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The Parson's Peace,

We often look to the start of a year as a reset to all that has happened in the previous year. As we go into 2021 we know that we are still in for a rough time over the coming months. But we also hope that after a few months, life may well start to get easier as the warmer weather comes and more people are vaccinated against the Covid-19 virus.

The message from the government is to 'hold fast and don't give up doing the things that protect ourselves and others from this truly awful disease.

When carolling around Lamphey one night in December, a group of us stood outside one person's house who came to the gate to chat. Although, they were no longer infectious from Covid after 6 weeks of suffering, they described the awful effects of the illness, and encouraged everyone to be very careful, and definitely to keep their distance from each other. All the Carollers could then be seen to gently move further away from one another. It was a sobering encounter.

A personal meeting with someone who knew just what it was like, made a profound impact upon us all. We are all asked to be careful, and not get complacent with the hand washing, the face masks, and the distancing, and to not go into one another's homes unless it is absolutely essential. It is going to be tough, but the end is in sight.

In the same way, Christians have been given the understanding that Jesus is going to return. He will judge the world and draw all who belong to him together for eternal blessings. It is a message that Jesus and the Disciples taught time and time again. But we often find it difficult to remember how we are to live whilst we wait for him. But when we share that news, it can have a profound effect on those who hear it.

St Paul in his second letter to the Thessalonian Church encouraged them to continue being steadfast and faithful, even through all their trials, so that they would be glorified on the day our Lord Jesus returns with his mighty angels. 2 Thess 1.

It is a wonderful encouragement to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus and His teaching. For us to keep actively living as his people until he comes again. And, for the next months, to also keep holding fast to the rules set by our government for our own benefit and the benefit of others. The rewards for today are that we will know the joy of meeting together once more. The rewards for holding fast to Jesus are eternal life in the glorious presence of God.

May 2021 be a year to know and experience the full and rich blessings of our Lord, through Jesus Christ.

Revd Peter



Sunday, 20th December

6pm Online Carol Service on Facebook live

Christmas Eve - 24th December

9pm Holy Communion St Mary, Pembroke
9pm Holy Communion Ss Nicholas & John, Monkton
11:30pm Holy Communion Ss Nicholas & John, Monkton
11:30pm Holy Communion St. Mary's, Angle

Christmas Day - 25th December

9.30am Christmas Communion St. Mary's, Angle
(please pre-book and wear a mask)
10am Holy Communion Ss Nicholas & John, Monkton
11am Christmas Zoom Service (Zoom ID: 746518176)

Sunday 27th December (John, Apostle & Evangelist)

10am Holy Communion St Mary, Pembroke

St Mary's 9pm Christmas Eve service by ticket only -
Please contact Rev'd Peter Jones for details

JANUARY SUNDAY SERVICES

SUNDAY 3rd JANUARY (SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS)

9.30am	Morning Prayer	St. Mary's, Angle
10am	Holy Communion	St Mary, Pembroke
10am	Holy Communion	Ss Nicholas & John, Monkton

SUNDAY 10th JANUARY (BAPTISM OF CHRIST)

9.30am	Morning Prayer	St. Mary's, Angle
10am	Holy Communion PJ	St Mary, Pembroke
10am	Morning Prayer	Ss Nicholas & John, Monkton

SUNDAY 17th January (SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY)

9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Mary's, Angle
10am	All Age Holy Communion	St Mary, Pembroke
10am	Holy Communion	Ss Nicholas & John, Monkton

SUNDAY 24th January (THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY)

9.30am	Morning Prayer	St. Mary's, Angle
10am	Morning Prayer	St Mary, Pembroke
10am	Holy Communion	Ss Nicholas & John, Monkton

Services at Ss Faith & Tyfei, Lamphey have been suspended for the time being due to Covid-19. This will be reviewed again in mid January.

Revd Peter Jones

JANUARY DIARY

Wed 6th	10.00am Holy Communion, St Mary's, Pembroke
Wed 13th	10.00am Holy Communion, St Mary's, Pembroke 7.30pm New Prayer Meeting on Zoom—See detail on page 10
Sun 17th	10.00am All Age Service: St Mary's, Pembroke
Wed 20th	10.00am Holy Communion, St Mary's, Pembroke 7.30pm Monkton Bible Study Group—see <i>page 11 for Zoom details</i>
Mon 25th	7.00pm Monkton Church Committee Meeting (Possibly on Zoom)
Wed 27th	10.00am Holy Communion, St Mary's, Pembroke m 7.30pm Monkton Bible Study Group—see <i>page 11 for Zoom details</i>
Fridays	2.30pm Tea@No3 – Meeting Suspended for the time being

Book Club Starting in January:

EFCW (Evangelical Fellowship in the Church in Wales) is starting a monthly Book Club from 14th January.

The book we're going to be looking at is **Gospel-Driven Anglicanism by Mark Pickles**. The book was written for those exploring a calling of ordination in the Anglican Church. But in exploring many of the concerns that people have, Anglicanism, and its ancient formularies, is seen as being solidly based in scripture and upholding Gospel teaching.

In a time of great change, this is a very helpful book to explore these issues. The book is free of charge and is available electronically from rev.peterjones@outlook.com.

It will be a digital book club, meeting approximately every month over Zoom.

The first meeting will be on **Thursday 14th January 2021, at 7:30pm**.
Zoom: Meeting ID: 862 1997 9611 Passcode: 820128

All we ask is that you have a look at chapters 1 & 2. We hope the evening will last about an hour.



**The Lectionary Readings
for the next month
for your Daily Office**

Sunday 3rd January Second Sunday of Christmas

Jeremiah 31. 7-14 Psalm 147. 12-20 Ephesians 1. 3-14 John 1. 10-18

Monday 4th January

Psalm 89. 1-37; Isaiah 61
John 2. 1-12

Tuesday 5th January

Psalm 48; Isaiah 62
John 2. 13-end

Wednesday 6th January

Psalm 113; Jeremiah 31. 7-14
John 1. 29-34

Thursday 7th January

Psalm 99; Isaiah 63. 7-end
1 John 3

Friday 8th January

Psalm 46; Isaiah 64
1 John 4. 7-end

Saturday 9th January

Psalm 148; Isaiah 65. 1-16
1 John 5. 1-12

Sunday 10th January The Baptism of Christ

Genesis 1. 1-5 Psalm 29 Acts 19. 1-7 Mark 1. 4-11

Monday 11th January

Psalm 2; Amos 1
1 Corinthians 1. 1-17

Tuesday 12th January

Psalm 9; Amos 2
1 Corinthians 1. 18-end

Wednesday 13th January

Psalm 20; Amos 3
1 Corinthians 2

Thursday 14th January

Psalm 21; Amos 4
1 Corinthians 3

Friday 15th January

Psalm 67; Amos 5. 1-17
1 Corinthians 4

Saturday 16th January

Psalm 33; Amos 5. 18-end
1 Corinthians 5

Sunday 17th January Second Sunday of Epiphany

1 Samuel 3. 1-10 Psalm 139. 1-10 Revelation 5. 1-10 John 1. 43-51

Monday 18th January

Psalm 146; Amos 6.
1 Corinthians 6. 1-11

Tuesday 19th January

Psalm 132; Amos 7
1 Corinthians 6. 12-end

Wednesday 16th January

Psalm 81; Amos 8.
1 Corinthians 7. 1-24

Thursday 21st January

Psalm 76; Amos 9.
1 Corinthians 7. 25-end

Friday 22nd January

Psalm 27; Hosea 1. 1-2.1
1 Corinthians 8

Saturday 23rd January

Psalm 122; Hosea 2. 2-17
1 Corinthians 9. 1-14

Sunday 24th January – Third Sunday of Epiphany

Genesis 14. 17-20 Psalm 128 Revelation 19. 6-10 John 2. 1-11

Monday 25th January

Psalm 108; Hosea 2.18—end of 3
1 Corinthians 9. 15-end

Tuesday 26th January

Psalm 36; Hosea 4. 1-16
1 Corinthians 10. 1-13

Wednesday 27th January

Psalm 46; Hosea 5. 1-7
Corinthians 10. 1-13

Thursday 28th January

Psalm 47; Hosea 5.8—6.6
1 Corinthians 11. 2-16

Friday 29th January

Psalm 65; Hosea 6.7—7.2
1 Corinthians 11. 17-end

Saturday 30th January

Psalm 68; Hosea 8
1 Corinthians 12. 1-11

Sunday 231st January – Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

Deuteronomy 18. 15-20 Psalm 111 Revelation 12. 1-5a Mark 1. 21-28

Update on the Covid regulations:

Due to the uncertainty of the Corona Virus and rules for services being uncertain at this time, the Christmas services dates and times will be subject to change. Any changes will be announced in church services and posted up on the church Facebook page and Website.

Alternatively, please contact the clergy or your local church warden for the latest information.

New: Monthly Prayer and Fellowship

For our faith communities to grow and flourish it is vitally important that we are nourished and call on the work of the Holy Spirit in prayer. With that in mind, a new Monthly Prayer and Fellowship group is starting and will meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm.

The Prayer and Fellowship will be centred around the needs of Monkton, Pembroke and Lamphay churches and surrounding communities.

Initially it will be through Zoom, but longer term it would be wonderful to rotate round the three churches in the warmer months and perhaps meet in Monkton Church Hall during the winter.

If you feel nervous about praying in a group and especially praying out loud in front of others, please do not worry. It will be gentle and our internal prayers are heard by the Lord as spoken ones. But, it can also be very helpful to hear and be led by others as they pray set prayers or extemporary ones.

If you would like to find out more, please contact Revd Peter (details on the inside cover).

Date: 2nd December 2020 and 13th January 2021.

Zoom link for these future meetings:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89726787594?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89726787594?pwd=OU9VdWh1dW1PNHIZSVFDZ28rTmh0UT09)

[pwd=OU9VdWh1dW1PNHIZSVFDZ28rTmh0UT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89726787594?pwd=OU9VdWh1dW1PNHIZSVFDZ28rTmh0UT09)

Meeting ID: 897 2678 7594

Passcode: 018006

Walking Carol Services



Unfortunately, due to the rising Covid-19 levels in the area, it has been decided to stop the walking carol singing for the time being.

It has been a blessing to both those who have taken part and also to those who have enjoyed hearing us in the community.

I can see this being taken up again for Dec 2021.

Bible studies: Monkton Vicarage Group

7:30pm on the following Wednesdays:

20th and 27th January

New Monthly Prayer and Fellowship 2nd Wed of the month on the same Zoom link.

Zoom link for these and future Bible Study meetings:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89726787594?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89726787594?pwd=OU9VdWh1dW1PNHIZSVFDZ28rTmh0UT09)

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Meeting ID: 897 2678 7594

Passcode: 018006

Lockdown Starter Bible:



Revd Bob Capper has re-launched his Starter Bible Series. 6 short (less than 5 minutes) talks to help us understand what the Bible is all about.

Just Google: Lockdown Starter Bible or go directly to [www:lockdownstarterbible.com](http://www.lockdownstarterbible.com) to get the links and the notes.

What a good way to prepare for the New Year and perhaps have a go at reading the Bible over a year.

More delights from Audrey Rogers

So we are back in a partial lockdown again and the increase in Covid numbers is not good!

However - what good news to see the first vaccine being given and the hope this brings.

As my grumpy old woman persona, I must say I am getting fed up with the moaning about pre-Christmas parties not being allowed - yes it will be hard not meeting up with all our families at Christmas - but we hope that will be possible to do so before long! However, as Christians we can and will rejoice in the birth of our Saviour and so it will be a Happy Christmas!!

Back to Skomer and Glorious nature and sunshine!



Yes, I had beautiful weather on my first stay - but that brought its own problems! The island water supply was a well a few hundred yards from the accommodation and this was very low. So - each day we were allowed one small bucket of water for drinking and one bowl of water from the rainwater tank in which we washed ourselves and our hair and then our pants and socks.

We were somewhat disconcerted upon opening the well to see newts and a toad, but were assured by the Warden that "if it is good enough for them it is good enough for us - but boil it any way", which we did!!

A not altogether happy memory - but we had to laugh, at the picture of the other middle-aged lady and I tripping through the bluebells carrying the Elsan toilet bucket to the pit!!

Another difficulty (and still is) keeping your food safe from the depredations of the Skomer vole! These delightful little creatures - slightly bigger and more russet coloured than their mainland cousins - found the volunteer food supplies a positive supermarket!! We could have written a university thesis on the food preferences of the Skomer Vole. They definitely did not like onions and found the rough skins of kiwi fruits a challenge, but everything else was fair game.

This morning (Wednesday) I was able to get to church for the first time in 7 weeks - what a blessing- Thank you Barbara.

So, a Happy and Blessed Christmas to all my friends and let's hope and pray for better things to come in 2021.

Audrey Rogers

**May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you evermore.**

At the St Mary church Committee last week Rev Peter Jones shared the outcome of the survey conducted recently. I was most struck by how many times people said they missed the fellowship of being in church to worship.

God calls us to first love him and then one another. It is in being part of the church fellowship that we come to give and receive that love, in being encouraged, and in supporting others as we endeavour to walk the path God has set for each of us.

But where does that leave those, who for various reasons, can no longer get to church on a regular basis?

The Zoom services and Facebook have gone part way to offer an alternative. Take-up has shown that many will use these electronic routes, if available, which is wonderful, but what else can we do?

For some weeks I had been wondering how we can reach out to our St Marys Church community during these unprecedented times. Most of the usual meeting options are off the books.

During these last weeks we have all set about keeping in better touch with our families and friends. Should we not be doing that as church too? We can at the very least ring around.

Having spoken to the Rev Peter Jones, he gave me permission to use the St Marys Church Bridge mailing list as a start point to contact people who come regularly and who have had links with the church. With 3 other people we now plan to ring round our St Marys Church list each month to see how people are, offer help, encourage and enjoy the opportunity of being in contact with others in our parish.

I do believe that this is just a beginning, a start to care for our Christian sisters and brothers in a more structured way. It is not purely the vicars' job, but for all of us in different ways to reach out to one another and to those who are on the edge of the church, so that we can all benefit from the warmth of fellowship that Jesus has offered to all of us who love him.

It is the warmth of love that is the most attractive quality that brings people into church, and hopefully, better still, to encounter God and come to believe in him as their saviour.

If you are interested in being part of this please do let me know.

Amen

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Letters to Kate

This is part thirteen of the series 'Letters to Kate' which we first featured in the November 2019 issue of the Bridge magazine

Judy Roblin

In loving memory of a dear friend

Dom Alan Rees OSB

My Kate,

Many thanks for your post-Christmas letter and poems. I was so impressed by your thoughts on sharing Christmas with the children and what you felt they had taught you about your relationship with God. You have obviously identified yourself with the invitation from Christ to 'become like a little child', and I loved the qualities you recognised in your young nephews which apply to your own spiritual life. Your poem about the car journey with him in the back was so evocative; no anxiety about where he was going or what the weather would be like, he had the 'trust born of childhood' so that 'his father was driving and nothing else mattered'. Wonderful! And your comment that small children only live in the present was completely on the ball. "Whether happy or not, only the present moment was real for him, he lived completely in the 'now'." The sacrament of the present moment indeed! If only we didn't lose it as we grow up – and have to start learning it all over again!

How marvellous that you are having a 'listening break' with a few friends before returning to university. Your friend's family cottage sounds delightful, and listening to the dawn chorus a beautiful way to begin the day, especially followed by breakfast together. I think the first meal of the day is so important, especially when shared. David and I often have a silent breakfast and find it offers a good basis for the day, especially if it's to be a particularly hectic one. And I love the thought of Jesus cooking breakfast for his friends on the beach. Your evenings spent sharing around the log fire, which you so beautifully evoke, are a form of prayer in themselves, because where two or three meet together 'at the ground of their being' there is God also.

I can see you are discovering 'listening' as an essential ingredient in all deepening relationships and that certainly includes our relationship with God. St Benedict, the founder of western monasticism, begins the Rule of Life he wrote for his monks with that very word, "Listen ...". It is a sign of good relationship, isn't it, if you can be together without carrying on a non-stop conversation? And it can be very moving to witness an elderly couple who have been together very many years, sitting with each other in silent contentment. Yet this situation with a partner is hard-won, as it is in our relationship with God, and learning to listen to either is the work of a lifetime.

To listen deeply, we need not only silence, but stillness, firstly in our immediate surroundings and ultimately within our hearts. The latter is not easily arrived at and is ultimately God's gift to us. And of course, initially when we settle down to listen to Him, we can find our souls anything but quiet –

They pitch in from every side
a razzmatazz of voices
clamouring for attention;
the church says ... and the family says ...
the committee'd community and society says...
and from deep within our darkest interior
jungle voices of nature
rise up to join in
My Lord, did you speak?
My God, I can't hear you!
Has your silence been strangled
and slaughtered by sound?

Enjoy Cornwall, Kate, and the still moments of friendship.

Thinking of you there.
With love – as always
Ailsa

A JOURNEY

It was a bad day for a journey;
The heavens hung howling round the rain-racked roadway
as we sped our way westward
through the sodden, storm-clad countryside.
Yet, absorbed in his games,
he played unconcerned,
our small boy,
secure and content in the car.

Knowing neither the why nor the way of our journey,
there were no anxious questions such as
'Where are we going' or 'Where are we now?'
His father was driving and nothing else mattered!
With trust born of childhood
came certainty of safety,
that with him in control
all, indeed, would be well.



Freshwater East's Winter Library

The GrowFresh stand at the top of Jason Road has morphed into a mini library for the winter. It contains a lidded plastic box to store the donated books and a hand sanitiser for use by those handling the box and the books. We ask that donations be limited to no more than 3 per household in order to encourage a mix of tastes and authors. Whether you like a whodunit, a classic, an adventure, poetry, children's stories or a romance, we hope you'll pop by to have a look.

information taken from the

ST MARY'S, PEMBROKE FLOODLIGHT DEDICATIONS

Gill and Tom Pearce

- 24th January - Happy Birthday to niece Tracy
- 25th January - Remembering Gill's dad, Roly Hughes, on his birthday

and once again, a huge 'Thank you', from us all,
to everyone keeping us safe and well in these difficult times,
- we shine our lights for you all



Happy New Year!

Brush away old heartaches.
Learn from our mistakes.
Another year is finally over.
A new dawn awakes.

Let the old year out.
Welcome the new one in.
Bury the bad things of the past
As a new year now begins.

Make your New Year wishes
As simple as you can.
Pray for peace and love,
Not for wealth or fame.

Pray for health and happiness.
Pray for your fellow man.
Pray for all the ones you love.
Pray for those who've lost their way.

As the midnight hour chimes,
We leave the old and embrace the new.
I wish the things you wish for yourself,
And may God's love stay with you.

John P. Read

Source: <https://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poem/happy-new-year-9>

LAMPHEY AND DISTRICT W.I.

On Tuesday, 1st December WI held its very first Zoom meeting. It must be said that members of the Committee were 'anxious' on how this venture would be received—but with Gill our Treasurer at the helm assisting those of us who are 'less familiar' with this type of technology all the 18 members who took part enjoyed the first face to face meeting since our Afternoon Tea in September.

The minutes of the last meeting held in March were read and Matters Arising covered—issues from Newsletter were considered, the Secretary and Treasurer gave their reports and then Marilyn gave out a list of books for the Book Club Members to read. She also confirmed the Walking Group would not meet until the Spring. Tess then reported on the Station Garden, and then Welfare and the Knitting Group matters were discussed.

Then the competition — “A Special Face Mask to be worn on Christmas Day” - Members really went to town with their entries which made it difficult to select the most original. Eventually it was decided on two joint winners — Marilyn with her very clever 'flashing' mask, and Gill for her extraordinary 'antler mask'. Well done ladies, a 'prize' will be coming your way soon.

Following a Christmas poem we were then able to chat to one another and catch up on what we had been doing over the past months. We are now looking forward to the January Zoom meeting.

A day or so after the meeting, Committee Members distributed a gift to each Member— a Christmas card and a potted hyacinth, and attached was a Christmas Quiz— answers to be given out at the January meeting.

Greetings everyone for a good Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

*Pat Parkhurst
President
Lamphey & District WI*

ST MARY'S FLAG FLYING JANUARY 2021

*unfortunately, because to the current Coronavirus situation
flags cannot be flown for the foreseeable future
due to the restrictions on church openings*

Find the Link no 4

- 1.pit; chair; band _____ (3)
- 2.Betty; bread; chocolate _____ (5)
- 3.bush; red; water _____ (4)
- 4.village; gables; lime _____ (5)
- 5.last; drinking; bale _____ (5)
- 6.night; box; blue _____ (3)
- 7.motor; my; out _____ (3)
- 8.match; merry; up _____ (6)
- 9.tennis; mower; bowls; _____ (4)
- 10.cream; potatoes; days _____ (6)
- 11.sword; garden; post; _____ (5)
- 12.league; creeper; poison _____ (3)
- 13.sauce; glass; red _____ (9)
- 14.man; basket; Alan _____ (6)
- 15.line; basket; machine _____ (7)
- 16.car; ruby; ferry _____ (4)
- 17.man; code; public _____ (3)
- 18.schooner; barrel; trifle _____ (5)
- 19.air; wood; sight _____ (5)
- 20.show; motor; fires _____ (4)
- 21.cloud; drift; globe _____ (4)
- 22.crown; Welsh; molly _____ (4)
- 23.safety; iron; torn _____ (7)
- 24.spirit; light; head _____ (4)
- 25.glass; parrot; bulb _____ (5)

answers next month



january

how much do you know about the month of January?

Something to keep your brains in gear after the Christmas festivities!

1. 1st January 1940 – who married Mary Baldwin in the chapel of Mansfield College, Oxford?
2. Name the only two Shakespeare plays to mention the month of January
3. An Englishman known during World War II as "Lord Haw Haw" was hanged for treason in London, but what was his real name?
4. In what year was the first recorded reference to a "January sale" in the UK?
5. Which newspaper began publication in January 1788?
6. We celebrate Epiphany on 6th January, but what is significant about this date in the Christian calendar?
7. On 17th January 1714 patent was issued for the first typewriter to a British inventor "for the impressing or transcribing of letters singly or progressively one after another, as in writing." What was his name?
8. Who was born in Tiger Bay, Cardiff on 8th January 1937?
9. Can you name the birthstone and the flower for January?
10. In which year on 10th January did the world's first underground railway service open in London, the Metropolitan line between Paddington and Farringdon
11. The 1975 hit song January was a hit in 1975 for Scottish band Pilot, but do you know who wrote it?
12. In what year was Alaska admitted as 49th U.S. state?
13. What is the date of the Scottish celebration of Burns Night?
14. Can you name the two zodiac signs for January?
15. What event took place on this day in 1535?
16. 16th January 1707 – which Act was ratified by the Scottish Parliament on this day?

- 17 Which battle of WW11 began on 17th January 1944, lasting until 19th May when allies finally broke through to advance on Rome
- 18 1st radio telegraph message was sent from Netherlands to Dutch East Indies on this day in which year?
- 19 Which new bicycle race was announced on 19th January in 1903?
- 20 Who did Anne of Bohemia, daughter of the Holy Roman Emperor, marry at Westminster Abbey on 20th January 1382?
- 21 Alfred Hitchcock released his first film, The Pleasure Garden, as director in what year and country?
22. One of the world's most remarkable military engagements took place in South Africa on 22nd January 1879, later remembered in the film Zulu. What is the name of the battle?
23. What was significant about Ramsay MacDonald becoming Prime Minister on 23rd January 1924?
24. A Japanese soldier, Shoichi Yokoi, was discovered hiding out in the jungle on Guam on 24th January, not knowing World War II had ended. How long had he spent there?
25. Who do Welsh lovers celebrate on 25th January?
26. Which nation celebrates their National Day on 26th January?
27. What National Memorial Day honoured on 27th January?
28. Who captured Panama City from its Spanish defenders on 28th January 1671?
29. 29th January – what programme was first broadcast on BBC radio on this day in 1942?
30. The V Winter Olympic Games opened on 3 January in 1948, but where were the games held?
31. How often does New Year's Eve and New Year's Day fall in the same year?

(as usual, answers next month!)



Crossword no 8 from Steve Harries — answers in next issue

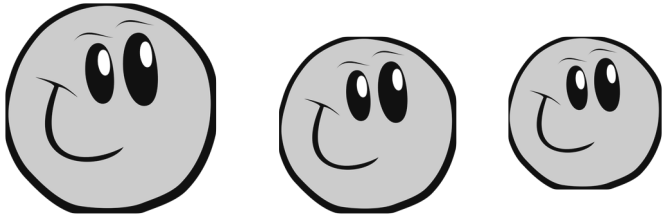
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Clues Across

- 1 Mountain opposite Mt Ebal (7)
- 5 Son of Adam and Eve (4)
- 7 Twelfth month (abbr) (3)
- 8 Baby's dummy (8)
- 9 A business woman from Thyatira (5)
- 10 An air of mystery (4)
- 13 Inkling (4)
- 14 One's parent's sister (4)
- 18 Town, features in story of Samson (4)
- 19 Cotton cloth (5)
- 21 Brown cane sugar (8)
- 22 Old Testament book (3)
- 23 'Garden', Cradle of the Human Race (4)
- 24 North American Indians (7)

Clues Down

- 1 Appointed Governor of Judah (8)
- 2 Act of becoming more distant (8)
- 3 One of Job's three friends (6)
- 4 Region south east of Mt Hermon (6)
- 5 African expedition (6)
- 6 You, archaic/religious (4)
- 11 David's son (8)
- 12 A Levite from Cyprus (8)
- 15 An inn/pub (6)
- 16 Fruit (6)
- 17 Llama with long silky fleece (6)
- 20 Fermented honey and water (4)



Mike's Chuckle Corner . . .

My wife says I only have two faults. I don't listen – and something else...

I've been saying "mucho" to my Spanish friend a lot more often lately. It means a lot to him.

Has anyone else's gardening skills improved during this quarantine like mine have? I planted myself on the sofa at the start of April and I've grown bigger ever since.

Will glass coffins be a success? Remains to be seen.

My wife left a note on the fridge saying, "This isn't working. I'm leaving." What a lie! I opened the fridge door and it's working fine.

Notice in a Wiltshire Churchyard: "Churchyard maintenance is becoming increasingly difficult, and it would be appreciated if parishioners would cut the grass around their own graves."

From a church magazine: Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.

The Vicar was standing at the door to shake hands.

He grabbed George by the hand and pulled him aside.

The Vicar said to him, "You need to join the Army of the Lord!"

George replied, "I'm already in the Army of the Lord, Vicar".

The Vicar questioned, "How is it I never see you except at Christmas?"

He whispered back, "I'm in the secret service".

Solution for Christmas Spiral Crossword:

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| 1, Frankincense. | 2, Elves. | 3, Wise men. |
| 4, Lights. | 5, Nativity. | 6, Yule Log, |
| 7, Decorations. | 8, Saints. | 9, Tinsel. |
| 10, Myrrh. | 11, Gold. | 12, Manger. |
| 13, Turkey Crown. | 14, egg Nog. | 15, Christmas tree. |
| 16, Plum Pudding. | 17, Mary. | 18, Jolly. |
| 19, Bauble. | 20, Ivy. | 21, Jesus. |

ANSWERS TO THE CHRISTMAS DINNER PATHFINDER

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- brandy sauce broad beans
- cabbage carrots cauli
- chestnuts Christmas pudding
- crackers cranberry sauce
- gravy ice cream peas
- pigs in blankets roast potatoes
- rum butter sausages sprouts
- stuffing turkey

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Answers to Find the Seasonal Link

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| 1 tree | 2 bell | 3 turkey | 4 baby | 5 lights |
| 6 star | 7 present | 8 card | 9 carol | 10 snow |
| 11 cake | 12 angel | 13 cracker | 14 Santa | 15 pudding |
| 16 Mary | 17 family | 18 dinner | 19 bingo | 20 bells |
| 21 chocolate | 22 holiday | 23 post | 24 Christmas | 25 ginger |