



Stockport Sunday School

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Welcome to the beginning of another New Year. We hope you have all been able to enjoy the celebrations over the Christmas period.

Twelve months ago I'm sure few of us expected to be in another severe Covid outbreak again. Although much progress has been made in medical terms in the form of vaccinations, there is concern that people are getting weary of the ongoing saga.

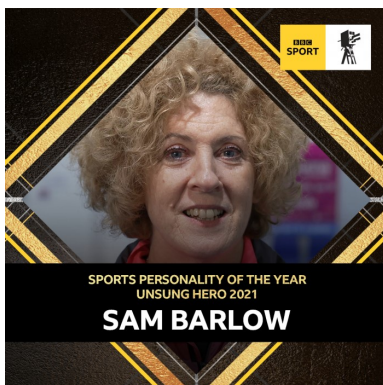
Moreover, there seems to be a view in some parts of government that the general population will resent any further forms of control and, as a result, will not comply. It is a valid question.

However, looking back over the last year, whenever there have been clear guidelines on behaviour, the vast majority of people have followed them. The wearing of face masks - which mainly benefits others rather than the wearer - is one example that people do care for others, rather than just themselves. This general sense of a concern for other's well-being has been seen in many ways over the last two years.



In the early days, it was the example of Captain Tom that caught the attention. Then the campaign for free meals for needy children, headed by Marcus Rashford; and the efforts of the many organisers of food banks were headlined.

In the last two or three weeks, other individual examples of people's initiatives and commitments have caught my attention - the young woman in Oldham, who, with the help of Age Concern, has set up a telephone network whereby people confined to their homes can find someone to talk to. The response has been exceptional.



On the Sports Personality of the Year TV programme, the Unsung Hero was another woman who, starting with just six companions, set up the 'Fitmums and Friends' group in Hull, to bring women together to be physically active. It has now grown to 11 adult groups, including Dads, and four junior athletics groups. After losing her husband to cancer last year, she has now started fitness and support groups for people experiencing loss. Her philosophy is, in practice, following the ancient Latin motto: 'Mens sana in corpore sano' (a sound mind in a sound body).

In a very different context, there was the BBC Dimbleby lecture given by the Oxford professor who was a leader of the team which developed the Astra Zeneca vaccine so quickly. It was a fascinating story, delivered in a memorable way. As well as the herculean efforts of the scientists working on the project, another major contribution to the speed was that the research team decided to start work before there was funding in place - a high

risk strategy - financially if the money didn't come through, and also in respect of their professional reputation for future ventures if they couldn't complete the work. We should also remember that it is the cheapest effective vaccine by a long way, delivered on a non-profit basis. By making vaccine available world-wide, this is a vital contribution to achieving a means of containing the Covid virus in the long term. It is good to know that there are people in big business who can respond in such an altruistic way when a crisis arises.

So, there you have it. Just one or two examples of people rising to challenges that they have recognised as important.

I'm sure you can think of many other people, charities, organisations who have stepped up to the plate in the last two years to help those in need.

In a world where the news so often seems to be focussed on the negative aspects of life, I personally, found stories such as these uplifting. They are rays of sunshine for us to appreciate; sources of encouragement for us to play our part in the days that lie ahead. By doing so, we will be truly following Christ's command to 'love our neighbours as ourselves.'

That is also how we can show our gratitude to God for the birth of His Son, Jesus Christ, which we have once again been celebrating this Christmastide.

As we go forward into the New Year, let us do so in the spirit of the old traditional Christmas carol:-

**Rejoice and be merry in songs and in mirth.
O praise our Redeemer all mortals on earth.
For this is the birthday of Jesus our King,
Who brought us salvation, His praises we'll sing.**

With very best wishes from the Officials, to one and all, for a very Happy and Healthy 2022.



THANK YOU

Thank you to Cath Brown for making the lovely Advent wreath, which we lit at services throughout Advent.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank Joan Heald for repairing the fall on the lectern. After many years of use the fine silk backing round the shield had started to fray.



KNIT AND NATTER CHRISTMAS TREE.

Thank you to all the ladies who knitted the lovely white items for the Christmas tree which was included in the St Georges Christmas Tree Festival and later brightened up the School entrance hall.



OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS TREE

Thank you again to Stuart for organising the Christmas Tree by the front door of the School, cheering visitors and passers by.



SHOE BOXES

Thank you to everyone who gift-filled a shoe box, knitted or made items for the boxes or donated to their transportation. The boxes brought to Stockport Sunday School along with those from St Mary's in the Market and various friends; 147 were sent to the Wrexham warehouse where they were packed and transported to Georgia. By the time you read this your gifts will have been given to children and vulnerable families in Georgia. This is the first year that shoe box gifts have been sent to Georgia. The second lorry load of boxes from Wrexham went to Belarus.

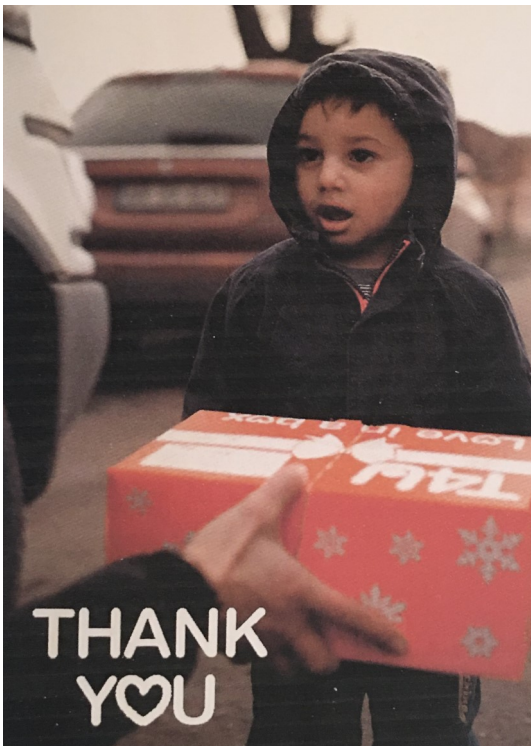
Lorry loads from other processing centres in Evesham and Derby went to Romania, Belarus, Bosnia and Moldova.

260 boxes went from Stockport which were included in the 3,099 from Greater Manchester. Teams4u are delighted this year to have received a total of 66,575 boxes, a record.

Teams4u have other projects investing in water and sanitation in Africa. They have recently secured a £200K grant from the Welsh Government to provide water into health centres in Uganda and support schools.

Thank you for supporting the Teams4u charity.

Margaret and Beryl



CHRISTMAS FAIR MONEY DETAILS FROM FAIR SECRETARIES

STALL	£	P
Door	53	00
Books	36	00
Raffle	91	05
Cakes/Jams	67	85
Judith/Kirsty	123	70
Refreshments	81	90
Rosie	85	60
Toys/Jigsaws	82	30
Christine M.	10	12
Christmas Cakes	85	00
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>£716</u>	<u>52</u>

Judith and Don Curry



CHRISTMAS FAIR 2021

Judith Curry gave the Treasurer a further £115.00 for the Christmas Fair, Books £25 and Refreshments £5 and the sale of her own homemade Christmas cakes £85. The total now is £716.52.

Joyce Sellers



CANDLE AND CAROL COLLECTION

The collection taken at the lovely Candle and Carol service by Lancashire Hill members, amounted to £130.00. A £65.00 cheque was sent to the following charities:-



Christie Hospital at Wytheshawe

And

Stockport Without Abuse
PO Box 193, Stockport



CHRISTMAS LUNCH



Fourteen people sat down to an excellent Christmas lunch on Sunday 19th December. We would like to thank the ladies who prepared and served it, Margaret Forster, Joyce Darvill, Judith Curry, Cath Brown and Janet Moore. Once everyone had finished eating, these ladies had their own Christmas lunch, which they had certainly earned.

Thank you.

USED CARDS & STAMPS

After twelfth night, don't forget to keep your used Christmas cards for the Shoe Box Appeal, and all your used stamps, throughout the year, for Margaret Forster, for The Leprosy Mission. Please cut stamps off envelopes leaving a border of paper around the stamp and place them in the box in the entrance hall at Compass Point. Thank you.



NEWSLETTER

May we remind readers that the cost of the Newsletter starting January 2022, 11 copies (Not August)

Online per year	£3.30
On Paper In School	£5.50
On Paper Posted	£12.76

Cash or cheques should be sent to Mrs J Sellers, 5 Baytree Drive, Bredbury SK6 2PX or can be given in School.

Joyce Sellers



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We wish Happy Birthday this month to

Joan Heald on 10th January
Ann Mather on 25th January
Jean Norton on 29th January



SERVICES

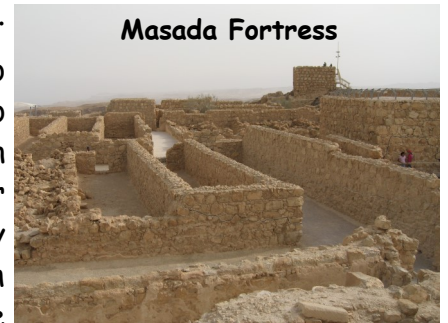


SUNDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2021



Jaffa

Those members who ventured out in the snow on November 28th enjoyed an interesting service. Judith Hadfield showed us slides of her holiday in the Holy Land. Her first slide was of Jaffa. Dorcas had lived here and Jonah sailed from here. There were slides of the sea of Galilee and the fortress at Masada. There were many interesting slides of places mentioned in the New Testament.



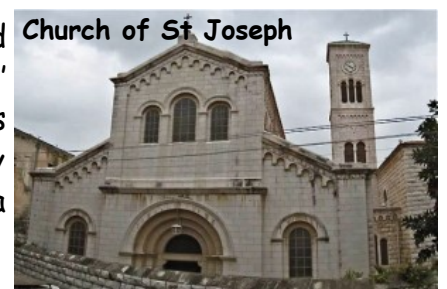
Masada Fortress

The Church of the Annunciation built over what is believed to be the site of Mary's house. Excavations show a simple two roomed house below the church. Another church is built on the site of Joseph's carpenters shop. Bethlehem is no longer the 'little town' mentioned in carols today, it has multi storey hotels for the tourists. Judith showed slides of the Church of the Nativity and the grotto where Jesus is said to have been born, both very ornate. Much more peaceful were the slides of the fields where the



Church of Annunciation

shepherds heard the angels' message and the chapel of the angels with its simple paintings. We saw slides of the Mount of the Beatitudes and Tabgha where Jesus fed the 5000 and the statue of St Peter in Capernaum and the house of St Peter where Jesus stayed and healed Peter's mother-in-law and a view over present day Jerusalem. As we saw slides of the Garden of Gethsemane, Wendy Hill read from Matthew's gospel, Jesus' words in the garden before His arrest and also Pilot's words as he released Barabbas and sent Jesus to His crucifixion. Every Friday, hundreds of Christians walk the route of the Via Delarosa, the route taken by Jesus.



Church of St Joseph



Church of the Nativity

The Church of the Holy Sepulchre is said to mark the spot where Jesus died and was buried, but this is within the city walls and the Bible says the crucifixion was outside the walls. Judith also showed us a slide of a rocky escarpment just outside the walls which is also thought to be the place of the crucifixion, with an old garden nearby where it is thought He was buried and resurrected, both sites are visited by the Christians from all over the world. The final slide was of Caesarea Maritima, built by Herod the Great. It was from the port that many disciples including Paul, set sail to carry the good news of Jesus to the world.

***Go ye therefore and teach all nations
Lo I am with you always, even to the end of the world"***

Thank you, Judith, for an enjoyable service. It was interesting to see the places that we have read about in the Bible, as they look today.



SUNDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2021

Elizabeth Keeling and Ken Dean took the service on December 5th. The Bible reading was Luke 11 verses 33-36. Elizabeth also read the poem, 'Ten Little Christmas Trees'. The hymns 'Immortal, Invisible', 'Be Thou My Vision' and 'Our Eyes Have Seen The Glory', gave a hint to Ken's theme for his talk, 'Vision'. It is an important word for all of us especially as

we get older and our eyesight is not as good. We all see things differently. When we read the Bible we see different things in it. Ken asked how people see us. When we see people once we form an opinion of them, this might change as we get to know them better.



He asked people to score themselves from 1-5 on each of the spirits, Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Faith, Vision, Kindness, Concern for others, Loyalty and Generosity.

As Christians, we share many different beliefs and views about the Bible.

Thank you both for another stimulating service.

SUNDAY 12TH DECEMBER, CANDLE AND CAROL SERVICE

Once again members of the Triangle had decorated the hall with many red candles, both on the individual tables and on the large display at the front of the hall. A picture of 3 lighted candles was also shown on the screen.

Stuart opened the service by asking three 'volunteers' to light 3 candles on the Advent wreath. They were Jack, Henry and Annie. Eileen read about Gabriel's visit to Mary and Jesus' birth in Bethlehem.

Jane read of the shepherds experience of that first Christmas day and Pam read of the visit of the Kings.



Stuart said how nice it was to worship 'live' this year, although Zoom had enabled us to worship together through lockdown. He then put up some clues to the theme for this year's service, although we were slow to work out their meaning. In fact, they were clues to the ingredients in mince pies. He told us of the history of the mince pies and the traditions that have grown up around them. Did you know that they were originally oval (manger shape) and the top of the pie represented the cloth Jesus was wrapped in. When stirring mince meat you should stir clockwise for good luck. Mince pies have become a Christmas favourite and Marks and Spencer expect to sell 40,000 this year. Beryl led us in prayer and Pat read the poem 'Mince Pies'.

Thank you to all the members of the Triangle for another lovely Christmas service reminding us of the New King born in a stable not in a palace to show us all how God wants us to live our lives.

The service closed with the serving of tea, coffee and of course, mince pies.



SUNDAY 19TH DECEMBER, SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

After the Christmas Lunch, we were joined by more members for a service of carols and readings. Several members read the following Bible passages telling the Christmas story, beginning with the Old Testament prophecies, about the coming Messiah:-

Micah 5 verse 2, Isaiah 9 verses 2, 6, 7

Luke 2 verses 1 - 20

Matthew 2 verses 1 - 11

John 1 verses 1 - 14

Walter told us that Jesus was born 700 years after Micah and Isaiah had prophesied His birth. Israel had waited all this time.

Walter also spoke of the covid pandemic. What lessons have we learnt? The interdependence of people across the world. We all have a part to play. He gave thanks to all the people who had worked so hard over the last twelve months to allow us to meet together in worship. He then expressed his best wishes for a joyful and happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.



FUTURE SERVICES

The next dates for our services are:-

January 9th	Walter Stead
January 16th	Judith Higgins 2.45 Election of Inspectors
January 23rd	Garth Higgins
January 31st	Judith Curry 2.45 AGM



BOWLING CLUB

Our Christmas get together held in School went down very well. There were 48 of us, all members of the Bowling Club. We had hot pot followed by a sweet afterwards. We had one line of Bingo and then one of our members organised Play Your Cards Right, he had the board and everything. It was good fun and there were prizes. There was a free raffle, and everyone got something. A great time was had by all.



Merry Christmas and New Year to you all.

Beryl Manley

KNIT 'N' NATTER

On Wednesday December 1st we all went to the 'Jolly Sailor' for our Christmas Lunch. It was a nice change from the 'Puss In Boots', plenty of room, the ladies really enjoyed it.

On the following Tuesday we dressed the tables up to look Christmassy in the hall for tea and cake. Christmas cards had been done the week before, any left were given out and we had a secret Santa. Everyone drew a ticket out of a box and when it was time and their number was called out, they collected it.

We did have some entertainment, the children of the Pre-School came in and sang 'Jingle Bells' wearing gold crowns they had made. I played the piano for them and the children were shaking their bells. It was good. They also sang 'Rudolph The Red Nose Reindeer' then they sang one of their own songs they had been practising, called 'The Snowman', all in full voice, some louder than others, it was great.



Beryl Manley

COMMUNITY COFFEE LOUNGE

We renamed this in the hope it might attract people to drop in and help the community to get out and socialise and help people who live on their own in the community.

We opened in September. Ken Dean and myself manage this project, posters were printed and given out during that month. In September we served drinks free with biscuits. It was a slow start. Fresh fruit was on sale, Brunch Bars, assorted wrapped biscuits, fruit juice, carrot cake and crisps were available and we attracted a few people.



By October, we started to get a few regulars, who can buy large or medium mugs or tea cups of coffee or tea. In addition to regular teas and coffees, we do flat white, double chocolate and cappuccino. Drink prices vary, but very enjoyable. At the present, due to this Coffee Lounge being advertised outside, we have attracted a Mental Health Charity who work with doctors and let people know what is happening in their area. They email me to let me know who is coming. At the moment, we have had two people, and they have enjoyed it and one of them has been four times and will be coming back in the New Year. So if you would like to join us, we are open every Tuesday at 10am to 12 noon. We will reopen on 11th January 2022.



We finished for Christmas on 14th December and the Pre-School came in to entertain us. We had 30 children with their staff. Prior to this, one of the Pre-School staff suggested to me it might be a nice idea if the children could come in and listen to the piano played because they don't know what a piano sounds like, so we sorted out a date and I said maybe the children could wear a Christmas hat so they all made gold crowns and stuck a red pom pom on the front, because they were all reindeer. I asked if they had any bells, so we sorted out songs and we had about 8 people who came to coffee. The children came in at 10.30. Before that their chairs and mats were brought in. Ken had a word with them, and of course there is always one letting you know they were all reindeers. They sang Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer and then Jingle Bells, with some of them shaking the bells. They did this twice, it was great. It was a very enjoyable morning.



Merry Christmas to you all, thank you for your support, hope to see you in the New Year.

Beryl Manley

TAI-CHI-QIGONG

Classes are still going strong, albeit reduced in numbers. Some of the members do it by Zoom since the pandemic started and they have carried on this way. Jolie Hilton does an excellent job. We still have places, but you need to book a place as at present numbers are limited.

Contact Jolie on 0161 485 4518 or 07958 791 028.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all.



Beryl Manley

LANCASHIRE HILL SUNDAY SCHOOL



Recipe

Broccoli hollandaise tart

Serves 4

100g ready-made hollandaise
chives finely chopped to make 1 tbsp
320g sheet ready-rolled puff pastry
175g long-stemmed broccoli, trimmed
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tbsp. olive oil
2 tbsp flaked almonds, toasted
 $\frac{1}{2}$ lemon, zested, plus 1 tsp juice (optional)



Heat the oven to 220°C/fan 200°C/Gas 7. Put a baking tray in the middle of the oven to heat up.

Taste the hollandaise and add the lemon juice if it needs a little acidity boost, season if needed, and stir in most of the chives. Unravel the puff pastry onto the baking paper it comes with, and lightly score a 1cm boarder around the edge with a knife. Spoon the hollandaise into the middle, spreading out to the boarder.

Put the broccoli into a bowl, add the olive oil and toss well with some seasoning until well coated. Add to the tart on top of the hollandaise. Transfer to the hot tray, on the baking paper, and bake for 20-25 minutes or until the pastry is puffed and golden, and the broccoli is tender. Scatter with toasted almonds, lemon zest and remaining chives.



KITES



The Kites Group Pantomime for 2022 is Puss in Boots. Tickets on sale now please see www.kitesgroup.com for more information.

As the performances are all socially distanced and seating capacity reduced please book early. To receive the early booking discount please book before the end of January 2022.

Thank you, Margaret, for your writing submissions, people really look forward to reading them each month, you are very talented.

It was decided to try carol singing outside our church on Saturday December 4th 2021. We had done it the previous year with great success, including our Minister, an energetic Alison, giving out tree cookies to surprised (and usually grateful), motorists, who had stopped at the traffic lights.

This year, however, things were different. It was wet, cold and windy!!

"Carol Singing"



Now, why don't we sing carols?
Said someone with a smile.
Perhaps we'll give out cookies;
set up a stall with style!

We'll ask our friends from Wesley Street
and form a little choir.
We'll cheer the passers-by along
and raise our voices higher.

Alas! The rain came pouring down.
The wind blew hard and strong.
Our noses ran, our hands were blue,
but still, we raised a song.

One gallant lass held up the tent,
the cookies, they grew soggy.
We kept on singing valiantly
although we felt quite groggy!

The 'tea-break' seemed extremely short,
then off we went again.
'While Shepherds Watched' and 'Silent Night',
rang weakly through the rain

And then, the frozen choristers,
their last carol completed,
pulled down their stall and rushed inside,
hoarse, cold, but not defeated!



Margaret Morris-Jones

Remember that Triumph is just a little 'umph' added to 'try.'
- Anon

Although our New Year's resolutions may quickly crumble, God's plans never fail.
- Charles Stanley

Thank you to everyone who provides pieces for the newsletter, some are included below alongside some pieces from Parish Pump.

19TH JANUARY WULFSTAN, BISHOP OF WORCESTER 1095

Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester from 1062 to 1095, occupies a unique place in British church history.

He was the last surviving pre-Conquest bishop, the first bishop to pay homage to William the Conqueror after the battle of Hastings, and one of the few Saxons to keep high office to the end of William's reign. On top of that, he seems to have been a truly good and holy man.

Wulfstan was born about 1008 at Long Itchington, Warwickshire. His uncle was Archbishop of York, and through his help, Wulfstan studied at the monasteries of Evesham and in Peterborough. Because of his Christian dedication, his superiors recommended him for the priesthood. Wulfstan was ordained in 1038 and joined a Benedictine monastery at Worcester.

Wulfstan was appointed prior of the monastery and from 1034 also served as the parish priest of Hawkesbury, Gloucestershire. He was made bishop of Worcester in 1062.

As a bishop, Wulfstan made some significant contributions to the English church. He had a passion for pastoral care and was the first English bishop to be known to have made a complete visitation of his diocese. He was a gifted administrator, increasing the effectiveness of his archdeacons.

He was highly influential in monastic reform, overseeing laws and canons to reform the role of the clergy.

He was a powerful preacher - with a great gift for explaining the teaching of Christianity. He encouraged a wider understanding of public penitence and taught against the many pagan customs throughout the land.

He had a strong social conscience, and soon became a bitter opponent of the slave trade. Together with Lanfranc, Wulfstan was mainly responsible for ending the slave trade in Bristol, and also for abolishing the slave trade between Worcester diocese and Ireland.

He had a passion for buildings, and founded Great Malvern Priory, as well as overseeing the large-scale rebuilding of Worcester Cathedral, Hereford Cathedral, and Tewkesbury Abbey.

Wulfstan died in January 1095, apparently during his daily ritual of washing the feet of 12 of his parishioners.



Spotted on a church notice board:

When you were born, your mother brought you here.

When you were married, your partner brought you here.

When you die, your family will bring you here.

In the meantime, why not try coming on your own sometimes?

NEW YEAR PRAYER

Thank you Lord for giving me
The brand new year ahead.
Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread.
Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend,
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead is empty,
Help me fill it with good things
Each new day filled with joy
And happiness it brings.
Amen



NEW YEAR PRAYER 2022

Lord of all creation,
Lord of all the years,
Thank you for steering us through the fragmented
landscape of two pandemic-riddled years. Here we
stand at the beginning of a new year, not knowing
what lies ahead. Our only security lies in you, Lord.
Please take our hands and guide us, day by day, into
January and beyond. We will not be afraid, Lord
because you have promised never to leave us, never
to forsake us. And you keep your promises. We are
safe.
2022, here we come... expectantly,
In Jesus' name,
Amen

By Daphne Kitching



NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

Happy Moments,
Praise God
Difficult Moments,
Seek God
Quiet Moments,
Worship God
Painful Moments,
Trust God
EVERY Moment,
Thank God.



JUST FOR SMILES



Free travel

Living on earth may be expensive, but it includes an annual free trip around the sun.



With Epiphany in mind...

I was telling my three boys the story of the Nativity and how the Wise Men brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh for the infant Jesus. Clearly giving it a lot of thought, my six-year-old observed, "Mum, a Wise Woman would have brought nappies."

The end?

A local priest and pastor stood by the side of the road holding up a sign that said, "The End is Near! Turn yourself around now before it's too late!"

"Leave us alone, you religious nuts!" yelled the first driver as he sped by. Then from around the curve they heard a big splash.



PUZZLES

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Sudoku

WORDSEARCH

Can you find in this grid the words shown in **BOLD CAPITALS** in the passage below? The words can be found in any direction.

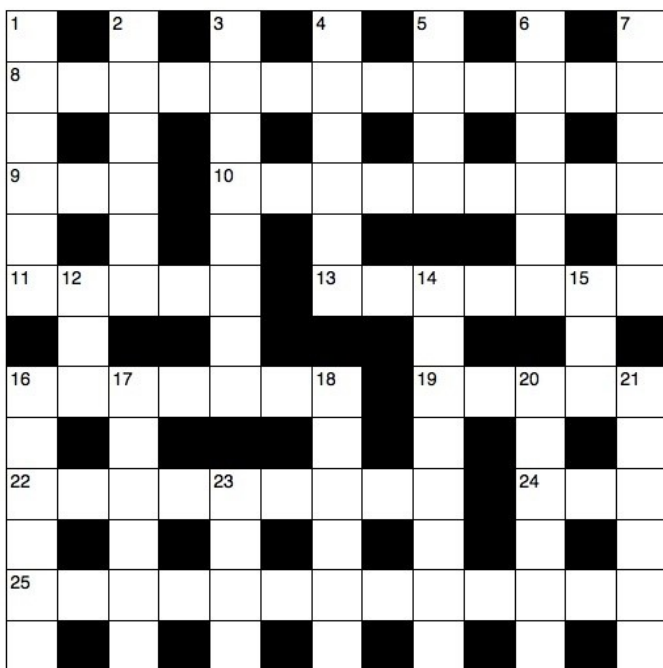
WHERE DID THE WISE MEN COME FROM?

MAGI from the **EAST** - it isn't a lot to go on. The Magi were a **RELIGIOUS CASTE** devoted to **ASTROLOGY**, **DIVINATION** and the interpretation of **DREAMS**. Some **SCHOLARS** believe these magi came from **SOUTHERN ARABIA**, where the **QUEEN** of **SHEBA** had lived. She would have learned about the coming **MESSIAH** from **SOLOMON**.

In Matthew's gospel the Magi ask **HEROD**: 'Where is the One who has been born **KING** of the Jews? We saw His **STAR** in the east and have come to **WORSHIP** Him.' So it is possible that Queen of Sheba's story of Messiah for Israel had survived.

One thing that supports the theory that the magi came from southern Arabia is this: if you study any map of **PALESTINE** as it was during biblical times, you will find that the old Arabian **CARAVAN** routes all entered Palestine 'from the East'.

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CROSSWORD

Use the clues below to complete the crossword.

Across

- 8 How the Abyss (NIV) is described in the Authorized Version (Revelation 9:1) (10,3)
 9 Frozen water (Ezekiel 1:22) (3)
 10 The Ten Commandments (9)
 11 In Roman Catholic theology, neither heaven nor hell (5)
 13 Des cons (anag.) (7)
 16 'Though [your sins] are red as — , they shall be like wool' (Isaiah 1:18) (7)
 19 Keen (Romans 1:15) (5)
 22 Repugnant, loathsome (Jeremiah 24:9) (9)
 24 Drink like an animal (Judges 7:5) (3)
 25 First and last (Revelation 22:13) (5,3,5)

Down

- 1 Father of Ahi, a Gadite (1 Chronicles 5:15) (6)
 2 Where David found the stone with which he killed Goliath (1 Samuel 17:40) (6)
 3 'Hour by hour fresh lips are making thy — doings heard on high' (8)
 4 'And there were shepherds living out in the fields near by, keeping watch over their — at night' (Luke 2:8) (6)
 5 United Society for Christian Literature (1,1,1,1)
 6 'If he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would — — or a tax collector' (Matthew 18:17) (1,5)
 7 Where Paul was taken when things became difficult for him in Berea (Acts 17:15) (6)
 12 Istituto per le Opere di Religione (Vatican Bank) (1,1,1)
 14 'Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new — ; the old has gone, the new has come!' (2 Corinthians 5:17) (8)
 15 Used to colour ram skins red for use in the tabernacle (Exodus 25:5) (3)
 16 Vat car (anag.) (6)
 17 'Be joyful — — , patient in affliction, faithful in prayer' (Romans 12:12) (6)
 18 'The parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, while our presentable parts — — special treatment' (1 Corinthians 12:23) (4,2)
 20 Ancient rowing boat (Isaiah 33:21) (6)
 21 Say again (2 Corinthians 11:16) (6)
 23 What Jesus did in the synagogue in Nazareth after he stood up (Luke 4:16) (4)

ANSWERS FROM LAST NEWSLETTER

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A QUIZ FOR CHRISTMAS ANSWERS FROM LAST NEWSLETTER

Which festive tippie, derived from posset, has its origins in Britain?

Eggnog

What's the most popular dish in Japan on Christmas Day?

KFC

In which country do citizens put fake spiderwebs on their Christmas trees?

Ukraine

Babushka is a Christmas folk tale from which country?

Russia

What Christmas decoration was invented in Nuremburg, Germany?

Tinsel

What is burnt on a hearth as a Christmas tradition in regions of Europe?

Yule log

Anagram: *turkey*

