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# Thought for the Month

# **GRIEF**

Grief is an inevitable part of human experience, a natural response to loss and significant life changes. The processing of grief is unique to each one of us, what's common is that grief is personal, pervasive, permanent and painful. Grief changes everything; it is the great disrupter, we are shaken to our core. Here in lies an opportunity to grow into who we are becoming as destined by God. What our families, communities and society needs above all else are wise people, a wisdom rooted in the Holy Spirit. Grief

propels us to become whom we are called to be.

Tragedy gives us the opportunity to explore meaning in life while we are grieving a loss. Introspection can help us to make sense of overwhelming emotions and find a sense of purpose even after experiencing loss. Silence and contemplation are the means to rapid spiritual growth gaining new perspevtives on our belief and values. It is this introspective phase that marks the beginning of a transformative journey where an individual's need to connect to something greater than themselves begins to bear fruit. Bereavement acts as a catalyst for personal transformation by prompting individuals to confront life's fragility and reassess their priorities and values. As we travel through grief and mourn our loss we may discover a renewed sense of purpose, a deeper appreciation for life's precious moments and an increased awareness of your own identity and indeed resilience. Embracing this transformative process may lead to a journey of self discovery and healing.

Rituals play an important role in easing the grieving process by providing structure and comfort during times of emotional turmoil. These rituals can be both personal and communal, helping to create a sense of belonging and continuity. Personal rituals might include keeping a journal. Creating a memorial space or engaging in regular meditation or mindfulness exercises. Communal rituals can involve attending support groups, memorial services or participating in activities that honour the memory of the deceased or loss experienced. Thus, engaging in deliberate rituals is one way for you to acknowledge your loss and reclaim some semblance of control. After the pandemic we planted trees and blessed cemeteries to mourn all who died or experience long covid.

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In conclusion, grief is an unavoidable part of human experience, but it does not have to consume us for ever. By actively engaging in the healing process and incorporating strategies to manage grief, we can find solace, growth and transformation amid pain of loss. It is important to remember that healing from grief takes time, and seeking support from friends, family or mental health professionals can provide valuable assistance through this journey of recovery and self discovery.

Shalom,

Fr. Noel

#### St Nicholas – a much-loved saint

One account of how Father Christmas began tells of a man named Nicholas who was born in the third century in the Greek village of Patara, on what is today the southern coast of Turkey. His family were both devout and wealthy, and when his parents died in an epidemic, Nicholas decided to use his inheritance to help people. He gave to the needy, the sick, the suffering. He dedicated his whole life to God's service and was made Bishop of Myra while still a young man. As a bishop in later life, he joined other bishops and priests in prison under the emperor Diocletian's fierce persecution of Christians across the Roman Empire.

Finally released, Nicholas was all the more determined to shed abroad the news of God's love. He did so by giving. One story of his generosity explains why we hang Christmas stockings over our mantelpieces today. There was a poor family with three daughters who needed dowries if they were to marry, and not be sold into slavery. Nicholas heard of their plight and tossed three bags of gold into their home through an open window – thus saving the girls from a life of misery.

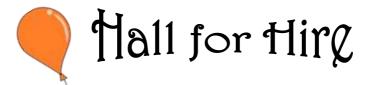
The bags of gold landed in stockings or shoes left before the fire to dry. Hence the custom of children hanging out stockings – in the hope of attracting presents of their own from St Nicholas - on Christmas Eve. That is why three gold balls, sometimes represented as oranges, are one of the symbols of St Nicholas.

The example of St Nicholas has never been forgotten - in bygone years boys in Germany and Poland would dress up as bishops on 6<sup>th</sup> December and beg alms for the poor. In the Netherlands and Belgium 'St Nicholas' would arrive on a steamship from Spain to ride a white horse on his gift-giving rounds. To this day, 6<sup>th</sup> December is still the main day for gift-giving and merry-making in much of Europe. Many people feel that simple gift-giving in early Advent helps preserve a Christmas Day focus on the Christ Child.

# The Parish Registers



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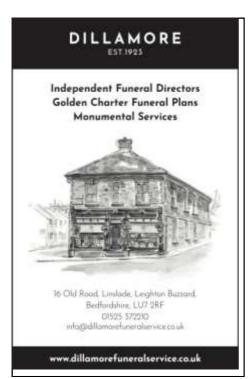


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# A message from the new editor

This edition of People and Parish was due to be the final one edited by Neil Forsyth. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances he was unable to complete this edition, so I took up the reigns a little earlier than originally planned. I would like to thank Neil for all his work on editing this magazine over the last few years and I only hope I can live up to the high standards he has set.

After many years without a price increase my first duty of editor is to announce a price rise. This is not taken lightly but reflects the increase in printing costs and has been kept to a minimum. The new annual subscription rate is £8. Details on renewing your subscription can be found below.

I would like to express my thanks to all those involved in producing the magazine especially the contributors and deliverers. Without your hard work there would be no magazine.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Steve Waldock

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# Memory Lane...

You know, the place after Forgetful Furlong – just before you get to Dementia Drive !!!

(or perhaps another 'Memory' Lane – who remembers the original – and best – series of New Tricks – the incredible Alun Armstrong)

My random contributions to the magazine seem to have prompted all sorts of memories from differing age groups and some very different backgrounds. Memories are different things to different people – it can be a sound – who could forget the mournful 'Whiter Shade of Pale' by Procol Harum or the thrumming 'Albatross' by Fleetwood Mac in the mid 60's. 'A song for Athene' and 'Candle in the Wind' will be forever associated with the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales.

Another iconic musical 'happening' – which could only be in Britain, was Madness singing 'Our House' on top of Buckingham Palace for the 2012 Jubilee!!

A very 'British' musical memory will be always associated with The Last Night of the Proms with the pomp and circumstance music of Elgar, Britten and Vaughan Williams.

What was the first 'pop' record you bought? Remember the record sessions when someone was lucky enough to have a record player and even better if they had one which 'stacked' records and you could play and play and dance the night away? A 78 (if you are *really* old), a 45 or a 33 – you'd better be able to explain these to the 'younger generation'. Who tuned into Radio Luxembourg or Radio Caroline – or went to bed with the 'trannie' hidden under the pillow?

A smell can also trigger memories — my dad was a heavy smoker (Capstan Full Strength) as were many of his generation, but I can remember buying him a tiny box of 5 Tom Thumb cigars for Christmas one year and to me, the smell of cigar smoke always reminds me of my Dad on New Year's Eve. Whose mum had either 'Evening in Paris' or 'Californian Poppy' perfume? A memory of perfume for me is 'Sea Jade' and 'Charlie' — although I went off the later as it became very cloying. The male equivalent being Brut — splashed all over by Henry Cooper and Kevin Keegan.

Food also prompts memories; from memories of London with 'pie and mash' with a parsley sauce known as liquor. Jellied eels are often associated with pie and mash

and became a common working-class meal as eels were one of the few fish that could survive in the heavily polluted River Thames of previous ages.

Who doesn't remember the sophistication of Prawn Cocktail, Steak (well done) followed by Black Forest Gateau all washed down with a bottle of Liebfraumilch – I remember my uncle telling me a tale of him asking a girl out for a drink and she asked for a Prawn Cocktail!! Aubergines, courgettes and pak choi were way in the future – we had to make do with cauliflower, carrots and cabbages.

Find a quiet spot, put on some relaxing music and take a walk..... down Memory Lane!.

# Carol Wyatt ©



Sara preferred to let people work out the hymns for themselves

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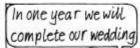
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A short story from the Bible

it can be read in the Bible in Luke 1:26-56 & Matthew 1:18-25 In Israel, about 2000 years ago, a young woman, Mary,was going to marry Joseph. The weddings were in two stages.



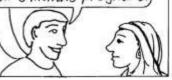
Then God's messenger angel came to see Mary.



You will have God's baby, and call him Jesus, Godsaves, because he will save people from what they do wrong.



Your cousin Elizabeth, who couldn't have children, is now 6 months pregnant.



Mary visited Elizabeth

When Joseph heard that Mary was pregnant, he was very unset



This will bring \\_ shame on me and my family.



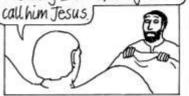
He always did what was right so he decided to end their [ marriage, but quietly.



But the angel came to him in a dream.



Don't be afraid to marry Mary.
The baby is God's, and you will call him Jesus.



So Joseph and Mary completed their marriage.



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# St Michael's Eggington by Jackie Townsend

Christmas is fast approaching.

I for one, am trying really hard to teach my two & half year old grand-daughter, Lucia, the meaning and significance of Christmas, she's not too young to start learning.

No matter what your families' relationships or structures are, your grandchildren can share your faith with you.

For most, Christmas is a joy filled holiday, for others they may wish it wasn't even on the calendar.

Many of us this year have lost the ones we love, leaving our hearts completely broken but we can reflect on all the wonderful Christmases we shared with them and remember they were indeed happy times. I know they would want us to celebrate in some way.

For the world the holiday season is about extravagance, opulence and making every detail picture perfect. The story of Jesus however is one of humanity and sacrifice.

# **Christmas**

Today there will be joy for some
And memories to make.
Friends and family gathered round
Goodies to be baked
There may be old traditions kept
Or new ideas to try
But for everyone who smiles and sings, another one will cry.
They may cry because of loneliness,
Or cry because of pain
The joyful Christmas spirit
Might be too hard to sustain.
Maybe life is stressful
Or they are disabled in some way
Maybe they are in mourning
Because a loved one passed away.

This festive season feels like the right time to share our warmest thanks for making us so welcome in St Michael's Church and the Eggington community.

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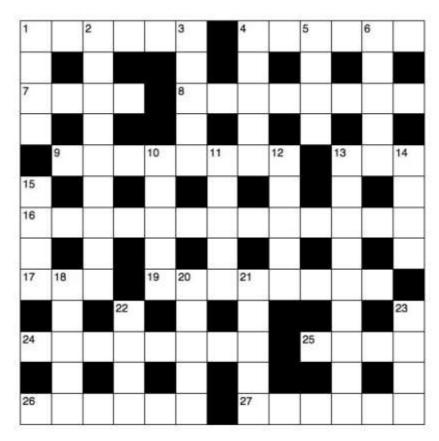
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# Crossword



# Across

- 1 Rely (Psalm 62:7) (6)
- 4 'He stretches out the heavens like a , and spreads them out like a tent to live in' (Isaiah 40:22) (6)
- 7 What the dove carried the olive leaf in, when it returned to Noah's ark (Genesis 8:11) (4)
- 8 Annoy (1 Samuel 1:6) (8)
- 9 Judah's last king, who ended his days as a blind prisoner in Babylon (Jeremiah 52:11) (8)
- 13 'They all and were satisfied' (Luke 9:17) (3)
- 16 Eliphaz the Temanite was one; so was Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite (Job 2:11; 16:2) (4,9)
- 17 National Association of Evangelicals (of the USA) (1,1,1)
- 19 Popular song for New Year's Eve, Auld (4,4)

- 24 Able dock (anag.) (8)
- 25 The number of stones David chose for his confrontation with Goliath (1 Samuel 17:40) (4)
- 26 Elgar's best-known 'Variations' (6)
- 27 Soak (Isaiah 16:9) (6)

#### Down

- 1 Money owing (Deuteronomy 15:3) (4)
- 2 Conciliatory (Titus 3:2) (9)
- 3 'Do this, whenever you it, in remembrance of me' (1 Corinthians 11:25) (5)
- 4 A group assisting in the governance of the Roman Catholic Church (5)
- 5 One of the gifts Joseph's brothers took with them on their second journey to Egypt (Genesis 43:11) (4)
- 6 'Reach out your hand and -- into my side. Stop doubting and believe' (John 20:27) (3,2)
- 10 Be outstandingly good (2 Corinthians 8:7) (5)
- 11 'What — that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?' (Psalm 8:4) (2,3)
- 12 Horse's feet (Judges 5:22) (5)
- 13 Notice (Deuteronomy 17:4) (9)
- 14 Comes between 2 Chronicles and Nehemiah (4)
- 15 One of Israel's northern towns conquered by Ben-Hadad (1 Kings 15:20) (4)
- 18 Narnia's Lion (5)
- 20 One of the two rivers in which Naaman would have preferred to wash (2 Kings 5:12) (5)
- 21 Avarice—one of the evils that come from inside people (Mark 7:22) (5)
- 22 Knight Grand Cross of St Michael and St George (1,1,1,1)

#### Answers

23, Leah.

**DOWN:** 1, Debt. 2, Peaceable. 3, Drink. 4, Curia. 5, Nuts. 6, Put it. 10, Excel. 11, Is man. 12, Hoofs. 13, Attention. 14, Ezra. 15, Ijon. 18, Aslan. 20, Abana. 21, Greed. 22, GCMG.

**ACROSS:** 1, Depend. 4, Canopy. 7, Beak. 8, Irritate. 9, Zedekiah. 13, Ate. 16, Job's comforter. 17, NAE. 19, Lang Syne. 24, Blockade. 25, Five. 26, Enigma. 27, Drench.

# A Wardens Tale

Hello Friends,

Church life seems to get busier and busier with each passing day, we are having our Church Hall chairs replaced this week, which has taken some time to prepare the shed. The old chairs were to be put to good use by the Rotary Club who will use them for events in the town centre. SLOBS have been busy clearing the Ivy from the shrubs at the rear of the hall, too late for some of the hedge that has been completely covered and perished as a result. This will keep us busy for many months to come and replanting will be required in some areas that have been left bare.

Looking back over the past month. On October the 20<sup>th</sup> we held our first wine tasting event which was a great success. David had worked hard in preparation for the evening ordering many wines of varied price and quality and all from the vineyards of Portugal. Linda, David's wife, was in charge of the kitchen and served up some tempting titbits between the tastings and concluded with a delicious lasagne to finish.

I'm afraid I was out of my depth on this occasion. I had never experienced wine tasting before, and my inexperience soon came to surface as I tried to pour the exact small amount into my glass. I was so nervous, very aware that I was being watched that my shaking hand accidentally poured more wine into my glass than was required for tasting. And it seems I needed to take in the aroma as I delicately swirled it around the glass before taking a small sip and swilling it around the palate before either spitting it out or slowly drinking it. Not as I thought knocking it all back in one fell swoop! I was forgiven and overall it was a great success, we all voted unanimously to do it again next year. I did ask if we could make it once a month but was answered with a resounding no. I think I will bring my own bottle of "Pinot Grigio" next time or maybe a bottle of "Pinot more" to ensure a good night's sleep after.

At a recent meeting at my Social Club a gentleman gave a talk on Bee Keeping. Being a nature subject I was engrossed in his subject that was so much more involved than just plonking down a bee hive and leaving the rest to nature. Always making the most of any situation I introduced myself and asked how he had become so involved in Bee Keeping. To cut a long conversation short I was pleased to find that he was an active member of the Church at All Saints, his name was Peter. I asked if he thought the old cemetery at Heath and Reach would be suitable for a hive (Apiary) or two. It seems it may bee! Further enquiries would have to be made and consent given by the relevant parties. I immediately had visions of honey jars at the winter and spring fayres with labels carefully centred and inscribed, "St Leonards Honey". Of course, it would be the sweetest and most delicious honey ever tasted and people would flock from miles around to get their hands on a jar before it sold out.

Peter brought me back to earth by saying that he had an idea that the land had been considered in the past but thought to be unsuitable, but it wouldn't hurt to have another look, so we agreed to meet at the cemetery and re-consider which we did and hopefully we have found the perfect spot. During our inspection of the area, we discovered piles of wood where hedgehogs could happily spend the winter. There was evidence of bird boxes and a beautifully carved wooden bench along with a wild flower patch. It had obviously been well cared for in the past and gave an insight of what it could become. It would be great if one of our readers can remember anything regarding this potentially nature rich piece of land which would welcome visitors and wildlife. The squirrels have already made it home and are well fed with the large Sweet Chestnut tree close by. They will soon be snug in their squirrel homes hibernating over winter and if I had my way I would be hibernating too.

It didn't end there because as we turned to walk back to our cars we were greeted with the last of the evening sun shining through the maple tree in the cemetery. It gave such a brilliant glow of yellow, it was like a searchlight had been turned on and lit the tree, which made us stop in our tracks and take in the vision that lay before us. The perfect end to the day.

Blessings and Peace be with you Dear Friends.

## Warden Richard

#### **Christmas Quiz**

- 1. The song "Walking in the Air" features in which animated Christmas film?
- 2. Who wrote the song "White Christmas"?
- 3. Cliff Richard shot to number one with "Mistletoe and Wine" in which year?
- 4. What was Cliff Richard's real name?
- 5. What drink is commonly associated with Christmas markets?
- 6. Who is usually credited with introducing Christmas trees to the UK?
- 7. Traditionally the large tree in Trafalgar Square is a gift to the UK from which country?
- 8. Mistletoe was the sacred plant of which ancient pagan belief?
- 9. On the 7th day of Christmas, what did my true love give to me?
- 10. Thanks mainly to Coca-Cola, we imagine Santa Claus wearing a red suit; prior to that he was usually depicted wearing what colour outfit?

#### **Answers**

1. The Snowman, 2. Irving Berlin, 3. 1988, 4. Harry Webb, 5. Gluhwein, 6. Prince Albert, 7. Norway, 8. Druidic (Druids), 9. 7 swans a swimming, 10. Green

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# St Leonard's Parish Prayer

Living God, you have given us St Leonard as an example of one who extended himself to relieve the difficulties of others; help us to know in our hearts the love you have for us all so we may reach out in genuine empathy to those in our community who feel lonely, grow together as a people united in concern for each other and love for you. Amen

# **Christmas throughout the Christian world**

For nearly four weeks leading up to Christmas, Christians recognise a period called Advent. It means 'coming'. It is a time of spiritual preparation. 'Coming' refers to Jesus' first coming as a baby, but it also looks forward to a day when Jesus is expected to return in triumph at his 'second coming' to establish perfect justice and a new order of peace.

Originally Christians marked Advent as a time when they refrained from excessive eating and drinking. Then Christmas Day reintroduced them to the joys of feasting. Christmas celebrations lasted for twelve days, with gifts exchanged as a climax at Epiphany (6 January). Today, however, Advent is more likely to be associated with accelerating festivity, with the days following Christmas something of an anticlimax until 'twelfth night', on which decorations are removed. Many Christians worldwide are trying to revive the spirit of Advent by setting aside time to pray and address global poverty.

Christmas Day is celebrated as the anniversary of Jesus' birth, although the actual date is not known. Most Christians celebrate it on 25<sup>th</sup> December. However, the Orthodox Church (the ancient churches in Eastern Europe and parts of Asia) follows a different calendar and celebrates on 7<sup>th</sup> January. Christians make a point of taking communion on Christmas Day. Many make it the first thing they do as the clock strikes midnight.

On 6<sup>th</sup> January the Christmas festival continues with a celebration of Epiphany, which means 'the appearance'. Christians remember the visit of wise men (magi) to Jesus, bringing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The Christmas tradition of exchanging gifts originally honoured these men, who were the first non-Jews (Gentiles) to worship Jesus. It forms a reminder that in Jesus, God was giving Himself for the benefit of the entire world.

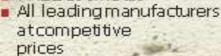
Orthodox Christians use this day to recall the baptism of Jesus as a grown man. The significance of Jesus being baptised was that He identified Himself with human beings in all their need. They mark the day by praying for God's blessing on rivers, wells and water sources.

Christmas has never been just an escapist festival for Christians. Those who treat it seriously recognise that not all the world is able to face the days with frivolity or joy. The day after Christmas, Boxing Day, was historically marked as the feast of St Stephen. He was the first man to be put to death rather than give up his belief that Jesus was God. And two days later, a day remembering the Massacre of the Innocents, recalls Herod's attempt to destroy Jesus by killing all male babies in Bethlehem. Although not so widely marked as Christmas Day, it gives Christians the opportunity to pray for children in today's world who suffer as a result of the actions of adults.

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# **Young Man**

Once upon a time I was a young man.

It started, I suppose, when I was about six or seven, when my dad used the expression to preface a telling off for one of my frequent misdemeanours. I suppose it was his way of preparing me for it.

"Now then young man" or "what have I told you young man" were the warning sounds that alerted me to an oncoming penance, or worse still a withholding of my sixpence a week pocket money.

I suppose I became a proper young man when I was eleven, and passed an exam to take me to college. The college cap, the long trousers, and the new school satchel, all came together to accompany me to a photographer where, in those days, a photo was a true sign I had 'grown up'. This was confirmed when my mum or gran would proudly show the photo to non-family members, uttering the dreadful words "he's a real young man isn't he?"

In my teens I was pleased to hear that I was not a young man any more, but a "mod" as I sported white socks under my drainpipe trousers, and a bootlace tie. The addition of a pink shirt served only to change "mod" to many other titles, nothing to do with my attire, but of a personal nature (untrue).

"Young man" came back to haunt me during the early days of my national service, a description which was applied to all new recruits with an addition of various adjectives, none of which were complimentary. As I later became a member of the RAF police the phrase was always used by me as an opener to any miscreant being interviewed.

Now in my dotage, and looking like it, I find that the term has somehow returned, with people addressing me as "young man".

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I like it.

"Young man" sounds nice now.....

Derek Hardman





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The Village Quilt will also be on display

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# Worship at St Leonard's and St Michael's

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# **Check Church website for late changes**

# St Leonard's

3rd Dec 1st Sunday of Advent

08.00am Holy Communion (Order 1 traditional)

11.00am Family Service/Toy Service

5th Dec

07.00pm Holy Communion

10th Dec 2nd Sunday of Advent

11.00am Parish Communion (Order 1)

04.30pm Christingle Service

12th Dec

07.00pm Holy Communion

17th Dec 3rd Sunday of Advent

08.00am Holy Communion (Order 1 traditional)

11.00am Parish Communion (Order 1) 05.00pm Christmas Carol Service

19th Dec

07.00pm Holy Communion

24th Dec Last Sunday of Advent/Christmas Eve

11.00am Parish Communion (Order 1)

03.00pm Crib Service

11.15pm Midnight Communion

25th Dec Christmas Day
10.00am Family Communion

31st Dec 1st Sunday of Christmas

11.00am Joint Villages Service at St Leonard's

# St Michael's

**3rd Dec 1st Sunday of Advent** 09.30am Parish Communion

13th Dec

07.00pm Christmas Carol Service (followed by mince pie and mulled wine)

**24th Dec**O3.00pm
Christingle Service

11.15pm Midnight Communion (at St Nicholas, Hockliffe)

31st Dec 1st Sunday of Christmas

11.00am Joint Villages Service at St Leonard's