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## Happy Christmas



For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6

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Thanks. Ed.

Allow me to set the scene for you: it's a Monday morning in November... it's 5am and I couldn't sleep; it's possible that this may be because I suddenly remembered, just as I turned the light out last night, that I hadn't yet written this reflection... who knows. Be that as it may... It's dark outside, and I'm sat in my study at what, in this family, we like to refer to as 'stupid o'clock' listening to The Alan Parson Project's "Eye In The Sky" ... so, there you are, it's official - I am actually a throwback to the 1980s. But that's kind of appropriate as I feel inclined to take a retrospective view this morning... at least to begin with.

After all, this had been an odd year to say the very least. It has, of course, been an immensely tragic, troubling and challenging year for a great many people; Covid-19 has seen to that for us!

I'm not a gambling man, but there is a saying that comes from a gambling context that I find peculiarly appropriate for this year: "All bets are off!" The Miriam-Webster Dictionary says that this phrase "*is used to describe a situation in which it is impossible to be sure about what will happen.*" I think that make this phrase particularly apposite in the current circumstances!

It is now some nine months since we moved from a position where we sat (perhaps dispassionately) watching our televisions and paying vague attention to a health situation brewing in China that couldn't possibly affect us, to a stark realisation that this was the beginning of a worldwide pandemic... as a result of which it would become entirely appropriate to suggest that "all bets are off." April, May and June saw much of what we might call 'normal life' put on hold as we, amongst other countries, attempted to bring infection rates down to a level that would not result in the incapacitation and potential collapse of our National Health Service.

Faith communities were locked out of their traditional places of gathering - our church buildings; our clergy, too, were ordered home by their archbishops. Families and individuals lost loved ones - bad enough under any normal

circumstances—but made indescribably worse because hospital visits could not be permitted. Many simply could not be afforded even the opportunity to say final farewells to a loved one. To this day I find it odd to stand in the chapel of a crematorium designed to accommodate... oh, I don't know... let's say a hundred or so people, but now laid out to accommodate just twenty or so, appropriately socially distanced. I still fight the urge to extend my hand to people when I meet them; I still fight the urge to embrace someone who clearly needs a simple hug, someone who just needs the human contact of being held as they do their best to deal with tragedy and change... and I find it almost impossible to adequately express the frustration that I myself feel at times like that. This pandemic has left marks on all in society.

And now, as I turn the camera of retrospection through 180 degrees to look ahead, "all bets are *still* off!"... at least, to some extent. This last few weeks have been about attempting to get a handle on what we can and simply cannot do this coming Christmas. Christmas is normally a time when, as a clergyperson I end up shaking so many hands. Christmas is usually a time when my face occasionally aches from so much continuous smiling as I either welcome the world into Christ's church or wish them a "Happy Christmas" as they leave, having played their part in a Nativity... or a Crib Service... or a Nine Lessons & Carols... or a Midnight Mass. This year we are going to have to be inventive... we are going to have to find novel ways to reach people and to bring once again the message of the Christ child to people.

Throughout the first lockdown I got to grips with the arts of filming, editing and producing pre-recorded acts of worship for our YouTube channel, "Spire of Dorking" (we **must** change that name; I personally find it to be too exclusive... a perfectly understandable epithet if you are already part of the *cognoscenti* who know that our building has a stunning spire; but if you're **not** in that circle?) Much of the worship that St Martin's will offer between now and the 25<sup>th</sup> December will have to take place online... pre

## Reflection contd.

-recorded. Normally we would take a group of singers carolling around the Dorking Care Homes... this year we will be pre-recording the carol singing in the hope of delivering CDs to the Care Homes, so that they can still experience carol singers, but in a way that is safe for everybody. This year we are trying to work out how to deliver things like 'The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols' and 'Midnight Mass' via the web... these are occasions when St Martin's would normally be 'packed to the rafters' – that is simply not possible this year. There will be a Family Communion service in church on Christmas morning; but that is also a service that attracts a great many, and we have to work out how to do that safely and in strict accordance with the guidelines.

So... you may ask: Why is it **so** important to do all of this?" The answer to that one is, thankfully, the simplest question of all to answer: because the Christian message is, at its heart, a message of hope and joy. If there is one thing that this world needs at any and all times, but *especially* this Christmas, I suspect that it is absolute dollops of hope and joy and love. We need to be reminded of the child that was born all those years ago into a situation that must have seemed just so hope-less and lacking in joy. The Christmas narrative is one of love: the love of God for his creation... the love of a mother and father for their child... and this in the face of what must have felt like insanely insurmountable contextual odds (oh... we seem to have ended up back at gambling references?)

You don't need me to tell you about the hopes that we all have for the future in regard to the vaccines for Covid-19... that news is regularly shouted at us from all the media. No, my job is to remind folk of the hope that we can all have in a rather more 'eternal' context... the hope that is brought to us by this tiny child born in a probably smelly stable and placed in a probably less than hygienic manger over 2000 years ago. And, as I look forward to Christmas (and as I look forward - *I think* - to hearing the PM

tell us what we will and won't be able to do in the coming weeks) I would like to say this: I have, during this past nine months, had my personal criticisms of our government and its handling of the pandemic crisis; I suspect that many of us have had our moments of frustration. But, as we head towards Christmas, with its message of peace and love, perhaps we can remind ourselves that our government ministers - our elected leaders - are, in fact, nothing more than mere human beings just like the rest of us, who have had to face a novel, complex and ghastly set of circumstances. They, like us, have never had to deal with this particular set of circumstances before. However, unlike us, they are tasked with making decisions that have major impact upon society at large. Let us remind ourselves that those who answer the demanding call to leadership (in whatever sphere of endeavour) are people that will, long after the event, have to bear the weight of the consequences of their decisions upon their shoulders long after the world has moved on to the next major issue. I hope that they, like the rest of us, can find the time to hear again the message of joy, of hope, of love and salvation brought by a tiny child into a desperately struggling world all those years ago.

I wish you all a very fruitful Advent season and a truly happy, hopeful and joyful Christmas. May the peace and love of Christ be upon all this Christmastime.

With every blessing, Derek.

### CHRISTIAN CENTRE NOTICE

Sadly the Christian Centre is closed at the moment

Take away meals are still available.

The above is subject to the current Government and Methodist Connexional guidelines.

We will publish any changes in the regulations in the St Martin's Church weekly news sheet.

We are looking forward to welcoming you back to the Christian Centre.

Kind regards, Janette Masters  
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Following the latest Government Guidelines, please be reminded that face coverings must be worn in all communal areas of the Christian Centre building.

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# St Martin's School and Dorking Camera Club Exhibition

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Our beautiful angel is waiting to be transported to Guildford Cathedral to put a smile on people's faces during advent.

Hanging from the body are stars which each have written on them, something that a child has lost recently. Unsurprisingly, many of the things that have been lost are Covid related.

I have lost:-

*the opportunity to meet with my friends and play.*

*the chance to visit my family in Spain.*

*hugs with my friends.*

*moments with my grandma.*

Our younger children have created the colourful wings and recorded their hopes for the future.

Again, the influences of the 2020 Covid virus are clear to see.

I hope that:-

*this virus goes away soon.*

*I can see my family again soon.*

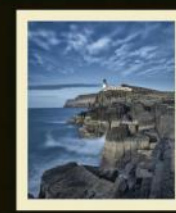
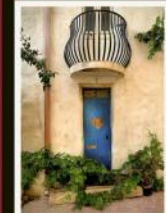
*I can see my grandma and grandpa again soon.*

My thanks to our Year 5 Worship Committee for their creativity and flair here.

Happy Christmas from all at St Martin's.



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## Chaplain's Corner for December

This month's Chaplain's Corner comes with many mixed decisions, emotions, feelings and thoughts.

I do trust and pray you are all keeping safe and well during these past months, and, now especially over this second lockdown month of November.

The Centre has been closed during the whole of November and there are plans to open in December for lunches only, providing the current lockdown ends. Take away meals have been made available again during lockdown.

There are certainly mixed emotions and feelings as we read the news or watch the television relating to the COVID pandemic. Over 500,000 deaths from the COVID 19 virus – mind blowing! How our hearts and thoughts go out to all the bereaved people. So many lives cut short by this deadly virus.

Clare Walker our Assistant Centre Manager has resigned and is moving to Wales. We wish her well. A new person has been appointed to replace Clare's post on a three month contract and she is likely to start her job in December, all being well.

Meanwhile we thank Janette Masters our Senior Centre Manager for holding the fort, plus all her hard work before and during lockdowns. We continue to thank Jason our Chef for the cooking of the meals and the one or two volunteers who help him.

It is with regret and great sadness that I have to inform you that my post as Centre Chaplain has been made redundant and my employment terminates on the 28<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

I have been in post for four years and it has been an honour and privilege to have worked as the Chaplain for The Christian Centre. I have inherited a whole new family with The Centre and St Martin's Church and I am sure our friendships will remain. I am very grateful to all of you for this.

I personally would value your prayers please

over the next few months as I have to have a total hip replacement in January 2021 if not before.

We are heading towards the end of the year 2020 and what a strange and disturbing year it has been with this COVID 19 pandemic rampaging through whole world. For many of us it has been a very lonely and difficult time, not being able to meet our friends or family. Let us just live one day at a time and live it to the full.

Christmas is looming and it has to be said none of us know how the situation will be locally or nationally. The Christian Centre is not planning to have a lunch on Christmas Day this year but there is the possibility of an afternoon tea instead. Please watch out for news of the latter in the St Martin's weekly newsletter.

Take 'Christ' out of Christmas and we are left with 'mas'. Add another 's' and you have the word 'mass'. There is a mass of things out in our world which are beautiful like all the autumn colours, but there is a dark side to our world where there is corruption and evil people who are taking advantage of the 'vulnerable', particularly during this COVID year.

Let us remember, as Christians, God has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins (Colossians 1 v 13-14).

Christ died for us; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. We have a glorious hope beyond this earthly life and our citizenship is in heaven. "This world is not my home, I'm just a passing through".

Our Christian faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see (Hebrews 11 v 1).

The Lord delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love (Psalm 147 v 11 )  
..... while we wait for the blessed hope, the glorious appearing of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ (Titus 2 v 13)

It (Love) always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres (1 Corinthians 13 v 7)  
Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer (Romans 12 v 12).

## Chaplain's Corner contd.

This last verse I believe is very pertinent in our current national situation with the COVID pandemic.

So this Christmas put Christ at the centre of your life. Let Him be the focus in all you do, say and think, whatever your circumstances. By doing this the people you meet in your daily life will see Jesus through the way you live your life.

Just a little bit of good and positive news for us around the Christmas period. The Churches Together for Dorking have negotiated with Mole Valley to use the Dorking Football Stadium for a special Christmas concert. No singing, but listening to prepared music by one or two Christian bands.



The purpose of this concert is to be an outreach to the whole community of Dorking. There are going to be two services on the Sunday before Christmas at 5:30pm and then at 7pm. It is exciting that Mole Valley is fully supporting this event. There will be drinks available and possibly burgers. So watch the space! I understand there will be a pre-recorded session so that people can watch the event on line.

May I share some verses to help support you in these strange and difficult times.

† During times of trouble	Psalm 9 v 9	Romans 8 v 28-32
† When you doubt	John 20 v 24-29	Mark 9 v 21-24
† When you are afraid	Psalm 56 v 11	Isaiah 41 v 10
† When you are worried	Psalm 46 v 1	Isaiah 43 v 1
† When you are lonely	Psalm 23	Deuteronomy 31 v 8

I will end this Chaplain's Corner (my last as Chaplain) with a blessing and I trust 2021 will be a different and special year for you.

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word (2 Thessalonians 2 v 16-17).

We do earnestly pray that the various vaccines will curtail and reduce the spread of this COVID 19 virus. We thank you for all the scientists and laboratory staff who have worked so hard in developing these vaccines, not to mention all the NHS staff who have dedicated their lives to caring for us.

God bless you all and let us trust and pray 2021 will bring us all something very special as we strive to live our lives out for Him, our Lord Jesu Christ.

Every blessing, Rowan (Nunnerley) Centre Chaplain

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## Eco Church, *Get outside this Advent*

Below are 24 outside activities, nothing complicated, just ideas for things to do that use all of our senses, whether you are out for a walk or in your garden (if you have one). Choose one thing to do each day during Advent (the season that runs from December 1st until Christmas Day), connect with creation and give thanks to the one who created it.

- 1 Collect some fallen leaves and use them to make a picture or a pattern.
- 2 On a windy day, see if you catch a falling leaf.
- 3 See how many flowers you can find.
- 4 Use a fallen leaf to make a leaf rubbing.
- 5 Go out in the rain and let your hair get wet. Turn your face towards the rain and see how it feels.
- 6 Find somewhere that you can sit still and watch for birds.
- 7 See how many different coloured leaves you can find.
- 8 Touch the bark of a tree and see how it feels. Try more than one and see if they feel different.
- 9 Learn the name of one new plant or tree.
- 10 Find somewhere outside you can be quiet and comfortable for five minutes and simply listen.
- 11 Look at how beautiful a raindrop is when it gets caught on a plant or a fence.
- 12 Find two different sorts of leaf. Have a good look at them then close your eyes and see if you can tell which one is which. If that is too easy, try it with lots of leaves.
- 13 Go and look at how beautiful things can be when they are covered in frost.
- 14 Find somewhere outside where you can stay still for five minutes, close your eyes and see what you can smell.
- 15 Listen to the noise of the trees moving in the wind.



- 16 Have a close look at a patch of grass and see what you notice.
- 17 See if you can find a plant with a smell. (preferable a nice smell!)
- 18 Hold a leaf up to the light and see the patterns in it.
- 19 Go for a walk and be aware of what is under your feet.
- 20 Go out in the dark and look at the stars and the moon.
- 21 Sit still for long enough to watch the sun set.
- 22 Get up early and watch the sun rise.
- 23 Go for a walk and write a poem about what you saw or heard or touched or smelled.
- 24 If you are in a place where you can - have a bonfire and toast marshmallows.

St Francis, a Christian 800 years ago, talked about all of creation being our brother and sister because we all come from the same source. He cared about all of creation because he believed that every part of it, people, animals, plants, comes from God. Many Christians today talk about the connection they feel with God when they are out in nature, and many people who are not Christians also talk about being outdoors giving them a sense of connection with something outside themselves that makes them feel truly alive.





## Christmas can't be locked down!

Let's go old-fashioned and fundamental, but never forgetting the sick, bereaved, disenchanting, perplexed or anxious.

I'm writing just as the latest statistics show a 52% increase in new Covid-19 cases in Mole Valley in a week, but also just as there's promising news of a vaccine. Did you want the good news or the bad news? Either way, entering Advent during another lockdown might get more people remembering that we have reached a penitential season just like Lent, preparatory and reflective.

The present age patently believes that Christmas is all about turkey and tinsel. It believes that Christmas starts with canned carols in early October and accelerates through ever more frenetic retail therapy, ending in shock-horror at credit card statements because little Freddie and his mini-mafia all demanded the latest smartphone, telling Santa so in emphatic terms. It believes that nativity plays, described by political correctness as seasonal presentations, give a magnificent opportunity to showcase the virtues of drama and music departments as they major on fictional innkeepers. It believes that the ultimate celebration is to fall out of the pub. It acknowledges that Boxing Day is a superb occasion for domestic punch-ups and one of the most lucrative days of the year for funeral directors. It isn't surprising firstly that by Christmas Day people are knackered and skint, and second that a very popular piece of music at Randalls Park is "My way." You're tempted to think that sermons on the Second Coming are superfluous.

People say Christmas won't be the same this year. Tell it the way it is: Christmas cannot be changed, neither is God lockable down. Incarnation happened. God is with us. Turkey and tinsel indeed! How about a breastful of milk and a manger full of hay?



If you take a fresh look at "Once in royal David's city" (an excellent hymn for Mothering Sunday) pause at the start of the second verse, at the words "down to earth." That will do for Christmas 2020, and Advent 2020 is for getting used to it. Minor explosions at the dinner table in order to get a paper hat, plastic whistle and excruciating pun are entirely unnecessary. If you still want something on the Second Coming, Charles Wesley reports:

Those who set at nought and sold him,  
Pierced and nailed him to the tree,  
Deeply wailing  
Shall the true Messiah see.

Or with funky exegesis and eschatology:

If there's too much hokey-cokey, better turn  
around -  
*That's what it's all about!*

And that's the good news or the bad news,  
depending whether you vote God or Mammon.

*Petrus Incognitus*



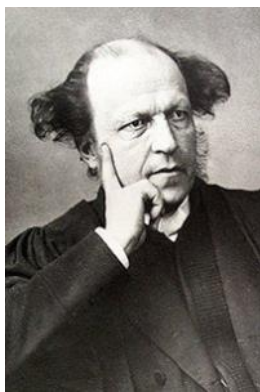
## Hymn of the Month, Breathe on me, Breath of God

- 1 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love,  
and do what you wouldst do.
- 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
until my heart is pure;  
until with thee I will one will  
to do and to endure.
- 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
till I am wholly thine;  
until this earthly part of me  
glows with thy fire divine.
- 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
so shall I never die,  
but live with thee the perfect life  
of thine eternity.

Words: Edwin Hatch (1835-89)

Tune: Carlisle, by C Lockhart (1745-1815)

This hymn might seem a strange choice as a Hymn of the Month for December, when we are in approaching Christmas, but with so many struggling to breathe and dying because of the COVID19 virus, at the time of writing, a hymn about the Breath of God seems relevant.



The hymn was written and published in 1886 by an academic theologian Professor Edwin Hatch, who was born at Derby, in 1835 and educated at King Edward's School Birmingham and Oxford university. He held many prestigious academic and teaching posts in Canada and the UK, writing articles on Theology and the

Classics. Although he was brought up as a non-conformist he became an Anglican and an ordained priest 1859.

He was not into writing hymns, but he wrote this one for Whitsuntide (or Pentecost as it is now called), which is when the church celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit to the early followers of Jesus, after his resurrection.

With all his academic knowledge of Latin, Greek and theology Edwin Hatch has written what seems to be a very simple hymn. It is basically a

prayer that God will breathe his life-giving spirit into each of us to enable us to love as He loves and to do what He wills, until we join in the perfect life of his Eternity.

It is based on John 20 v22, which records how the Lord Jesus met with His disciples in the upper room after His resurrection, and "*He breathed on them, and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit'*". This is in addition to the more public, and dramatic coming of the Holy Spirit like tongues of fire with the sound of a rushing wind as recorded by Luke in Acts 2.

So let us think about being 'breathed on' by Jesus, and breathing itself.

Most of the time, we take breathing for granted. It happens automatically, along with our heart beating regularly, unless maybe we suffer from a lung disease or perhaps have a choking fit or nearly drown. Today, the COVID19 virus causes breathing difficulty for many who catch it, some needing extra oxygen and intensive care if they are to even survive.

Breathing is fundamental to living. The heart and lungs are inextricably linked in getting the oxygen from the air, into our bloodstream, pumped round our bodies and removing the waste carbon dioxide. Both breathing and a beating heart are necessary for human life.

In the biblical story of creation, [Genesis 2 v7] we read that '*the Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and the man became a living being*'.

Before God breathed into the incredibly complicated physical body, which he had made from the raw materials of the earth, that body, which we know as a human being, it was just a very sophisticated, inanimate object.

Although we do not remember it, we all know when we took our very own first breath – it was, of course, the day we were born!

In our mother's womb we were alive and our hearts were beating because her body, through the miracle organ known as the placenta, allowed her blood to circulate round our tiny bodies. But floating in the amniotic fluid, the

unborn baby is not breathing. That only happens when an alternative circulation pathway via the lungs is triggered as he/she is delivered from the womb, the cord is cut and he/she breathes air into lungs for the very first time. If he does not make that first gasp, his first breath, a new-born baby does not survive.

That first breath is indeed the very Breath of Life.

When our Lord Jesus was born from a human mother 2000 years ago in a stable in Bethlehem, he too had to take that first life-giving breath. And then the angels sang, and shepherds were guided to go and see the Holy Child, promised of old, by the prophets. And Magi came from afar to give him presents of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. Wise Men bowed down before him and worshipped him, as wise men still do today.

Perhaps it is not such a strange choice of a hymn for Christmas after all.

So let us rejoice in the birth of our Lord Jesus this Christmas and give thanks for the miracle of human life, seen in every new born baby. At the same time let us offer comfort to those who mourn the death of loved ones, especially if it was the COVID19 virus which took away their ability to breathe.

This hymn reminds us that the Spirit of God is not always given in a dramatic and public way. It can come day by day, as we acknowledge God's creative and life-giving presence in every breath we breathe, and seek to do His will.

Even when we breathe our last breath on earth, we know that, if we trust in His unfailing love, as shown in the life, death and resurrection of his dear Son Jesus Christ our Lord, we shall go on to join Him in heaven, with all the saints.

*Diana Burges*

### *The Secret of Living*

*The secret of living is learning to pray  
It's asking our Father for strength for the day!  
It's trusting completely that His boundless grace, will  
overcome care and each problem we face!  
It's walking by faith every mile that we plod, and knowing  
our prayers bring us closer to God!*

*"Whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."*

*Matthew 21:22*

Act of Remembrance on  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November



Remembrance Sunday 2020 was marked at St Martin's Dorking with both the production of an online Act of Remembrance, hosted on our YouTube channel, and a very small gathering in the church grounds that morning. Just before 11am, a small procession walked in silence from the South Porch to the WWI Memorial in the churchyard.

The churchwardens led the procession, which included Richard Orme from the Royal British Legion, Sam Wright our trumpeter, a couple of representatives of the uniformed organisations and our vicar, Derek. The sounding of the Last Post and lowering of the standard, followed by the words of Exhortation, heralded the keeping of two minutes' silence. As the silence ended the trumpeter sounded the Reveille and the standard was again raised. Derek then laid a wreath on the Memorial as Andrew Dorman, in the Bell Chamber, tolled a single, half muffled bell; it was most poignant.

Sadly, we could not publicise this short Act of Remembrance as we did not want to convene a crowd; and, in the event, it passed off quietly and reverently, and with a sense of intimacy uncommon on such occasions.

*Veronica Watts*



## Tribute for Pamela Mary Berry 19th July 1929 - 8th November 2020

Pam was born in Ormley, near Leeds, the elder daughter of Eva and James Carpenter, and she had a younger sister, Susan.

She was at teacher training college near Catterick where she met Len who was doing his National Service as a radio instructor. They were married a few years later.

She was a junior schoolteacher for all her working life with breaks to have her daughters, Caroline and Mindy. Caroline was born while Len was working at Berkley Power Station, and then two years later Mindy was born when they had moved to Effingham. Pam and Len had three grandchildren, Cameron, Sam and Carla and two great-grandchildren, Zack and Orla.

Pam and Len lived in Surrey for most of their married life, first in Effingham, then Dorking which was followed by many years in Mickleham; they downsized in later years moving into Dorking town to be closer to St Martin's Church and their Dorking friends. Their moves were usually accompanied by a poodle – Pam's favourite breed of dog although her last was an indeterminate small cross breed!

Pam and Len loved travelling, beginning with a clapped out old car and a boy scout tent of very small size, continuing with two weeks every year while Pam's wonderful parents looked after first one and then two girls so they could enjoy time together. They travelled to 43 countries all over the world, often travelling on local buses, overnight trains and sleeper buses to many destinations where no one spoke English, and later for holidays of a month's duration. Pam's hair became white early and that combined with her love of bright colours caused great humour and interest when they were in remote areas.

Pam had a remarkably busy social life; she enjoyed the Mother's Union and the Women's Institute. She and Len also belonged to many social groups together – Dorking U3A, a Latin American & Ballroom Dancing Club and a walking club to name but a few. They were regular members of the congregation of St Martin's, Dorking where Len was a Churchwarden for many years. In later years, Pam became a keen bridge player with weekly games and bridge holidays with friends.



Pam was extremely clever with a needle and made many of her own clothes through the years, and for the girls when they were children. She also loved knitting; Len was the recipient of many jumpers and on one occasion on receiving one as a Christmas present denied all knowledge of seeing her knitting it when they were together in the evenings for a period of several months!

Pam was a forward-thinking woman for her time as she purchased two properties in Brighton in the 1960s to let to students from Sussex University in term time and holidaymakers. This led to many weekends and holiday times in Brighton for the family while cleaning, decorating and maintenance tasks were completed with Len taking a big role – we can only assume he was happy with that!

Pam led a busy life with many and varied interests. She and Len had many friends and a multitude of activities and events. Following Len's death in 2010, she did continue to see friends until she was not able to live at home any longer. Pam spent the last two years of her long and happy life at St Peter's House and her family would like to thank the care team there for everything they did to make life as varied and eventful as possible.

Pam will be remembered by her family and friends fondly as someone who lived life to the full packing more into each day than most of us!

Mindy Gittoes





1. Which famous composer wrote the *Christmas Oratorio*?
2. In which year did the first service of Carols from Kings College Cambridge take place?
3. Who wrote the words of the Carol *In the bleak midwinter*?
4. When did Tom Smith invent Christmas crackers? (1912? 1890? 1847?)
5. Who wrote the music for the Christmas ballet *The Nutcracker*?
6. How many wise men came to visit the Baby Jesus in Bethlehem?
7. What is the Latin name for the Christmas rose?
8. In the song *The Twelve Days of Christmas*, how many things did my love give to me on the fifth day?
9. Which composer wrote *The Shepherd's Pipe Carol*?
10. The beginning of which Gospel is traditionally read out as the last lesson at Christmas Carol services?



11. Branches of which two evergreens are traditionally brought into the house to decorate it for Christmas?
12. How many reindeer did Father Christmas have according to the poem *'Twas the night before Christmas*?
13. What was the first thing the angel said to the shepherds in the Christmas story?
14. Which carol contains the words "As we watched at dead of night" ?
15. Who first sang *I'm dreaming of a white Christmas*?
16. Who wrote *A child's Christmas in Wales*?
17. Where was the star leading in the carol *We three kings*?
18. What would children traditionally find in the toe of their Christmas stocking?
19. Which saint is traditionally associated with Christmas?
20. What is the name given to Jesus which means "God with us"?



Answers on page 20

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Dear Friends, Happy New Year! No, I have not gone altogether mad quite yet but we in Methodism get to have three goes at beginning a New Year. There's the conventional one that commences at a nano-second past midnight on the 31st December. Then there's the one that kicks on the 1st September – the Connexional New Year. And, now finally, there is the Ecclesiastical or Church New Year that commences with the first Sunday in Advent – so, Happy New Year!

Of course, New Years are built on the past year or years, and in this instance, we find ourselves crossing a rather pointed threshold.

Just on two months ago we shared the news with you that the Revd Kath Jones had tendered her resignation from the Methodist Church. It is with a sense of deep sadness that I can now confirm that Kath's resignation is now final. It became final on Tuesday 10th November when I received notification from the President of Conference that due process had been completed and he had accepted the recommendation of the Advisory Committee that her resignation be accepted.

Along with Kath's resignation, the Circuit Leadership Team (CLT) also received the news from the Southwater Community Church that it no longer wished to be part of the Methodist Church and that at its Church Council Meeting of the 20th September 2020 it had voted to close the Church.

Both these pieces of news set in motion a process that we are still working through at Circuit level and to that end an Extraordinary Circuit Meeting was called for last evening, 19th November 2020. The CLT have been working with representatives from the three Churches in the Horsham area to ascertain what might be the best way forward and as a result I have a mixture of sad and somewhat more hopeful news to share with you.

At the Circuit Meeting we confirmed that there was no viable opportunity for continuing the work in Southwater seeing as only four of the members had indicated a desire to maintain their Methodist connections and the majority formally resigned their membership with immediate effect. As a result we passed a resolution seeking the closure of the Southwater Community Church. The next step in that process is for the resolution to be received by the District Council of the Southeast Methodist District for their consideration in January and then to be finalised by the Spring Synod in April. In the meantime the Circuit Meeting The Manse 23 Ryecroft Drive, Horsham West Sussex RH12 2AW 01403 253915 Circuit Office London Road Methodst Church Horsham West Sussex RH12 IAN 01403 240714 become the Managing Trustees administering the affairs of the Church such as they are at present and until it is formally closed.

As the CLT considered the way forward for the Circuit an opportunity to explore a Diaconal appointment emerged unexpectedly. So, in conjunction with the District, the Diaconal Order and the representatives from the three churches we have explored the possibility of shaping such an appointment and I am pleased to report that the Circuit Meeting unanimously gave its support to the establishment of the post and the profile required in order to secure the appointment of a Deacon. We are in fact quite excited at the possibilities and have structured the appointment as a Team Ministry between myself as the Presbyter with Pastoral Charge working alongside a Deacon bringing that mix of service and community engagement to help focus our vision for mission across London Road, St Andrew's and Partridge Green.

Diaconal stationing is taking place in January of next year and works a little differently to Presbyteral stationing. Deacons are directly stationed which means that once a Deacon is matched with our appointment that will be it for September next year. We will have opportunity to meet with the Deacon and explore the match but it would need for something to be glaringly obvious that this is not an appropriate match for any change to be considered.

So, as we go forward into this Advent and the coming year, may we allow our journey to the creche of Christ bring us through and beyond into a year of unfolding hope and expectation. I haven't forgotten that we are in the midst of a crippling pandemic which simply serves to set our own struggles against a much bigger backdrop into which words of hope are needing to be spoken and are tentatively emerging.

Yours in the Gospel, Gavin Hancocks

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## Dorking Museum in December

Dorking Museum offers seasonal greetings to all readers and to the supporters and friends of the Museum.

How sad that the pandemic is creating so much uncertainty about how we will be able to celebrate the festive season this year. Who can we see? Where can we go? What can we do?

Looking on the bright side, in the middle of the 17<sup>th</sup> century, Parliament effectively ‘banned’ Christmas altogether! The Puritans believed that the Catholic celebration was a sinful extravagance fueled by immorality – their mission was to cleanse the country of decadence. Even mince pies were banned! Abolished in 1644, it was not until the Restoration in 1660 that Christmas could be celebrated again – although pro-Christmas protests took place, and seasonal revelry undoubtedly continued behind closed doors in the interim.

The Museum was making seasonal plans for re-opening when the latest lockdown was announced. So, anything included here is subject to the progress and duration of the lockdown and any subsequent regulation and guidelines. Hopefully, by the time this magazine is published, all will have become clearer (and, hopefully, easier).

**Museum shop:** It is hoped that the Museum shop might open on Saturdays, 5<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> December, 11am-4pm, with appropriate arrangements in line with covid-19 guidance. If so, why not drop in for Dorking themed cards, books or gifts? There is a wide range of Cockerel Press and other books of local interest, covering subjects as diverse as underground Dorking, a ‘lost’ 18<sup>th</sup> century country villa, Dorking pubs, suffragettes, motor racing, wartime Dorking, the Dorking Cockerel, village histories and the *Mayflower*. These are also available from the museum’s online shop along with vintage and second-hand books, postcards and other ephemera: [dorkingmuseum.org.uk/dorking-museum-shop](http://dorkingmuseum.org.uk/dorking-museum-shop).

### **Mayflower 400 Dorking Treasure Trail:**

Families are invited to follow the *Mayflower* 400 treasure trail, commemorating the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its sailing for the New World. Find the seven *Mayflower* models in windows around the town. A map of the locations can be printed from the Museum’s website or (when open) collected from



The Mayflower 400 treasure trail

Mullins Coffee Shop on West Street. Each model has a letter displayed next to it. Write down the letters, rearrange them into a word related to the *Mayflower* and take the completed sheet to Mullins Coffee Shop (when open) to claim a prize. There is no charge for entry and the trail will continue until Christmas. A template of the *Mayflower* model may also be downloaded from the Museum’s website to make at home. Further details at [dorkingmuseum.org.uk/mayflower-400-dorking-treasure-trail](http://dorkingmuseum.org.uk/mayflower-400-dorking-treasure-trail).

Visits to the **Museum Archive** and the **Walking in Dorking** guided walks had to be put on hold again during the November lockdown. Please check the website for resumption of these activities.

Otherwise, plans have been put in place to allow us to re-open the main Museum exhibition space safely whilst continuing to offer an appropriate visitor experience. It is hoped that this can happen in January, subject to review of the ongoing restrictions.

Our first special exhibition of the year will be **Forster at 50**, which was postponed from summer and commemorates the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of the novelist E M Forster, concentrating on his life locally, the local initiatives he took part in, his local associates and the impact of the area on his novels.

Among several new acquisitions during lockdown, the Museum was pleased to acquire a wonderful watercolor of the White Horse in Dorking, painted in 1823 by the noted Bavarian artist George Johann Scharf (1788–1860).



# Dorking Museum in December contd. and the new Museum 2021 Calendar

Scharf spent much of his life in England, having joined the English army after escape from a besieged Antwerp and been present at the Battle of Waterloo. He was a frequent exhibitor at the Royal Academy and was commissioned at one point by Charles Darwin.

The Museum is at 62 West Street, Dorking RH4 1BS. For an update on resumption of activities, to read our regularly updated blog, to visit the shop, to become a member or to donate, please visit the website [www.dorkingmuseum.org.uk](http://www.dorkingmuseum.org.uk).



The newly acquired Scharf painting



Photography and design by local photographer Lois Leyland. All proceeds of this calendar will be donated to the Dorking Museum. The calendar incorporates images from Dorking and the surrounding area including Betchworth Castle, Dorking Caves, Brockham Bonfire, St Martin's Church and one of the resident peregrine falcons, Denbies Estate and some of the flora and fauna of the beautiful local area.

The calendars can be ordered from [dorking-museum.myshopify.com/products/dorking-museum-calendar-2021](http://dorking-museum.myshopify.com/products/dorking-museum-calendar-2021). Price: £10 plus £2.00 postage.

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### The journey of the magi (cont.)

Coming as they did from the first century they had a few problems with London traffic and were seriously misled by signs to the Angel and King's Cross.

Inquiring diligently about the star they were referred to Professor Brian Cox, who thought it was *amazing* while smiling in a constant and strangely unsettling way.

In Harrods the camels made a mess over Soft Furnishings.

On the Underground commuters glared at *No Smoking* signs as incense wafted gently through the carriages,

and when the great day came they saw the entire voting population slumped on sofas by four o'clock, rendered senseless by too much dead poultry and the Queen,

while over Liberty's and Hamley's the flickering angels sang *Glory to God in the High St*

and they found him, with the inns full up once more, in the old familiar place, bringing their unregarded gifts to the empty stable of the human heart where the infant Christ is born again and again.

*Godfrey Rust*

The second sentence of this poem originally referred to the celebrated and now sadly late British TV astronomer Patrick Moore ("who hadn't actually seen God, but would keep an extra eyebrow raised"). I replaced him with his natural successor in 2013.



### The cost of love

There is no safe investment. To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything, and your heart will certainly be wrung and possibly broken. If you want to make sure of keeping it intact, you must give your heart to no one, not even an animal. Wrap it carefully round with little hobbies and little luxuries; avoid all entanglements; lock it up safe in the casket or coffin of selfishness. But in that casket - safe, dark, motionless, airless - it will change. It will not be broken; it will become unbreakable, impenetrable, irredeemable. The alternative to tragedy, or at least to the risk of tragedy, is damnation. The only place outside Heaven where you can be perfectly safe from all the dangers and perturbations of love is Hell.

I believe that the most lawless and inordinate loves are less contrary to God's will than a self-invited and self-protective lovelessness ... We shall draw nearer to God, not by trying to avoid the sufferings inherent in all loves, but by accepting them and offering them to Him; throwing away all defensive armour. If our hearts need to be broken, and if He chooses this as a way in which they should break, so be it.

*The Four Loves, (extract), CS Lewis, (1898-1963)*

### Peace and Calm?

The sermon annoyed me. Which was doubly frustrating, since I had deliberately gone to Mass on my own to have a quiet hour without the usual distractions.

It's not that I question the priest's right to interpret the Christian message. But what about my right? I've studied the Gospels too. Why is he allowed to monopolise the pulpit week after week?

He was talking about preparing for Christmas. All our rushing about, our shopping and planning special meals, our worries over choosing presents, our paper chains and tinsel, our frantic last minute sending of cards - all this was worldly and contrary to the spirit of Christmas. Christmas, he said, is about the quiet coming of Christ into the world. We can only recognise it in peace and stillness.

At this point I wanted to stand up and shout, 'Objection!' God only present in peace and calm? Surely the whole Christmas story is about God being present everywhere, especially in the most ordinary events of life. Certainly the ordinary event of the birth of a baby is not a calm and still experience. Ask the women who have been through it.

Clare Richards (b. 1938)



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THE CHURCH CLEANING TEAM IS BEING RE-ESTABLISHED.

Let's make best efforts to build on the wisdom of those who have looked after our beautiful church over the years. Anyone who is interested in lending a hand, please contact Julia Redfern (883994).

### CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

We are hoping to be able to open the church for private prayer on Saturday afternoons as well as Wednesday and Saturday mornings during December. It would be lovely to decorate the church for people to look around and this year the idea was to make Christmas Trees. Some of us have done origami ones, but there are many different kinds of Christmas Trees out there - perhaps you could think of an idea and try it out! Don't be nervous, please volunteer, we have ideas and materials, just get in touch (01306 889617). A way to while away the hours during lockdown!

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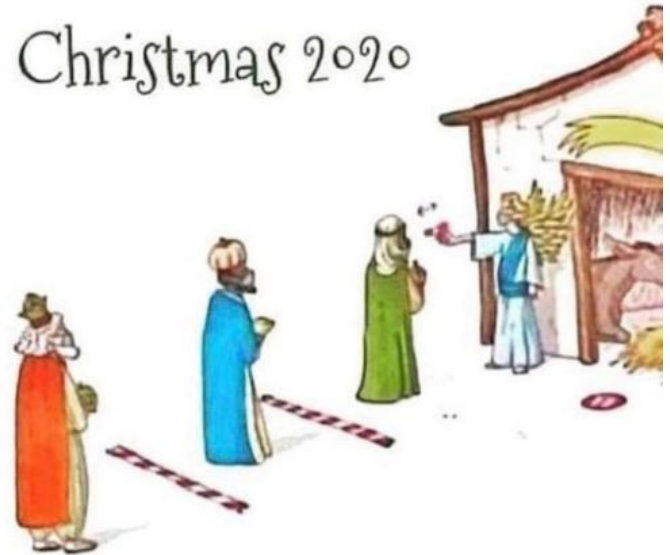
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Christmas Quiz Answers

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| 1. J.S. Bach                   | 2. 1918           |
| 3. Christina Rossetti          | 4. 1847           |
| 5. Tchaikovsky                 | 6. We don't know! |
| 7. Helleborus                  | 8. 15             |
| 9. John Rutter                 | 10. John          |
| 11. Holly and ivy              | 12. 8             |
| 13. Fear Not!                  |                   |
| 14. See amid the winter's snow |                   |
| 15. Bing Crosby                | 16. Dylan Thomas  |
| 17. Westward                   | 18. An orange     |
| 19. St Nicholas                | 20. Emmanuel      |

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If you would still like to help you can find out more on the website as well as where to send your tokens and what tokens are being accepted. Go to [www.prisonadvice.org.uk](http://www.prisonadvice.org.uk) for all the information about Operation Elf 2020.



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**How to take part...**  
 You can buy book tokens online from [www.nationalbooktokens.com](http://www.nationalbooktokens.com) or from all local bookshops. If you buy your book token online, you can even choose for it to be delivered straight to our Santa's Grotto!  
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**Find out more at [WWW.prisonadvice.org.uk](http://WWW.prisonadvice.org.uk)**

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Even with all the challenges and uncertainty that Covid-19 brings for each of us, we shall, nonetheless, soon start looking forward to the celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas. Pact's annual Operation Christmas Elf will take place this year in a slightly different way and we need your support. Providing a simple gift for a prisoner to give to their child strengthens the bonds within families and makes the future brighter for us all. None of us can change the past, but we can help love make a difference.  
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