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Village Church Services

December



Please check on www.achurchnearyou.com
for up to date information.

1st December

Advent Sunday

9.30am	Weston	Holy Communion (TMc)
11am	Fewston	Advent Holy Communion (TMc)
9.30am	Leathley	Morning Prayer (PMc)

8th December

Advent 2

11 am	Denton	Holy Communion Service (TMc)
11.00am	Fewston	Morning Prayer (TD)
3pm	Farnley	Christingle Service (FD)

13 December (Time to be confirmed) Fewston 9 Lessons and Carols (SH)

15th December

Advent 3

9.30 am	Weston	Morning Prayer (Book of Common Prayer) (JC)
11 am	Blubberhouses	Family Communion (TMc)
6.30pm	Leathley	9 lessons and Carols (TMc)

22st December

Advent 4

3pm	Denton	Carol Service (TD)
9.30 am	Farnley	Holy Communion (TMc)
11 am	Blubberhouses	Family Service (TMc)

24th December

2.30pm Fewston Journey to Bethlehem (TMc) (see page 11)

25th December

Christmas Day

9.30am	Weston	Family Service (JC)
11 am	Blubberhouses	Family Service (FS)
9.30am	Leathley	Holy Communion (TMc & PMc)

29th December Christmas 1

11am	Denton	United Benefice Holy Communion (BE)
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Services at Norwood Methodist Chapel

December

Sunday 8th December at 2:30pm – Service of Holy Communion
with Rev. Shannon DeLaurel

Sunday 22nd December at 2:30pm – Carol Service with Rev. David Halstead and
refreshments afterwards.

The Vicar's Monthly Message



Christmas will soon be here but before that there is a lot to prepare. Making sure that we have plenty of food in for any visitors who may drop by and of course for ourselves. There are presents to be bought, cards to be written. It is a time when family and friends get together, which is always a good thing.

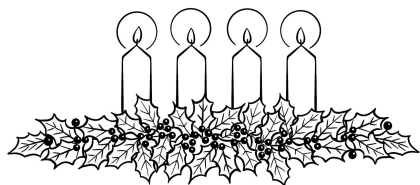
Amidst all the hustle and bustle it is important to take time to remember the "reason for the season", to remember the most amazing story ever told. God in human form, born in Bethlehem, God with us. Just as the shepherds worshipped this vulnerable Child, we are given the opportunity to do the same this Christmas. There are various services in the Benefice, why not make some space in a busy schedule to remind ourselves of the Christmas story?

As we worship during our various Carol Services, let the true Joy of the season surround us. We don't talk enough about Joy, but when we think of the words that we will sing during this season of Advent and Christmas, we re-discover the most fundamental reason to be Joyous. God's own Son being born into our world, not to bring doom and gloom, but pure Joy! Joy that we can follow Jesus; that we can tell others how much they are loved by him. Joy that there is more to this world than living just for ourselves, but reaching-out to others.

I hope that you will be able to meet-up with your friends and families and enjoy each other's company. May you know Joy this Christmas; so that it is at the heart of all you do, not only at Christmas, but in the years ahead.

I pray that as you and your family place your presents under the tree you remember the Christ child who was placed in the manger.

Christmas Blessings Teresa



News from Norwood Chapel

Advent/Christmas Message 2024

Dear Friends,

The beginning of Advent has arrived. What does this season mean to you? Perhaps you're making a list of all that needs to be done . . . writing Christmas cards, shopping for gifts, decorating your home, baking sweet treats and a traditional Christmas pudding, and making the menu for Christmas dinner. Maybe you're not only doing this for your own home or family but also for the church. In addition to decorating, there are additional special services and events in the church during this season as well as parties with friends and office staff. So, this can be a time of great busy-ness for so many of us. And this busy-ness can lead us to feeling depleted and tired.

Advent is also known as the season of waiting and anticipation of the birth of Christ, whose love and life will transform how we understand the nature and will of God. Hmmm . . . that sounds a bit different from all the busy-ness that we can get caught up in. When I think of what it means to wait, words like 'pausing' and 'stillness' come to mind. It is in the quiet that we can pay more attention and listen for the invitation that God is offering. Sometimes it's in the quiet that we can acknowledge the questions we have . . . such as 'what in the world are we waiting for, God?' Is it to see God in a new way or to experience the presence of Christ more deeply? Are we waiting for God to fill our lives with good things . . . real things for which our souls long that money can't buy? Or are we waiting for life to begin in some way and in other ways for life as we know it to end? Maybe it's a 'yes' to all these things!

The Methodist Church's Christmas campaign this year is called "Hush the Noise." This is the time to listen for the love song that the angels bring. They sang it for the first time more than 2,000 years ago, on the midnight clear. They're just waiting for us to join in. This theme comes from the carol "Upon the Midnight Clear" and it's a reminder that we need to take time to quiet our noisy, busy lives in order to hear the divine voice. May we take time to wait, pondering anew what and who we're truly waiting for and what the world needs. May we receive a deep peace as we hush the noise in our lives focusing on the angelic message. And on Christmas Day, may we rejoice with all the world in celebrating the birth of God's own son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

You are invited to join us for worship in Norwood Methodist Chapel on 8th December at 2:30pm with Holy Communion. Our Carol Service will be on Sunday 22nd December at 2:30pm. Refreshments will follow.

May you and those you love have an Advent filled with waiting and anticipation and a joyful Christmas!

With Christ's love, ~ Rev. Shannon

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Denton Flower and Cleaning Rota for December

1st & 8th December Helen Cobley
15th & 22 December Karen
 Boothman
29th December & 5th January
 Sue Wood

Weston Flower and Cleaning Rota for December

1st & 8th December Mr & Mrs Senior
15th & 22nd December Sally Stanley & Hazel Pullan



Volunteers needed for All Saints Weston Church

If you would like to assist with the flowers and cleaning
of the church for Christmas on the 22nd December.
Please contact Sally Stanley



"I'm sorry Michael – even if you HAVE changed your ring-tone to 'Away In-A-Manger', it's still ALL mobiles OFF!"



"Does anyone have a light, please?"



Community Notice Board



Fewston Foxy Ladies



Happy Christmas

We are not meeting in December, so our next meeting is on Tuesday 7th January 2pm at Norwood Social Hall. See you then!

If you would like more information please contact

Gillian a ring on 01943 880362;
Sue 07812 071636; Sheila 01943 468741;
Joan 01943 466789; or Margaret 01423 806151

Looking forward to welcoming you all



T&T Christmas Dinner



Looking forward to seeing all our members at our Christmas lunch at the Sun Inn on Tuesday 10th December 12 for 12.30pm

T&T normally meets at Norwood Social Hall and is for the over 60s. It is only £2 per person.

If you want to hear more about T&T, give Gillian a ring on 880362 I have always got time for T&T!

Subscription Prices for 2025

The magazine committee are sad to announce that due to the increased costs we have had to slightly increase the costs of printing the magazine and stamps.

Please see page 38 (including the new advertising price) Our Delivery team will be happy to collect your subscriptions in January

Askwith Ladies Social

The social evening is on the 2nd Thursday of the month, the next meeting is the 12th December at 7pm at The Penny Bun (formerly the Askwith Arms).

Contact Anne for more information - Tel: 07713884328 Email: laeatham@gmail.com



Fewston Parochial Hall Charity teas



No teas in December

The next charity teas are 25th and 26th January from 10am till 4pm.

Happy Christmas.

Fewston and Blubberhouses Churches

Carol Singing around the parish

Calling all Carol Singers to join us around the valley to set the festive spirit off. Meet at Fewston Parochial Hall at 6.30pm - warm clothes, hi-viz and torch recommended.



Monday 2nd December - Blubberhouses

Wednesday 4th December - Norwood

Monday 9th December Fewston

Wednesday 11th December - Timble

All singers welcome
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Look forward to seeing you



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Digital Drop-in sessions have started in Fewston.
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Norwood Social Hall

Christmas Dominoes 13th December

Don't forget to wear your Christmas jumpers

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Domino dates 2025 for your diaries

Friday January 17th

Friday March 21st

Friday May 16th

Friday July 4th

Friday September 19th

Friday October 17th

Friday November 21st

Christmas Dominoes Friday December 12th 2025

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Hope you can join us.

Pea and Pie Supper 7pm for 7.15 start.

Askwith's Annual Walk with Mary and Joseph and real Donkeys



Wednesday 18th December 2024

Meet at Askwith Village Hall at 7pm

Please dress as a Shepherd or an Angel.

Adults, please wear Hi-Viz & bring a torch

For more info please call

Ann Chadwick 07986 454 433

FEWSTON CHURCH

Tuesday, 24th December at 2.30 pm

'JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM'



Come and join in our Nativity Story - with carols, readings and Molly the donkey. Children, please come as an angel, shepherd, king, Mary or Joseph or one of the animals in the stable that first Christmas. Or join in without dressing up. Parents & Friends, please bring children to the Washburn Heritage Centre at 1.30 pm if you wish to use our costumes.

Light refreshments will be served afterwards in the Washburn Heritage Centre.



Norwood Social Hall
HG3 1TD

Children's Christmas Party
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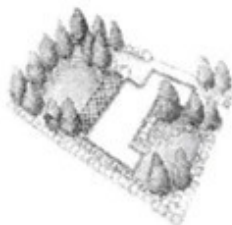
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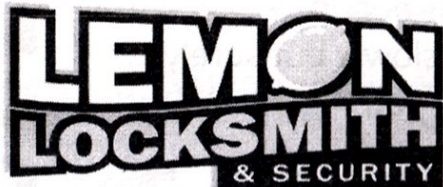
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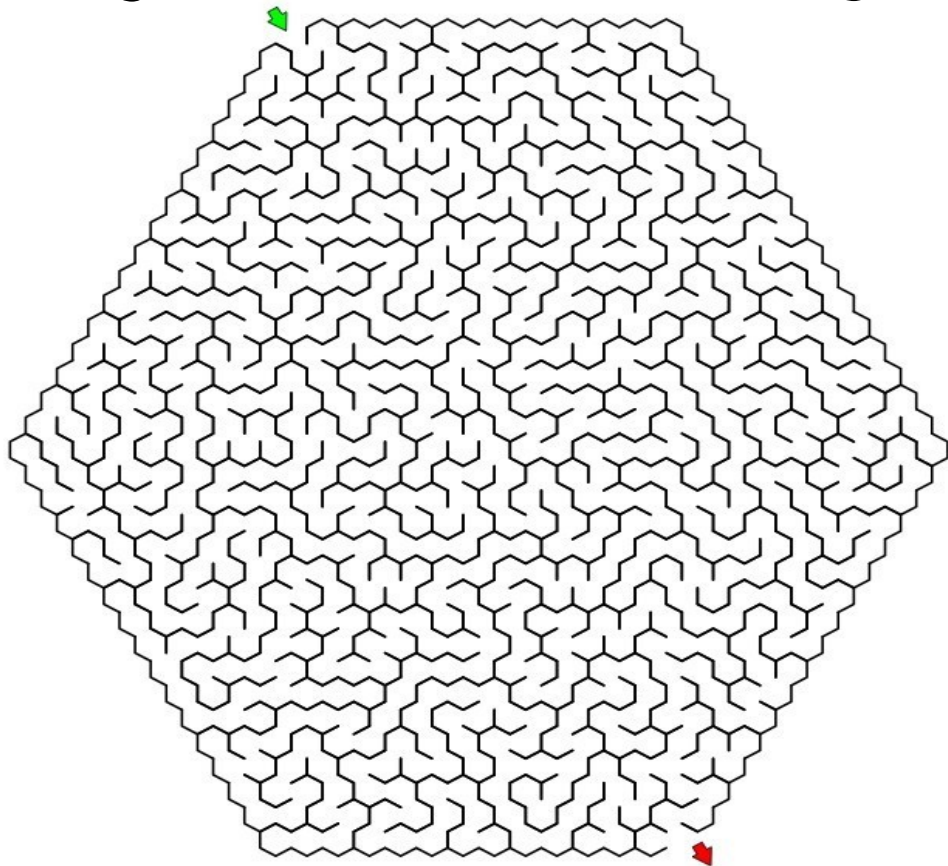
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Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Luke chapter 2 verses 1-7

The Roman Empire charged the countries it had invaded taxes, based on the number of people and what they earned.

Emperor Augustus gave orders that all people in the Empire were to be registered so they could be taxed.

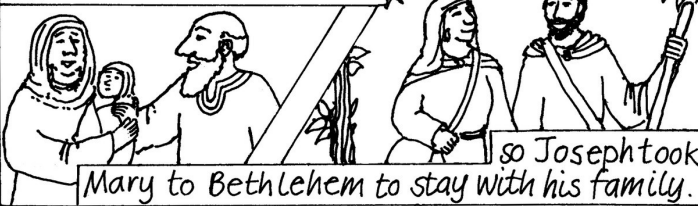


This census was before Quirinius became Governor of Syria * (* whose own census started riots - Acts 5:37)



When the order came, Mary and Joseph were living in Nazareth.

But Joseph was descended from King David, who had been born in Bethlehem...



so Joseph took Mary to Bethlehem to stay with his family.

Come and meet everyone!



A normal home in Bethlehem.



While they were staying there, Mary's baby was born.



There was no space in the guest room to put a new baby!

So they made a snug bed for Jesus in one of the mangers.

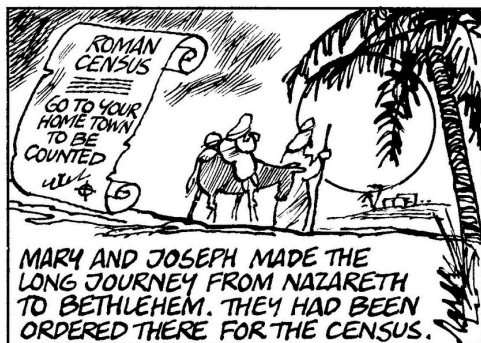


A Very Special Baby

JESUS WAS BORN ABOUT 2,000 YEARS AGO IN THE SMALL TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, NEAR JERUSALEM.



AN ANGEL HAD TOLD MARY SHE WOULD HAVE A VERY SPECIAL BABY.



BUT THE TOWN WAS FULL



...WHICH IS WHERE JESUS WAS BORN.

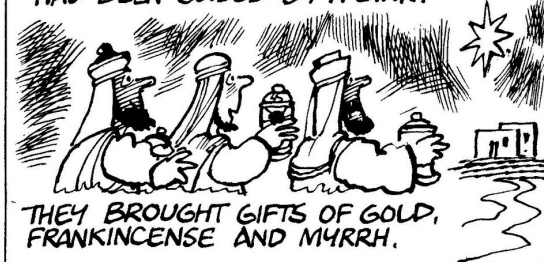


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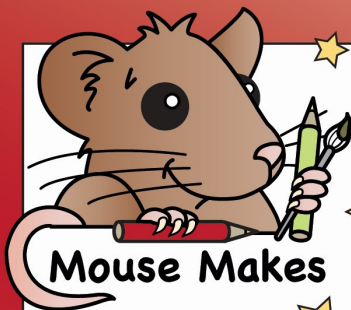
AN ANGEL HAD TOLD THEM WHERE JESUS HAD BEEN BORN.

WISE MEN CAME FROM THE EAST. THEY TOO WANTED TO SEE JESUS. THEY HAD BEEN GUIDED BY A STAR.



BUT MARY, JOSEPH AND BABY JESUS SOON HAD TO ESCAPE TO EGYPT...





Mouse Makes

"The child to be born
will be called
H _____, the
_____ of _____"
Luke 1:35

THE GREATEST GIFT

"She will bear a son,
and shall call his name

_____ for he will save his
people from their sins."
Matthew 1:21

"Jesus said,
I am the _____ Y
and the _____ U _____
and the _____ I _____.
No one comes to the Father
except through me."
John 14:6

"For unto you is born
this day a
S _____
_____ who is
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the _____ R _____"
Luke 2:11

"Jesus said,
I am the
_____ and the life."
John 11:25

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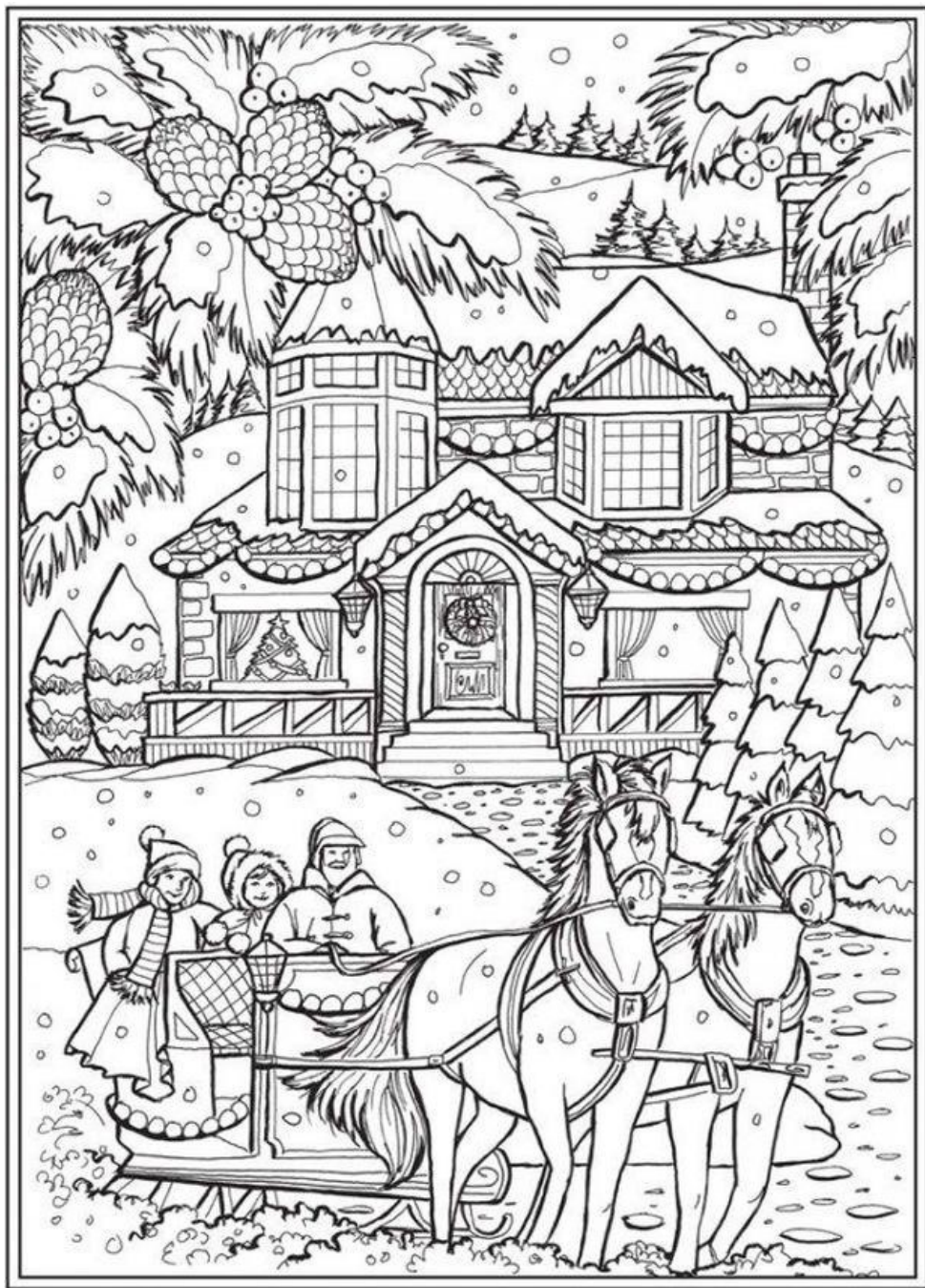
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Goldcrests

are all around us, but are not what you'd call common garden birds. They are insectivorous and rarely use feeders other than when times are hard and insects rare, when they will seek out fat balls or suet blocks, often in company with roving flocks of tits. They are tiny birds, only weighing around six grams, not much more than a 5p coin, and to store enough energy to get through winter nights, they are constantly flitting around in search of invertebrates such as spiders.

Goldcrests are avid eaters of insects, as well as spiders and moth eggs. Their beaks have evolved to be thin and pointed, a tough and able instrument with which to pick out insects from among dense pine needles.

At this time of year, the British breeding population is boosted by migrants from Scandinavia and Russia. In the past, many people didn't believe that such a minute creature could manage sea crossings, leading to their being called 'Woodcock Pilots' as it was thought that they hitched a ride over the North Sea on the back of Woodcocks, a mainly nocturnal species of wading bird which tends to arrive for the winter at about the same time. Such a tiny bird would not seem capable of flying such a long distance. There are many reports of birds reaching the coast or landing on ships so exhausted that they ignore, indeed even land on, people, such is their need for food and rest.

Resident birds move around, but don't migrate. However, ringing has shown regular movements across the North

Sea into Britain for the winter, one bird even coming from Russia and several from Poland, though Scandinavia is their usual point of origin. It seems amazing that any of them can survive two journeys as well as the cold weather, but some clearly do, as several Goldcrests ringed here in winter have been found back in Fennoscandia. Their arrival in numbers is dependent both on the weather and a successful breeding season, so I've no idea how many we can expect to see visiting this winter.

Goldcrests generally have multiple broods, the female regularly laying the second clutch of eggs before the first brood of nestlings has fledged. The male does the feeding while the female builds the new nest. The nest itself is very neat, being a spherical hammock in the outer twigs of a spruce or fir tree. This tremendous breeding effort can produce 20 chicks a year, something that is essential given the often high winter losses. After very cold winters, there may be only a quarter of the previous autumn's population left to breed.

Despite its energetic tit-like behaviour, the Goldcrest is very much a warbler in shape. Their plumage is olive above and buff white below, with darker wings displaying two prominent white wing bars; their most distinctive feature is an orange or yellow crown stripe flanked by a black edge. Adult males have a more orange crown stripe, females a more yellow stripe and juveniles lack the crown stripe altogether.



Goldcrests have a very high-pitched song that many people are unable to hear, (that's me, even with a 'tuned' hearing aid! This is when Merlin comes in handy.) which is a shame, as their song is sweet-sounding and is often the first or only indication that a Goldcrest is present. The commonest call is an equally high-pitched 'siiii' used to keep group members together. Although Goldcrests have not featured prominently in literature, Charles Tennyson Turner did write one poem about them entitled 'The Gold-Crested Wren'. They are not Wrens (Troglodytes) but a separate species, *Regulus regulus* or 'kinglet'. Which name derives from the legend first written down by Aristotle, wherein the

Goldcrest won the title King of Birds by hiding in the feathers of the soaring eagle and fluttering above it at its zenith, with the sun crowning its head.



Titles: Goldcrests (left)
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The Tea Room at the Heritage Centre is open on **SUNDAYS** during the winter, from November onwards 11am until 4pm. We welcome **NEW VOLUNTEERS**. If you can spare a few hours at the weekend once a month we would love to see you in the Tea Room. It's a busy environment, warm and friendly, but you are rewarded with cake!

Our new programme **Who will buy?** continues through to the end of January and we are looking forward to Christmas at the Heritage Centre. There are exciting events in December and we look forward to seeing you.

To book a place at any of our events please contact Jenny at the office on 01943 880794 or email centre@washburnvalley.org

Events in December as follows:

A penny for 'em, Thursday 5th December 10.15am to 3.15pm

Join us in Leeds City Centre to visit Kirkgate Market, opened almost 170 years ago and the birthplace of Marks & Spencer. Taking the Leeds Heritage Trail we will walk through Leeds with a lunch break at Leeds City Museum's café, The Herbarium (own cost). Continuing to the M&S Archive at the University of Leeds to view the archive displays and hear 'A short history of window dressing at M&S'. Tea and coffee available. Option to join us for the afternoon M&S visit only (at a reduced cost). Cost £12 member, £15 non-member.

Make your own Christmas wreath Saturday 7th December, 10.00am - 12noon or 2.00pm-4.00pm

One of the Centre's most popular traditions! Florist Daphne Wilson will demonstrate how to make a fabulous wreath then guide us through the making of our own individual and unique creations. Seasonal refreshments. Cost £24 member, £30 non-member.

A Washburn Christmas supper, Tuesday 10th December, 6.30pm to 9.30pm

Join us for our traditional festive evening with all the trimmings. Sing-along with the ever popular Jean Sinclair who is making a return visit to serenade us with seasonal songs. Cost £24 member, £30 non-member.

Winter solstice walk, Saturday 21st December, 1.30pm to 3.30pm

It's the shortest day of 2024; avoid the crowds buying their last-minute gifts and join our dog friendly stroll around Swinsty Reservoir. We return to the Centre for warming seasonal refreshments. Cost £8 member, £10 non-member.

With all good wishes for Christmas and a peaceful New Year from all the volunteers at the Heritage Centre



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All in the month of December

It was:

1750 years ago, on 25th 274 that the Roman Emperor Aurelian founded the cult of Sol Invictus as an official religion. He erected a temple and declared 25th December a national holiday, to be known as the Feast of the Unconquered Sun. In 336, after the conversion of the Emperor Constantine, 25th December began to be celebrated by the church in Rome as the birthday of God's Son.

500 years ago, on 24th 1524 that Vasco da Gama, Portuguese explorer, died of malaria. He was the first European to reach India by sea.

200 years ago, on 21st 1824 that James Parkinson, British surgeon and politician, died. He was the first person to describe Parkinson's disease, in 1817.

125 years ago, on 5th Dec 1899 that Henry Tate, British sugar merchant and philanthropist, died. He established the Tate Gallery in London.

Also 125 years ago, on 16th Dec 1899 that Noel Coward, British playwright, composer, director, actor and singer, was born. His plays include *Hay Fever*, *Private Lives*, and *Blithe Spirit*.

80 years ago, from 16th 1944 to 16th January 1945 that the Battle of the Bulge (Belgium) took place. German forces launched a surprise assault on the Allies in the Ardennes Forest – their last major counter-offensive operation of the war.

75 years ago, on 13th 1949 that Jerusalem became the capital of Israel, replacing Tel Aviv.

60 years ago, on 31st 1964 that Donald Campbell broke the world water speed record, and became the only person to break both the land speed record and the water speed record in the same year.

50 years ago, on 5th 1974 that the last episode of the TV comedy series *Monty Python's Flying Circus* was broadcast in the UK. It had begun in October 1969.

50 years ago, on 24th Dec 1974 that British politician John Stonehouse was arrested in Australia (on suspicion of being Lord Lucan.) He had faked his death on 20th November by leaving a pile of clothing on a beach in Miami Florida.

40 years ago, on 19th 1984 that the Sino-British Joint Declaration was signed by Britain and China. Britain agreed to return Hong Kong to Chinese sovereignty on 1st July 1997.

Also 40 years ago, on 31st 1984 that the Bank of England stopped producing one pound notes. They remained legal tender until 1988.

30 years ago, on 9th Dec 1994 that Sinn Fein held its first formal talks with the British government. This eventually led to the IRA ceasefire, the Good Friday Agreement, and the establishment of the Northern Ireland Assembly in 1998.

25 years ago, on 1st Dec 1999 that an international team of scientists working for the Human Genome Project announced that they had mapped an entire human chromosome (number 22). In April 2003 they announced that they had mapped all human chromosomes.

Our October meeting every year is when we hold our AGM. This year we were greeted with Prosecco, appetizer and nibbles before the short business part of the meeting took place. All committee members were willing to continue in their roles but we were very pleased that Susan Kerridge (our ex President) has decided to come back on the committee.

After this we enjoyed a talk from a previous member, Pat Brown, about her time at Farnley Estate WI which involved entertaining us all with the puppies she was looking after prior to their training for Guide Dogs for the Blind and also her successful fundraising for the charity by taking part in a sponsored sledge ride in Antarctica.

On December 11th we will be learning how to decorate a traditional Christmas wreath with Susan Kerridge, (a very busy lady), who is also a member of the Yorkshire Flower Club which meets in Huby. We have an exciting new programme

for 2025 which kicks off on 8th January with a talk by Sally Hatton about her work in reviving the making of farmhouse cheese in Nidderdale. Following this on February 12th we will hear a talk entitled "My Life behind the Headlines" given by Stephanie Ferguson a local journalist who has worked for national newspapers and magazines for over 40 years.

Our programme for 2025 will soon be up on the following webpage <https://yorkshire-north-west.thewi.org.uk/find-wi/farnley-estate>. Please take a look as we aim to provide an interesting programme covering a diverse range of subjects.

All our meetings take place on the second Wednesday of the month at Leathley Village Hall at 7.30pm (unless otherwise stated). In addition on the 4th Wednesday of the month our walking group ventures out for walks locally with either a coffee or picnic stop.

... All in the month of December ~ continued from page 34

Also 25 years ago, on 2nd Dec 1999 that the UK devolved political power in Northern Ireland to the Northern Ireland Assembly and Executive Committee.

Also 25 years ago, on 31st Dec 1999 that the London Eye – the world's tallest Ferris wheel at the time, was officially opened on the banks of the River Thames. It opened to passengers in March 2000.

20 years ago, on 26th Dec 2004 that the Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami (also called the Boxing Day Tsunami) took place. A massive undersea earthquake near Sumatra caused a devastating tsunami that swamped coastal areas in Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, Thailand and East Africa. It was one of the deadliest natural disasters in recorded history, killing more than 230,000 people in 14 countries.

The Phoenix Singers

The Phoenix Singers gave a free concert at St Helen's, Denton on 29th October with music ranging from Byrd and Tallis to Lennon & McCartney. The church was packed and everyone enjoyed the evening. Many thanks to Anne Lowe, Helen Copley and the members of Phoenix for entertaining us all.



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68 years later we are sharing the recipes again.
Thank you to the people of Weston for their recipes



Ingredients

8oz Margarine or Butter
8oz Icing Sugar
1 Egg
1/4 lb Red label Chocolate *
Plain broken biscuits
Tablespoon rum
Chocolate of choice to melt and decorate

- Mix all together
- Add in as many plain biscuits as the mixture will take
- Add the rum
- Place mixture into greaseproof paper
- Roll tightly and set aside for 3 days (use cling film)
- Turn out and ice with melted chocolate and decorate.

Mrs A Lister

Method

- Melt butter and sugar over hot water (or in a dish in the micro-wave) Beat egg and mix with the chocolate to paste

* apparently this was the first name for Cadbury's hot chocolate which was launched in 1954



Poetry Request

Christmas

Can I really imagine
How that birth alters all for me?
Reborn He was in heavenly fashion
In promise of life - eternally.

Such heaven holds level the Greek
and the Jew,
The slave, yes, and the free.
Men and women are all equal too
At the feet of the Deity.

So let's all eat, drink and rejoice,
inclusively.

Thank you to Mr Bending for his

"acrostic poem based on Galatians
3:28 "



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