

# GROVE VINE

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The Grove Methodist Church is called to respond to the Gospel of love in Jesus Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship, service and mission

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Dear Friends,

There is a strange contrast at the heart of the Christmas story. In one sense the events are so insignificant. Palestine wasn't an important place, it was well away from the centres of power. In those days when travel was so slow it was a small half-forgotten corner of the Roman Empire. The authorities decided they needed to hold a census, so they did and in the midst of all this a young peasant woman gave birth to a child a long way from her home. As she was away from home, arrangements had to be made and the baby was born in a stable.

In one sense it is all so insignificant, the world didn't stop, the world didn't even notice. We just went on as normal. There was a bright star in the sky, but most people never noticed it. Most people, even in Bethlehem were totally unaware of what was happening.

And yet this is the turning point of history. This was the time when BC changed to AD, the moment when God intervened in human life in a completely new way. We cannot exaggerate the significance of this event.

There were a few people who recognised something was happening. There were a few who were open to what God was doing, Mary and Joseph, the shepherds. They knew this was an important moment, even if they didn't understand it fully at the time. We can see the effect this experience had on them, they were changed by it. The first reaction was fear, Mary was afraid at first, so were the shepherds. This was something totally new, something they didn't fully understand; it isn't surprising they were afraid.

They were afraid, but they didn't just run away. They were willing to co-operate, to be part of what God was doing. Their experience had a lasting effect on them, it was not something they would forget. Mary reflected on it for the rest of her life. The shepherds went back to their daily work, but they were changed men, changed by their experience, they were filled with love and wonder.

For those without faith the Christmas story is an insignificant event in a small town in an unimportant country. But for those who are open to God this is the turning point in history. We can never be the same again. That is the experience we share when we meet Jesus.

Best wishes,

*Mark*

## Thought for the month

God does not sleep, he is never off duty, he never rests from his eternal task of guarding and guiding his people.

*St Augustine of Hippo*

## Family News.....

**Please remember in your prayers** all those known to us who face a variety of difficulties; bereavement; health problems; anxiety about loved ones and loneliness.

We are sad to report the death of much loved church member Mollie Chadwick. We remember Michael and Brenda, Simon and June and their families in our prayers.

Her funeral took place at The Grove on Monday 8th November.

## Services in December

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 9.00 Rev Mark Godfrey Holy Communion  
10.30 Rev Mark Godfrey Toy and Parade service  
Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 10.30 Mr Emmanuel Oikelome  
Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 10.30 Rev Mark Godfrey Carol Service  
4.00 Messy Church  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 11.30 United Midnight Communion **at Central** Rev M Godfrey  
Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> 10.30 Christmas Day Rev Mark Godfrey  
Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> No service, but please note there is a **circuit Zoom service**  
at **10.30 am (not 6.0pm)**

## Services in January

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> 10.30 Mr Timothy Pearson  
Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> 9.00 Rev Mark Godfrey Covenant Service Holy Communion  
Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> 10.30 Local Arrangement  
4.00 Messy Church  
Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 10.30 Mr Duncan Stow  
Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> 10.30 Rev Mark Godfrey

February Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Local Arrangement



## Margaret Ball 1932-2021

Margaret Ball, who died on 16<sup>th</sup> September, was a proud Scot from Fife. When her parents moved to Aberdeen she became PA to the Matron at the Royal Infirmary, a job which she loved even in the days when the Matron was queen of all she surveyed and Miss Johnston knew her place! She and Brian met on a cruise which Brian had joined when the original ship he had booked on caught fire, and he and his friends were offered places on the SS Orsova. Married in 1967 in Scotland, she moved to live in England with Brian in Horsforth, not knowing anyone. They came to The Grove, which soon led to Margaret joining the Wives Group and becoming the leader, where she made some life-long friends.

Margaret was a champion Scottish country dancer and when Jack Myers discovered this he got her to coach the male dancers in the Operatic Society's production of Brigadoon. She sometimes admitted to Brian that she didn't think those 'blumming Yorkshire men' would ever get it right, but they did, and the show was a great success!

Margaret and Brian were frequent cruisers and had many trips to the USA. Margaret soon enjoyed watching the many sports that Brian loved and became knowledgeable about them, particularly golf, football and cricket.

Family was everything to Margaret. They had two children, Martin and Louise, and four grandchildren, whom she loved dearly and was so proud of them all and loved family gatherings. She will be sadly missed.

Her last few years were difficult health wise but she never complained, always putting others first and never wanting to inconvenience other people, a trait which had been true throughout her life. She had a quiet strength and strong faith which saw Margaret and Brian as an inseparable team in their fifty-four years together.

*With acknowledgements to Martin Ball in his Eulogy for his mother.*

### **It is not too late!**

**If you would like to try using Bible notes written by people from all over the world who can help our journey into the unknown, please contact Jean Orton (2589093) as soon as possible.**

## Bank branch closure

I'm sure everyone is now aware of the number of banks closing or already closed on Town Street.

Virgin Money, which previously operated as Yorkshire Bank, is one of the banks that is due for closure in January 2022. This is the bank that the Church has its day-to-day operating accounts with. The closure of this branch will create some problems for paying in of money, especially that received in the weekly collections.

In order to ease the problems this will throw up, it is possible for people to pay their collection money by bank transfer, either as a regular direct debit or by manually doing a transfer at times that suit the individual. Doing this would help in many ways to ease the pressure of taking cash to the post office. Virgin Money (as with many other banks) do have an arrangement with the post office so that cash and cheques can be paid in there but they do have a limit and won't accept cash deposits of over £50 in coins or total cash amounts of over £1000 (which, if we are collecting for other organisations we sometimes exceed). Cheques paid in at the post office will also necessitate separate paying in slips for each cheque, which will be time consuming and burdensome for those kind volunteers paying the funds in. It is probable that I will request any cheques in the collection are left for me to collect from the Church and I can then pay them in electronically by doing a scan of them, this will save taking those to the post office.

I would therefore ask that if you feel paying by transfer would be an option for you, please contact me to get the bank details (0113 25 83590 or email 007firstcontact@gmail.com). I know that several people have switched to this method of giving during the pandemic and this has been very much appreciated.

We are experiencing changing times; we must adapt to these changes and find a way to move forward. Church finances are, as always, being monitored and tracked to ensure we can move forward and that we stay in the best possible position to allow us to do this. Thank you to everyone for the continued financial support that you give; without the donations and gifts that are received, the Church would certainly be in a deeply worrying financial situation.

*Bryan Whitham*  
*Treasurer*



## What's a Cirplanologist?

For many years there has been a picture frame hanging in the minister's vestry at The Grove. On the right wall on entry, by the door to the organ loft. Of all those who have gone in and out over the years, I have not found many who could tell me what it contains. Before you read on, can you identify the said frame?

It is in fact the Wesleyan Methodist Plan for the Bramley Circuit 1869, price three half-pence. It is full of interest and can explain why some enthusiasts across the country were members of the Society of Cirplanologists. A close friend of mine was secretary for many years and I gathered plans on my travels and sent a packet occasionally to him, not always welcomed by his wife who said there was no space to contain them.

It sounds rather nerdish and I have never been a member, but still find plans intriguing. There used to be Teetotal plans, Band of Hope Union plans, Union workhouse plans, Sunday school teacher's plans and more. (We may well call them rotas now). They could be printed on linen, silk, paper or postcard. The earliest known examples are handwritten plans from the Leeds circuit in 1777.

Looking at this plan of 1869 I notice that:

Bramley was the first church in the circuit and the superintendent lived there in Wesley Terrace. (The Grove had only opened its present building the previous year). All the churches are in our present circuit, apart from Farnley which closed in recent years, Little Moor Bottom, Lane Side (the building still stands in Tong Road near Tong,) and Gibraltar (in Pudsey).

There are five ministers for 12 chapels, though they are not described as ministers, simply heading the list of preachers. One of them is H.Owen Rattenbury, a member of a distinguished Methodist family, over a few generations, one of whom was well known in this district until recently. [See The Grove Vine Feb 2020 Ed.]

It was common for the same preacher to take both morning and evening service. The difficulty of travelling would mean they would be entertained for meals, something which many of us have enjoyed. Rather sadly perhaps, that rarely happens today as transport is so readily available.

Some students were appointed, coming from the college at Headingley, which had only opened in 1868. The last line of the plan reads: On January 31<sup>st</sup>, collections will be made in all our chapels in aid of the Wesleyan Theological Institution (as the college was then called). Another circuit in 1834 and 1859 had regular collections for Kingswood and Woodhouse Grove Schools.

Sacrament is only planned once a quarter.

The Lessons for the Day are interesting. One complete chapter of the Old Testament and one of the New for a Sunday morning. The evening had only a New Testament chapter. But: although the plan covers March and April, which must have included Easter, there is no mention of it and none of the lectionary readings

are anywhere near the passages we would expect.

The Quarterly meeting begins on a Monday at 4.30.p.m. With the local preachers meeting at 3 pm. There are other circuit plans I know where local preachers are to meet at 10.30am. I am intrigued to know how many of them could afford to leave their work in order to attend.

Both parents were required to be present at the sacrament of baptism, which suggests that there was, even then, difficulty in getting fathers to be present. And we thought that was our modern problem.

Other plans have often indicated the need for the Horse Hire Fund, to get preachers to their appointments. And some even indicated the phases of the moon. This meant that a preacher would know that, near a full moon, he could walk (or later cycle) on his own. At other times, some form of communal transport might be arranged. It was common practice, certainly in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, and advised by John Wesley, to have meetings near the full moon. One hopes that clear skies always coincided with a full moon.

I wouldn't want to be called a cirplanologist. But I do like to see how they did things in the past.

Why not ask to have a look at the plan in the vestry?

*Peter Reasbeck*



## **Can you help?**

### **Can you help with Carols in the Park on Sat. 11th Dec**

(p1) by donating some Shop Bought Mince Pies?

(p2) by Stewarding, giving out carol sheets and helping to welcome the crowds and tidy up later 3.20-4.40 pm ?

(p3) by helping with refreshments ?

### **Can you help with the Christmas Card Delivery Project**

(c1) on Sun Dec 5th 1-4 pm?

(c2) on Wed 8th Dec 9.30am onwards ? (The delivering will be done in pairs)

If you can help in any way please let us know ....

Phil Maud, or Jean Orton (tel: 2589093)

## To All Our Friends at The Grove

Wishing you a Christmas filled with the special warmth of friendship, the precious joy of sharing, and the wonderful love of Jesus.



Instead of sending Christmas Cards, we have made donations to our favourite charities:

Action for Children; Alzheimer's Society; Cancer Research UK; Amnesty International; Breast Cancer Research; British Heart Foundation; Cancer research UK; Cats' Protection League; Children's Heart Surgery Fund; Children's Liver Disease Fund; Christian Aid; Compassionate Friends; Crisis; Diabetes UK; Downs Syndrome Association; Grove Methodist Church; Guide Dogs for the Blind; Imperial Cancer UK; Kidney Research UK; Laura Crane Trust; Leprosy Mission; Marie Curie Cancer Care; Martin House; Mercy Ships; Methodist Relief and Development Fund(All We Can); MPS (Society for Mucopolysaccharide Diseases); Multiple Sclerosis ;Muscular Dystrophy; Myeloma and Leukemia; Oxfam; PDSA; Physionet; Pituitary Society; REACH; RNIB; RNID; RNLI; Rob Burrow Centre for MND; Salvation Army; SCOPE; Shelter; St. George's Crypt; Take Heart; Versus Arthritis; Wheatfields Hospice; Yorkshire Air Ambulance; Yorkshire Cancer Research.

*Philip and Carole Abel, Kath Ashby, Ann Bailey, Brian Ball, Pam Beck, Bill and Morag Black, Anne Blackburn, David and Barbara Buckley, Kathryn Bussey, Barbara Collis, Jean Douglas, Eric and Linda Douglass, Carol Emmott, Alan and Sharon Firth ,Trevor and Jean Fox, Ken and Betty France, Bill and Lynne Gill and family, Mark and Jenny Godfrey, Anthony and Rita Grainger, Christine Harding, Brian and Wendy Hartley, Cynthia Hatton, Ricky and Christine Hearn, Margaret Heaton, Dave and Shirley Hodgson, Graham and Carol Hoyle, Elaine Hudson, Albert and Gill Jewell, Nev Kaye, John and Susan Kitching and family, Lizzie Lambert, Pauline Low, Gill and Andrew Marley, Eileen Marsey, Phil and Allison Maud and family, Peter and Janette Mawson, Gordon and Mary Mellor, Jack Myers, Jennifer and Trevor Newby, Vera O'Hara, Tony and Jean Orton, Dorina Overson, Gladys Pagden, Sylvia Parker, Gwen Pattison, Jean Payne, David and Margaret Pontefract, David and Pauline Quick, Elaine Ramsden, Peter Reasbeck, Chris and Christine Seller, Paul Shagouri, Sheila Shippey, Ruth Symons, Judi Swales, Howard and Beryl Thompson, Paul Thompson and Louise Harding and family, Chris and Caroline Turner, Andy Walker, Michael and Janet Wallis, Helena Watkins, Anne Watt, David and Evelyn Whiteley, Brian and Mitzi Whitham, Keith and Trish Whitham, Betty Wigglesworth, Margaret Wilks.*





## What Do You Think?

It's a long time since my article in the June issue of the Vine about the many translations of the Bible and my frustrations. I have had a response from Tony and Jean Orton, Tony's response being in the November issue. I would love to hear what others think.

Is there anyone who still uses the Authorised Version (King James) in their personal devotions?

I am second to none in my admiration for it and have recently enjoyed reading about the men (it had to be) who produced it in 1611. Our conversation today is still peppered with phrases that come straight out of that massive work.

But I also love reading various versions, because they can so often shed a new light on an old passage. When I was a teenager, I learned much from Fred, whilst often disagreeing with him. He was an extremely evangelical Christian, who thought most Methodists hadn't yet 'seen the light'. When he came home from his shift in the mine, all fresh and newly showered, he would get out his Bible. I would have expected him to be stuck with the Authorised Version, which he knew backwards. But when he was given a J B Phillips translation, one of the earlier ones soon after the war, his eyes would light up as he expressed his delight. The passages he knew so well were opened up with fresh light.

As I wrote in June, my frustration is that none of the modern versions stick, because we never read or hear the same version on two subsequent occasions. It could be that if we always heard the same translation, it would gradually sink in. One of Tony's frustrations is that the passages read in services are not always from the NIV in the pews. Perhaps we ought to have a policy of always sticking to the NIV.

Whether that's backing the right horse (so to speak), for a hundred years hence, we shall never know.

I would love to think that we began to quote phrases from the NIV or others, but I suspect, for the time being, it will be those from the AV which will continue to be used. I like to hear a great verse quoted from time to time, like John 3:16 or Revelation 3:20. Sound familiar?

It's great that today we have Bibles in the pews. Traditionally it was said that you knew an Anglican going to church, for a prayer book was under the arm. The Methodist would have a hymn book. A few may have carried a Bible, as there would certainly not be one in the pew. (An Irish Catholic priest told me that he was taught, when growing up, that the Bible was a Protestant book).

The vital matter is that the Bible, which we call the Word of God, is heard, read, pondered over and expounded. In different words maybe. But the same truths. And we must do all we can to uphold it as one of the central pillars in our profession of faith.

*Peter Reasbeck*

## A Winter's Tale, 1962-3

I guess that many readers will have vivid memories of the Big Freeze that gradually descended upon all parts of England as it moved down from Scotland at Christmas time 1962. It was worse than the freeze of 1947, when I remember enjoying sledging down the hill on which we lived, and evidently brought the lowest temperatures since 1740. Central heating was virtually unknown in most houses and one used to awake to find the glass of water by the bed quite frozen.

It so happened that Gill and I had got married on a lovely day in the previous August after my initial ministerial training had been completed. In the wisdom of the Methodist Church I had been appointed to become assistant tutor at Didsbury College in Bristol; this was a two-year placement until my ordination which took place at the Methodist Conference in Sheffield, when I was launched into 'the real world' at Cheltenham. At the college my main duty was to teach New Testament Greek to the students – which was ironic since I had only just learnt it myself! However, we were very happy there.

One of the 'perks' of the job was that we enjoyed some out-of-term time off and so we arranged to spend Christmas 1962 at Gill's parents in St Albans where we had a great time meeting up with our families – that is, until the Big Freeze arrived at the end of December. We had no car in those days so had travelled by train from Bristol. We kept an anxious eye on the weather forecasts and woke up to heavy snow on New Year's Eve. We were booked to take the train from Paddington the next day arriving without too much delay at Temple Meads station. You can picture our disbelief when we reached our tiny cottage in the college grounds only to find that it had become so covered by snow that we couldn't actually see it! West Country Bristol had never before experienced such weather. The pipework serving the cottage was almost entirely in the open and we were frozen up for six weeks and were kindly given shelter to sleep and breakfast in the flat of the principal, Rev Fred Greeves who was to become the next President of the Methodist Conference. Gill used to fill a special water carrier (which we still have just in case!) each morning and go with it down to the cottage where we sparingly used it until bed-time.

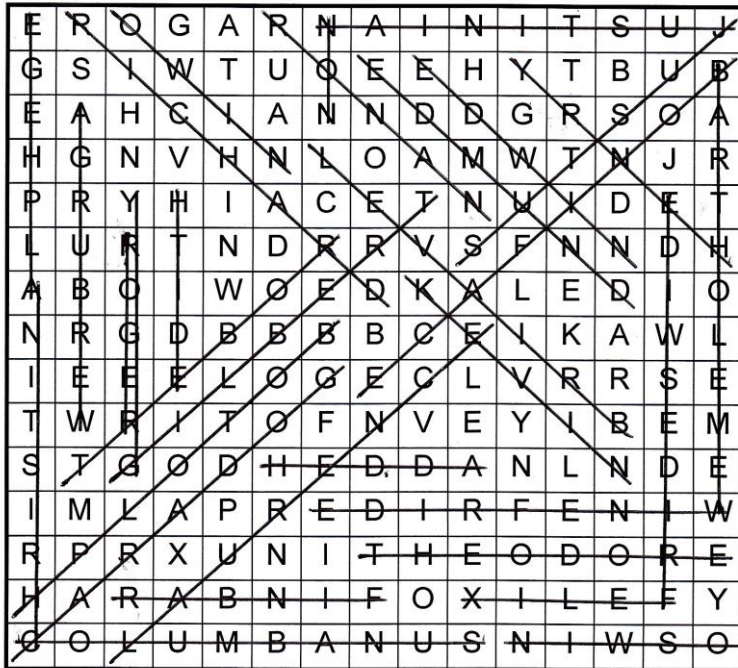


To make matters even worse, there was to be an SCM (Student Christian Movement) conference in Bristol in early January and we had invited a couple of students to stay with us for it. No trouble in the end as they also moved into the college where there were plenty of rooms available before term started. We shall never forget that winter – challenging but also so picturesque. We still remember Fred Greeves saying proudly that he had walked down the college drive leaving his footprints to indicate where the road should be cleared, only to have veered wildly off route the whole way! This was the same Fred Greeves who once caused consternation by telling us that he had just seen the Didsbury wolves in the woods near our cottage, only to realise his mistake and hastily correct his statement by saying 'I meant foxes'! A truly loveable man. That's enough! But I would love to hear your memories of the winter of 1962-3.....

*Albert Jewell*

## Solutions to last month's puzzle1.

### Wordsearch:



### 2. Conundrums:

ENTHRONED (593),  
CONQUEROR (353),  
DELIVERER (465),  
AUTHORITY (333),  
INCARNATE (202),  
CLEANSING (593),  
CARPENTER (462),  
ATONEMENT (94),  
(Singing the Faith  
hymn numbers are  
included).



## "READY, STEADY, O COME" (all ye faithful)

Save these dates: Tuesday mornings:

November 30, December 7, 14 and 21<sup>st</sup> . 10.30--12 noon.

Our Minister, Mark Godfrey, has offered us four fellowship/study sessions within Advent. Get yourself REALLY READY for the coming of Christ. You will get a coffee/tea but thinking, reflecting, listening and sharing will be the main focus.

\*This is in the Tuesday coffee morning slot but is not a 'coffee morning'. We are still in need of extra volunteers before we decide the Tuesday morning pattern and content in the New Year.

Get in touch with Chris Coleman if you can help.

## What Did You Do In The Lockdown, Grandad? PART 2

'What Did You Do In The Lockdown, Grandad?' Do you remember Gordon Mellor's question to us all back in the May 2020 Grove Vine? Lockdown has had its problems but it has also provided an opportunity to do things that we might not have tried before. Gordon wrote his memoirs for his grandchildren following the writer Max Hastings' advice, " It's the perfect time to write your life story ". And over the past months other people have achieved other things: Ruth went to Cyprus to be with Mum and Dad (May 2020), Helena worked from home and lived on the 'front line' (August 2020), whilst Brian and his friend Graham from The Grove Cub Scout Group went walking for MHA (August 2020). Meanwhile, the Stewards soldiered on plotting and planning and distributing information about church (November 2020) and the Kenwood-Reasbeck Duo recorded and sold their third CD (£6 from Peter or Liz – December 2020-January 2021). We went counting birds with Jean (March 2021), meandering round the monads with Rita (April 2021) and planting Graham's bulbs, sold in aid of the Scouts (July/August 2021). And all the while Phil, Tony, Mark, Christine, Peter and many others wrote articles for the Vine. No time wasting here, everyone seems to have been very busy.

So, what did I do in the lockdown? Well! ..... despite the ups and downs of COVID detention, I finished writing a book and saw it through to publication last month. **'Searching with a crowd of witnesses'** or, to give the book a more descriptive title, *'Jesus: who do you say I am? Searching the Holy Land with a Cloud of Witnesses'*, is a pilgrimage for armchair seekers across biblical Palestine and the Lands of Israel, the West Bank and parts of Jordan.



Many people are unsure about who Jesus is, even to the point of expressing indifference. ***Searching with a Cloud of Witnesses*** acknowledges the undoubted impact on the World of this 1st-century Jew, by keeping in mind the fundamental question that Jesus asked all who would listen, "Who do you say I am?" In seeking to follow the evidence, pilgrim readers visit some sixty-nine places and brush up against thirty witnesses; each one is a part of the incomplete jigsaw that helps to comprehend that question, 'Who do you say I am?'

The book was created for my grandchildren, not as a children's book but with a thought like Gordon's in mind, writing down something that is felt to be important for reference in the grandchildren's later life as they start to search for answers. It came to be published through the promptings of a presbyter who thought it "deserves a wider audience."

The book is published by Church in the Market Place Publications (ISBN 978-1-9989908-6-3), as an A4 size book running to some 216 pages and including over 200 illustrations. Orders may be placed with me, Peter Mawson, on [pjmawson@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:pjmawson@tiscali.co.uk) or telephone 0113 2503264, at a cost of £15.00 per copy

plus £5.00 postage, when needed. I've found that where I can hand over the book it is cheaper for the reader as postage is not needed.

How has the book been received? Well, it's early days but here are one or two comments from readers: "Obviously you don't want me to do any work today! I've been reading since 11.00am ! Totally absorbed." "I have been absorbed from learning from your text and photographs. This is a book to treasure." "It's a work of scholarship. People have commented favourably on the references." "I am enjoying reading about your insights and experiences and setting them in the context of the photographs." "I very much enjoyed the juxtaposition of the different strands." "I'm so looking forward to seeing it and reading it again."

And finally, whatever you do, whether reading is your thing or not, keep busy and don't waste precious time!

*Peter Mawson*

Congratulations, Peter, on a stimulating and interesting read with great photography. Ed



## **Circuit Staffing**

We say goodbye to two Circuit Ministers this August; Mark Godfrey and Keith Hunt. Mark is retiring ("sitting down" in Methodist speak) and Keith will remain in the area with a new role. He will preach each Sunday and take responsibility for home communion services for the housebound.

We are currently in the national system of matching up Ministers on the move with jobs available.

As replacements the Circuit would like (1) a Minister to work alongside Rev Jo Lightowler as 'Superintendent in training' (Jo leaves us in 2023) and (2) a probationer (newly ordained Minister) or a minister from abroad.

This process is already underway with various cycles of visits from prospective Ministers happening across the country between now and February 2022.

I shall keep you informed of progress.

*Phil Maud (Circuit Steward)*



Please remember that we are needing a new team if the Grove Vine is to continue beyond February.

## Puzzle Page: 1. Follow the Nativity Pathfinder Trail

M	A	H	D	O	E	Y	B	E	L	E
Y	R	P	E	N	K	S	N	T	H	H
G	A	O	S	B	A	T	N	I	M	E
R	B	J	E	L	R	B	Y	S	R	S
I	E	L	M	G	E	A	B	T	A	H
R	F	D	A	N	G	N	A	R	E	E
A	N	L	I	G	E	L	S	D	H	P
I	K	O	G	A	M	S	Y	T	H	E
N	Y	R	R	S	C	A	O	O	T	W
C	M	E	H	L	O	N	J	S	R	O
E	N	S	C	A	R	D	L	E	L	D

The route follows these words:

Mary - Gabriel - Joseph -  
donkey - Bethlehem - inn -  
stable - manger - baby - star -  
shepherds - angels - magi -  
gold - frankincense - myrrh -  
carols - candles - - - - -  
- - - and a concluding  
message.

**What is the final message?**

**Guidance:** Start at the top left (shaded) square (where you'll find Mary), and finish at the bottom right (shaded) square. Remember you may only move from each square to an adjacent square, up or down, or right or left (i.e. **not diagonally**). There should be no crossing, and every square should be used just once.

## 2. Christmas wordsearch

S	X	O	B	E	T	H	L	E	H	E	M	D
H	T	R	E	K	C	A	R	C	Y	U	L	E
E	F	A	I	V	Y	L	L	O	H	R	H	S
P	I	R	B	E	H	P	E	S	O	J	T	N
H	G	E	K	L	C	K	E	W	I	A	S	E
E	D	N	E	S	E	A	E	A	R	N	A	C
R	O	D	S	R	E	H	R	V	C	G	N	N
D	C	M	L	L	T	L	R	O	O	E	T	I
S	A	A	Y	O	L	E	D	S	L	L	A	K
N	R	R	T	R	G	E	Y	N	D	S	Y	N
O	D	Y	N	N	R	J	B	C	A	K	E	A
W	O	M	A	G	I	H	A	W	E	C	I	R
J	A	M	L	E	I	R	B	A	G	E	L	F

Now can you find the same nativity words as above, and the final message, in this wordsearch grid?

And can you also find these seasonal words:  
bells, box, cake, card,  
cracker, elf, fig, gift, holly,  
ice, ivy, love, peace, santa,  
snow, tree, yule?

*Tony Orton*



## THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all who have sent donations to the Foodbank. Donations of food and toiletries can be made anytime in Morrisons and of course financial donations are always welcome .... however small .... (just pop them in an old envelope through Jean Orton's letter box (at 18 West End Lane) and they get sent immediately by bank transfer).



## From the Editorial Group

*Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and a restorative and happy New Year*

**Note that the Editorial Teams alternate..... n.b. the February issue will be prepared by Gordon and Mary, and you should send items to them - no later than 5pm on Wednesday 26th January please ..... and include details of events up to 6th March**

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