit – smaller still and less colourful, but striking due to its black and white head. They don't usually stay long, but since they cache a lot of what they take, can be very frequent visitors. Again, just how many are there? They can be quite combative too, and often you only realise that you have more than one when they chase each other off. Frequently!

If you find the lives of our garden birds to be of interest, and would like to join in and count the feathered occupants of your garden, please contact me or visit the BTO Garden BirdWatch website - [www.bto.org/gbw](http://www.bto.org/gbw)

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	Great Tit (left)

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An Ordinary meeting of Mid Wharfedale Parish Council (MWPC) was held via Zoom on 20<sup>th</sup> November with all councillors attending along with Councillor Lumley of North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) and Councillor Oldham from Harrogate Borough Council (HBC) the Clerk and one member of the public.

Items carried over from the previous meeting included the confirmation that NYCC would pay for a replacement road sign top at the Denton junction. No reply had been received from HBC regarding litter bins in the lay-by at Denton, so Clerk to write again. Nesfield phone kiosk was now available for adoption. After some discussion it was resolved MWPC would adopt this kiosk which would be looked after by Nesfield Village Committee. The Clerk had prepared a budget for the 2021/2022 precept from budgets for the previous year and next year's costing. After a discussion it was resolved that the budget should be increased by £200.00 to £4785.00 to allow for Training matters.

The appointment of the internal auditor was discussed. It was resolved that Yorkshire Internal Audit Services should be appointed for the 2020/21 year. MWPC policies had been updated and it was resolved that the following policies should be adopted en-bloc. Standing Orders, Procedures & Policies, Financial Regulations, Financial Risk Assessment, Code of Practice for Handling Complaints, Freedom of Information Publication Scheme, Freedom of Information cost, Code of Conduct.

Askwith phone kiosk was also available for adoption and after a discussion it was resolved that if a village working party could be formed to look after the kiosk then MWPC would adopt it.

Under Highway matters Councillor Caton asked for the pot holes on Moor Lane, Weston to be reported as these had been repaired in heavy rain and many had been missed and were poorly repaired. Councillor Whitley asked for the pot holes on the bend on Moor Lane, Askwith to be yet again sorted and the road crumbing away on the junction

of Askwith Lane and Moor Lane to be reinstated. Councillor Whitley also asked if the Road Narrows on Moor Lane could be reinstated as it has been knocked down. Councillor Powell asked for the roadwork's at the Junction of Hunger Hill that had started over 3 years ago to be completed. Councillor Broderick asked for the salt heaps to be replenished at Denton. Clerk to report all these items

Councillor Lumley gave a lengthy and detailed report on the current proposal for a NYCC Unitary Authority. This proposal will be submitted to the Government by the end of November with further consultation in January.

Under County and Borough matters it was reported that there was plenty of Covid19 support for residents and businesses on their respective web sites. Cllr Oldham also reported that there was a current delay approximately 30 days on house property searches. The last three months invoices were presented, resolved and cheques signed. Planning items were discussed and recorded.

The web site was up to date and transferred to the councilspace WACG web compliant site. New web address is midwharfedale.councilspace.com this address will change again soon after the application for a domain name is complete. The old WordPress site is to have a link to the new web site. Cllr Broderick and Cllr Bush reported the continuing problems with litter; fly tipping and possible drugs use in the lay-bys at Denton. Clerk to contact our local Police to try and get some police presence.

The next meeting is 18th February 2021, how and where this meeting is conducted will depend on the Covid19 situation.

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## Huevos Rancheros (a Mexican favourite)

Very quick, easy, hot and tasty, and quite light after all the rich Christmas food. Delicious with crusty bread and a crisp green salad.

### Ingredients:

- 1 tbs vegetable or olive oil
- 1 red onion, finely sliced
- 1 each red and yellow pepper deseeded and finely sliced
- 1 red chilli, deseeded and finely sliced
- 2 x 400g tins chopped tomatoes
- Half tsp dried mixed herbs
- 4 large eggs
- Small handful flat leaf parsley, roughly chopped

### Method

Heat oil in large frying pan, fry onions, peppers and chilli for 3 minutes. Add tomatoes and herbs, season to taste and simmer for 3 minutes

Break an egg into a small cup. Use a wooden spoon to scrape a hole in the tomato mixture and pour in the egg.

Repeat with the remaining eggs, spacing evenly around the pan. Cover and simmer for 3 - 5 minutes until eggs are just set. Sprinkle with parsley and serve.

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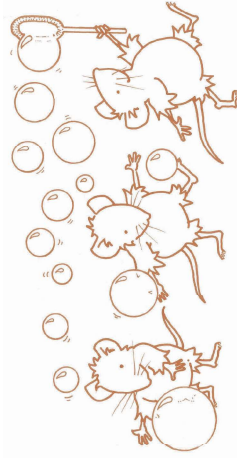
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## Answers to the December Issue puzzles

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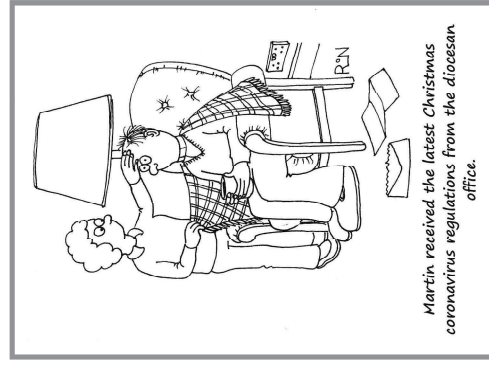
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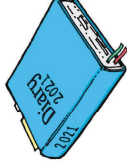
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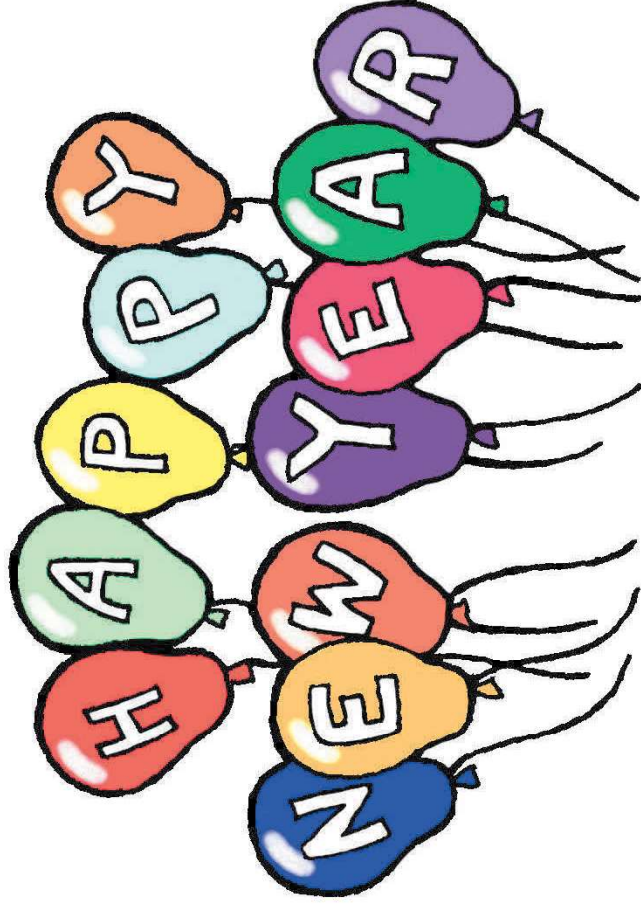
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## Monthly Events

Valley Bible Study Group - 3rd Wednesdays of the month, at 2.30pm

## Puzzle section in the centre



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