



Stockport Sunday School

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Well, here we are again at the beginning of December when many of us will be thinking about our preparations for Christmas with an increased sense of urgency!

Past experience tells us that the days seem to pass away with increasing rapidity from now on.

I suppose how we respond to it depends on our temperament.

When I was working, I had a colleague who always bought the family turkey at Stockport Market late in the afternoon on Christmas Eve, at what would be a real bargain price. I never found out if he was ever unable to find a seller, and what his wife might have thought in such circumstances.

I think you have to be pretty laid-back to take that approach .

On the other hand, there are those who do their shopping at the schools' half term holiday at the end of October and can remain relaxed from then onwards .

I admire their organised approach.

Perhaps in the midst of our 'busyness' we grumble about the Christmas Season becoming too commercialised; but in truth that is because we allow it to affect us like that.

It is of course a time when we like to mark our appreciation of our relationships with other folk - our family, friends, neighbours, colleagues at work or in our social activities.



And it is also a time when we can help to support those in society who are less fortunate than we are. It may be a donation to a charity. But it may be by something more personal, by means of a shared meal; or a telephone call or letter to people whose friendship we value, particularly when they are perhaps going through difficult times

For Christians, such actions are particularly relevant, because this is when we celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus. A time when we can express together our thanks to God for sending his Special One; His Son, - to show us how to live a life acceptable to Him, our Heavenly Father.

And in this season of Advent, we are asked to examine objectively how we are carrying out that commitment; how we are obeying our Lord's teaching to love one another in thought, word and deed.

And perhaps resolving to do better in the coming year.

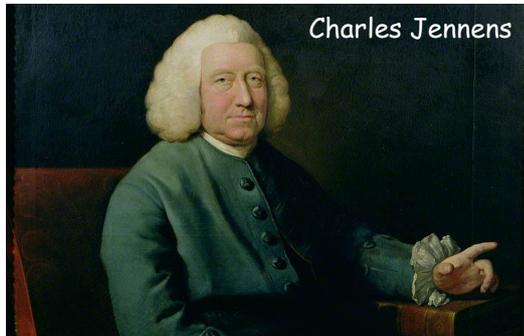


We are living in difficult times in many respects. There is much that is wrong in our world, where virtues of honesty, compassion and care for others are under pressure; in the political sphere and in the media in general.

However, in the last few days, I have heard people of influence go on record saying we are in a time when we need to reaffirm moral principles, and governments, nations, people in authority need to speak up for these virtues.

Let us pray such leadership may bear fruit.

For many of us, Christmas is also a time for expressing our thanks and hopes to God by music, in all its many formats. As in the words of the Old Testament prophet, Isaiah, selected by Charles Jennens, a notable patron of the arts, and put to music by Handel in the 'Messiah':-



Charles Jennens

*'The Glory of the Lord shall be revealed;
and all flesh shall see it together
For unto us a child is born...
And He shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor
The mighty God, the everlasting Father
The Prince of Peace.'*

And so, at this coming Christmastide, let us, in the words of an old English traditional 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 sing.'*

It is with these thoughts in mind, we at SSS, send to all our readers and friends our very best wishes for an enjoyable and meaningful Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.



FUTURE SERVICES

The next dates for our services are:-

December 7 th	Walter Stead Christmas Post
December 14 th	Candle and Carol Service run by The Triangle Christmas Post
December 21 st	Officials Service
December 28 th	No service
January 4 th	Judith Higgins
January 11 th	Walter Stead



SSS TREASURER UPDATE

At the last Committee meeting at the beginning of November it was confirmed that Judith Hadfield would be stepping down from her role as SSS Treasurer at the end of the School's Financial year on 31st March 2026.

Our thanks are due to Judith for all the hard work she has done looking after our financial affairs during her time in charge.

We would also like to thank Margaret Forster for the valued support she has given over recent months.

At our meeting, the members were asked whether they would be able to take up this important role, but to date no one has volunteered.

We are in urgent need of a successor, (or maybe two persons sharing the job if that is more practicable), and so we are asking all our members and friends to seriously consider whether they might be able to help in this regard.

We are sure you will all appreciate the serious nature of this situation and we ask for your support and prayers as we seek to find a solution.

If you have any suggestions or wish to know more about this, please speak to one of the Inspectors, Walter Stead, Judith Higgins or Stuart Dean.



GET WELL SOON

Several of our members have been unwell recently.

We were sorry to hear that Margaret Jones had had a bad fall and spent some time in hospital. We are pleased to hear that she is now home and improving. We hope that she will soon be well enough to return to Sunday School.

We were also sorry to learn that Beryl Manley was taken ill at the Coffee Lounge that she organises every Tuesday and had to be taken to Stepping Hill Hospital. We would like to thank Derek and some of the Pre-School staff who looked after Beryl until the ambulance arrived. We are pleased that she is now recovering at home. We hope you are feeling better soon and we see you back at Sunday School.



Neil Sellers contacted us to let us know that Joyce Sellers has had a fall at home and injured her leg and needed an operation. She was also taken to Stepping Hill Hospital where she suffered with pneumonia too. We were pleased to hear from Neil that she has had her operation to repair her thigh bone and we wish her a speedy recovery and look forward to hearing that she is back home soon.

We send our best wishes to all our friends who are not well at the moment. We are thinking of you all.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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We wish 'Happy Birthday' this month to:-

Judith Higgins on December 4th
and
Don Curry on December 16th
and
Margaret Morley on December 17th
and
Joan Heald on January 10th



CHRISTMAS POST FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL MEMBERS

Once again, the post box will be out in the entrance hall of Compass Point for members to post their Christmas cards to each other. The post box will be out on Sunday 7th and Sunday 14th December.

STAMPS

As you start to receive your Christmas cards over the following month, please remember to save your stamps for Margaret Forster to send off to raise funds for the RNLi. When cutting the stamps off your envelopes please leave a good border all the way around. They can be put in the box in the entrance hall at School for Margaret to collect. Thank you.



CHRISTMAS CARDS

Thinking ahead, when taking down your Christmas cards in January, please could you save the fronts of them to give to Margaret Forster as they can be used to go into the shoe boxes. Thank you.



ACTION FOR CHILDREN

Thank you to everyone who collected money in their lanterns throughout the year for Action For Children.



Compass Point Christian Centre



CANDLE AND CAROL SERVICE

SUNDAY 14th DECEMBER at 2.30pm

PRESENTED BY

LANCASHIRE HILL SUNDAY SCHOOL

All welcome to join us, as together we prepare
for our celebration of Christmas

THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone who works so hard throughout the year to keep everything running and welcoming at Sunday School. At this time of year extra thanks need to go to several people who have brought Christmas to the building.

Firstly a big thank you to Cath Brown who has once again made our advent wreath for us to light each week during our service, you are so creative Cath.

Thank you, Stuart Dean, for putting up the lighted Christmas tree outline in the window at the front of Sunday School, it looks beautiful and is very welcoming.

In the entrance hall, visitors are welcomed by a lovely decorated Christmas tree including sparkling lights. Thanks go to Cath and Alan Brown for putting this up for everyone to enjoy.

We also need to thank whoever put up the smaller tree with lights and decorated with knitted items (possibly the Knit and Natter Group), which is now on display in the main hall. Someone has put in a lot of work producing the knitted characters.

Thank you, Judith and Kirsty Higgins, for putting up our crib.



KNIT 'N' NATTER

Last month we reported that the Knit 'N' Natter group had raised the fantastic sum of £942.20 for the Stockport Stroke Group at their Autumn Fair. Since then we have learnt that that figure has risen even further to the amazing figure of £1000. Well done ladies, your hard work has once again raised much needed money for another charity.



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL



Once again the ladies of the Knit 'N' Natter group put together a tree for the Christmas Tree Festival at St Georges Church on the A6. Each year this festival is very well supported and visitors are always greeted with an array of sparkling trees by different groups and people lighting up the church. It is also a great way to promote the different groups in the area, with many trees giving details of how you may join the individual group.



This year the ladies had titled their tree 'Winter Warmers' and their tree was festooned with mini jumpers, hats, mittens and scarves and was topped by a knitted fairy. As always ladies, thank you for sharing your skills with everyone and producing a lovely tree to be admired by everyone.



WELL DONE BOBBY

Bobby Dignan, the younger son of Sam who runs the Little Stars Pre-School, has been doing some charity work for Wellspring in Stockport. He has been collecting sleeping bags in answer to an appeal. So far, he has collected 140 bags and raised over £120, which will be used to buy new underwear for the homeless.





SERVICES



SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2ND 2025

Walter based the first part of his service on a commentary he had been reading on Psalm 73 by the Christian writer Veronica Zundel.

The writer of the psalm was struggling to come to terms with the fact that the wicked seemed to be more successful than those who were God fearing. Appearances can be deceptive. True quality of life is not measured in the world's terms but in God's terms. We must keep in touch with him through private prayer and meeting together with others in worship, and keep our hearts open to God's guidance.



Walter went on to talk about Jane Waters' commentary on Paul's epistle to the church in Colossus from his prison in Rome, his final legacy to them. He names those who are supporting him in prison including Epaphras who came from Colossus and who would go on to lead the church there. He encourages the members in Colossus to work together as members of one body, supporting each other and looking to the future.



At SSS we too need to support each other in worship each week. As we look to the future seek God's guidance and ensure the Lord's will be done.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9TH 2025 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



Unfortunately Peter Hall, the speaker for this service was ill, but he emailed his service notes to Walter who took the service. Judith Higgins led the prayers.

Thank you to Beryl Manley who had decorated the hall with flags and poppies and to Alan Bowdon who had brought in drums, flags, helmets and regimental badges, part of his large collection.

Peter had written about memories. He asked if we remembered where we were on November 22nd 1963. It was the day President J. F. Kennedy was assassinated. Peter wrote about his grandfather whose father had been called up in 1914. He had been killed in 1917.

Walter said his own father had been killed in World War II when he was still a child. When he became a father he had no role model for how to be a father.

The second date Peter had mentioned was 1st June 1974 when he had heard a loud rumble of thunder when there were no clouds in the sky. Later he learned that what he thought had been thunder was an explosion at the Nypro plant in Flixborough in which 28 people were killed and 36 injured.

Peter asked if we had ever heard of a 'Thankful Village', a term popularised by the author Arthur Mee. A thankful village is one which lost no men in World War I.

In all, there were 52 'Thankful Villages' in the country. World War I had been dubbed the war to end all wars and yet within 20 years we were at war again.

On this day, we remember the sacrifice of millions of men and women who gave their lives in the service of their country.

Maybe it is a good idea for Christian communities to have their act of remembrance on a Sunday, because on Sundays week in and week out we celebrate the life, death and resurrection of one man who gave His life in order to end all ours. Not just in order to end all wars but to reconcile us with God himself.

Thankful Villages will one day become a Thankful Universe because of Christ's sacrifice.

Thank you Peter for sending us your message for Remembrance Sunday and our thanks to Walter for standing in with a few hours notice, and thanks again to Alan and Beryl.



SUNDAY NOVEMBER 16TH 2025

Judith Hadfield took this service. She began by reading a poem by Helen Steiner Rice, 'On Wings of a Prayer'. (shown below) Her Bible reading was Matthew 5 beginning at verse 38, when Jesus speaks of the custom 'an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth' but tells His followers not to take revenge but 'turn the other cheek'.

Judith told us about a radio programme that she had heard about, 'Revenge'.

When individuals, groups and even nations feel that they have been wronged they often seek revenge which can have serious consequences, even leading to wars.

Helen Steiner Rice



James Kimmel

The speaker on the programme, James Kimmel, had been bullied as a boy and was about to seek serious revenge on the bullies when he realised what the consequences could be. Instead he did nothing but later he became a successful lawyer - seeking revenge for his clients. He often experienced exhilarating highs when he won a case but later experienced terrible let downs.

Kimmel's solution was simple, to truly understand the power of forgiveness and the way it ultimately benefits you far more than the temporary pleasure of 'getting your own back'.

Forgiveness undoes the harm caused to us by seeking revenge, it stops the craving for revenge and activates that part of the brain that allows us to make better decisions.

Thank you Judith for a thought provoking and interesting service.

Thank you Elizabeth for once again playing the recorded music for the hymns.

At the end of the service, Margaret Forster blessed the shoe boxes after telling us how the scheme started when a young boy saw a TV programme about children in Ukraine who had no toys and asked his father what they could do to help. They collected toys and took them over and saw the need for more help and the shoe box scheme was started.



On The Wings of Prayer

Just close your eyes
And open your heart
And feel your worries
And cares depart,
Just yield yourself
To the Father above
Secure in His love-

For life on earth
Grows more involved
With endless problems
That can't be solved-

But God only asks us
To do our best,
Then He will take over

Then He will take over
And finish the rest-

So when you are tired,
Discouraged, and blue,
There's always one door
That is open to you-

And that is the door
To the house of prayer
And you'll find God waiting
To meet you there,
And the house of prayer
Is not farther away
Than the quiet spot
Where you kneel and pray-

For the heart is the temple
When God is there
As we place ourselves
In His loving care,
And He hears every prayer
And answers each one
When we pray in His name
"Thy will be done"-

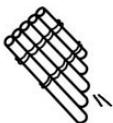
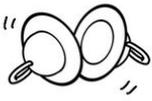
And the burdens that seemed
Too heavy to bear
Are lifted away
On the wings of prayer.

By Helen Steiner Rice

SUNDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2025

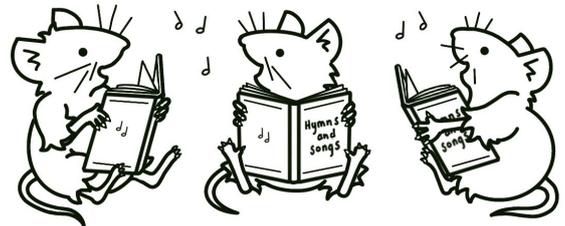
Judith Higgins told us the stories behind how some of the words and music of our favourite hymns came to be written.

It had been King David who employed people to sing during services in the temple and provided musicians with a variety of instruments. Hymn singing forms an important part of our worship.



Some hymns were written especially for children to

help them understand Bible passages, others were written for special occasions or special periods of the church year, such as Easter or Christmas. Handel wrote the Messiah at a difficult period in his life. He was deeply in debt and could possibly face imprisonment in the debtors prison. He was also in poor health. It took him just 24 days.



We listened to a recording of the Hallelujah chorus.

The music for Christians Awake was written by John Wainwright who was born in Stockport and was christened at St Mary's church. He was also buried there aged just 45. In some music books the tune is called 'Stockport' although in others it is known as 'Yorkshire'.

Isaac Watts complained to his father, who was a deacon of the church, about the monotonous way the Christians in the Church of England sang the Old Testament psalms, so his father challenged him to write something better. As a result, Isaac wrote the hymn, 'When I Survey The Wondrous Cross' - he was just 15.

Thank you, Judith, for telling us more about some of our favourite hymns.

SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

At the beginning of the service, Walter lit the first candle on our Advent wreath. Once again, we thank Cath Brown for making the wreath for us. We will be lighting the candles each Sunday in Advent.

Our speaker on this first Sunday in Advent was Rita Waters.



Her readings were from Isaiah chapter 9 in which he prophesied the coming of a Messiah "for unto us a child is born ...", and from Luke chapter 1, the angel Gabriel visits Mary. Rita's theme for the service was HOPE. Isaiah spoke of a people walking in darkness. Rita said there is nothing darker than not having hope.

The angel Gabriel told Mary that she was to give birth to Jesus, the Son of God. At first she was afraid of what Gabriel told her. Why had she been chosen? What did it mean to have found favour with God? Then Mary accepted Gabriel's message. Her life would never be the same again. She was to be the mother of the Messiah and for thirty three years she stood by Him and saw Him in conflict with the church leaders and watched as He was put to death for the forgiveness of the sins of the world.

Advent is all about hope as we look forward to celebrating Jesus' birth and think about His life and we are reminded that He will come again. We must listen to what God is saying to us and live in hope for the future.

Thank you Rita for your message.



25 DECEMBER WHY THE WORLD WAS READY FOR CHRISTMAS

Ever wonder why Jesus was born when He was? The Bible tells us that "when the time had fully come, God sent forth His Son..." The Jewish people had been waiting for their Messiah for centuries. Why did God send Him precisely when He did?

Many biblical scholars believe that the 'time had fully come' for Jesus because of the politics of the time. The Roman Empire's sheer size and dominance had achieved something unique in world history: the opportunity for travel from Bethlehem to Berwick on Tweed without ever crossing into 'enemy territory' or needing a 'passport'. For the first time ever, it was possible for 'common' people to travel wide and far, and quickly spread news and ideas. And all you needed were two languages - Greek to the east of Rome, and Latin to the west and north. You could set sail from Joppa (Tel Aviv) and head for any port on the Med. And the Roman roads ran straight and true throughout the empire.

So the Roman Empire achieved something it never intended: it helped spread news of Christianity far and wide for 400 years. After that, the Empire crumbled, and the borders shut down. Not until the 19th century would people again roam so freely. The time for Jesus to be born, and for news of Him to be able to travel, had indeed 'fully come'



LANCASHIRE HILL SUNDAY SCHOOL



Season's Greetings

Everyone at The Triangle would like to wish all readers a happy and peaceful Christmas and prosperous New Year.



Kites Group

The Kites Group are busy preparing for their February 2026 show Peter Panto to be held at Compass Point. Tickets will be available mid-December on www.kitesgroup.com.



Recipe

Smoked mackerel Pâté

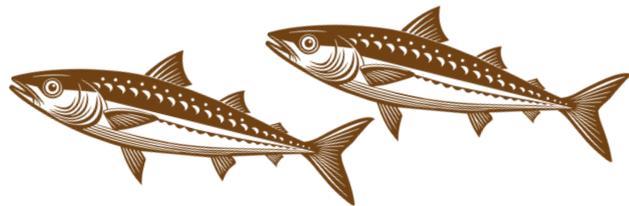
Serves 6

155g smoked mackerel

150g cream cheese

200ml double cream

squeeze of lemon juice



Remove skin from mackerel. Check carefully for any tiny bones, and remove.

Place in food processor and whizz until it becomes fine shreds (you can use a fork to do this). Add cream cheese and whizz again until combined. Add double cream and stir well, then squeeze a little lemon juice and mix well.

Place in the fridge and allow to chill, usually overnight.

Serve with thin slices of toasted bread and butter.



CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

When I retired from Primary School teaching, there were many things that I missed, some things that I didn't miss at all, and one special event which I really missed. It was the Nativity Play. As I taught the Reception Class, all of my children took part and some of them had important roles to play, like Mary, Joseph or Herod. It involved, for me, rather difficult choosing of parts, lots of organisation, and, of course all the carols and music necessary for the production. I loved it and I think that the children did, too. In more recent times, I have seen Nativity Plays set in 'outer space', 'the Wild West' and the 'back streets of London'. At my school, they were always very traditional and I wanted to share this poem with you all, as I think that it encapsulates the Nativity Plays which I was involved with in the 1960s.

Nativity Play

Clare Bevan

Here is an inn with a stable,
Equipped with some straw and a chair.

Here is an angel in bed sheets,
With tinsel to tie back her hair.

Here is a servant in bath towels
Who sweeps round the stage with a broom.

Here is a chorus of faces
All eager to cry out, 'NO ROOM!'

Here is a Joseph who stammers,
And tries to remember his lines.

Here is a teacher in anguish,
Who frantically gestures and signs.

Here is 'Away In A Manger' -
A tune MOST recorders can play.
Here is the moment of wonder,
As Jesus appears in the hay.

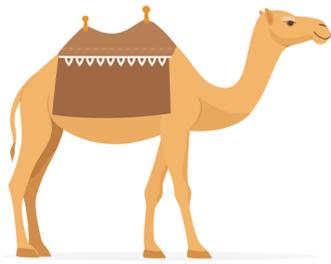
Here is a Mary with freckles
Whose baby is plastic and hard.
Here is a donkey in trousers,
With ears made of pieces of card.

Here is a shepherd in curtains,
Who carries a crook made of wire.
Here is a boy sucking cough sweets,
Who growls from the back of the choir.

Here is a King bearing bath salts,
Who points at a star hung on strings.
Here is a dove who has stage fright,
And quivers her crêpe-paper wings.

Here is a page boy in trainers
Who stumbles his way up the stairs
Here is a long line of angels
Who march round the manger in pairs.





Here is a camel who fidgets,
With plasters stuck over his knee.
Here are some sheep who just giggle,
And think no one out there can see.

Here is a Herod in glasses
Who whispers, so nobody hears.
Here is a Mum with a hanky,
To cover her pride and her tears.

Here is our final production,
And though it's still held up with pins,
The parents will love every minute -
For this is where Christmas begins.



Margaret Morris-Jones



FLYING LESSONS

The angels that the shepherds saw
Whose singing led them to adore
The new-born Jesus in a stall
At one time could not fly at all!

To hover, singing, o'er a hill
While playing harps - well, that takes skill!
And blowing trumpets as you fly
Without falling from the sky?

So novice angels all must go
And learn the facts that they must know.
Aerodynamics, and such things
Before they even get their wings!

Then they practice flying well
For crashing just might break the spell
The shepherds won't be 'sore afraid'
As laughter drowns the carols played!

It's sad, but some are never meant
For soaring through the firmament.
But they can spend eternal days
Writing hymns of angel-praise!

But some soon grasp the things they're taught
Becoming singing aeronauts!
Formation flying? Piece of cake!
And what an awesome sight they make!

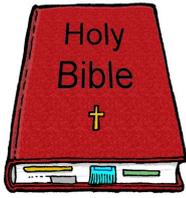
And, like the angels in the sky
God teaches us both how and why
That we should learn, this Christmastime
To praise His name in song and rhyme!

(P.S. You have to be an angel to fly. Don't try
this at home!)

By Nigel Beeton



SMILE LINES



Who was the Real Virgin?

A ten-year-old, under the tutelage of her grandmother, was becoming quite knowledgeable about the Bible. Then one day she floored her grandmother by asking, "Which virgin was the mother of Jesus? The virgin Mary or the King James Virgin?"

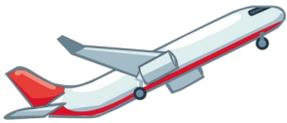
What Are the Three Gifts?

While participating in a church Christmas pageant many years ago, I was delighted to be chosen as the narrator. Each rehearsal went off well and then on the night of the show, I announced, in a loud and penetrating voice, the gifts of the Magi as being "gold, Frankenstein and myrrh."



Well Known Pilot

At Sunday school, the younger children were drawing pictures to illustrate a biblical story. The teacher was startled to see one little boy was drawing an airplane. "This is the Flight into Egypt," the little boy explained. "See, here is Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus. And this," he said, pointing to the figure in the front of the plane, "is Pontius. He's the Pilot."



The Wrong Gift

A young couple began to assemble a special Christmas gift they had bought for their children. They had bought a kit for a tree house, but it didn't make sense. Then they realised that the materials were for a sailboat, so they wrote to the company to complain. The company's reply was brief: "While we regret the inconvenience this mistake must have caused you, we are more concerned about the man who is out on a lake somewhere, trying to sail your tree house."



Actual children's versions of Christmas Carols:

"...sleep in heavenly peas"

"Joy to the world, the Saviour rains!"

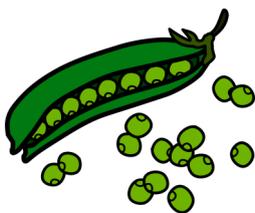
"Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plane..."

"While shepherds washed their socks by night..."

"Deck the Halls with Buddy Holly..."

"We three kings of porridge and tar..."

"On the first day of Christmas my tulip gave to me..."



SMILE LINES



Know what?

As we were putting out cookies for Father Christmas one Christmas Eve, I accidentally dropped one. I picked it up and dusted it off before placing it back on the plate. "You can't do that," argued my four-year-old. But I assured him that Father Christmas would never know.

He shot me a dubious look. "So, he knows if I've been bad or good all year, but he doesn't know if you dropped his cookie on the floor?"

Nativity set

A man visiting his daughter and her family for Christmas was admiring the beautiful nativity set in her hallway. His young granddaughter came up to him, and he asked her if she knew what it was.

"Sure I do," she replied. "It's breakable."



When children tell the Christmas story...

- ~ When the three wise guys from the East Side arrived, they found Jesus in the manger.
- ~ When Mary heard that she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the Magna Carta.
- ~ Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption.

Keep it a surprise

Three-year-old Lily was helping her mother wrap a present for her father. While wrapping, her mother told Lily about keeping the present a secret so it would be a surprise. After the present was wrapped, Lily proudly put it under the tree.

When her father asked her if he could shake it and guess what's inside, she said very seriously, "No, that's not possible. T-shirts don't rattle."



Santa's sleigh

Father Christmas nervously went for his sleigh-driving test. He came rushing back in a thunder of reindeer and pulled up in front of the toy factory. "At last!" he shouted, "No-el plates!"

PUZZLES

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Sudoku



Did the Old Testament expect Jesus to come? Yes indeed! Here are just some examples of OT prophecies:

He would be **BORN** of a **VIRGIN**. 'The virgin will conceive and give birth to a Son and will call Him **IMMANUEL**.' (Isaiah 7:14)

He would be born in **BETHLEHEM**. 'But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, out of you will come for me one who will be **RULER** over **ISRAEL**...' (Micah 5:2)

His lineage would be of the line of **DAVID**. 'I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, a **KING** who will reign wisely and do what is **JUST** and **RIGHT** in the land.' (Jeremiah 23:5-6).

He would bring **HEALING**. 'Then will the eyes of the **BLIND** be opened and the ears of the **DEAF** unstopped. Then will the **LAME** leap like a deer, and the **MUTE** tongue shout for joy.' (Isaiah 35:5-6)

He would be **CRUCIFIED**. They **PIERCE** my **HANDS** and my **FEET**. All my bones are on display; people stare and **GLOAT** over me. They divide my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment. (Psalm 22)

He would **RISE** from the **DEAD**. 'You will not **ABANDON** me to the **REALM** of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see **DECAY**...' (Psalm 16: 8-11)



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

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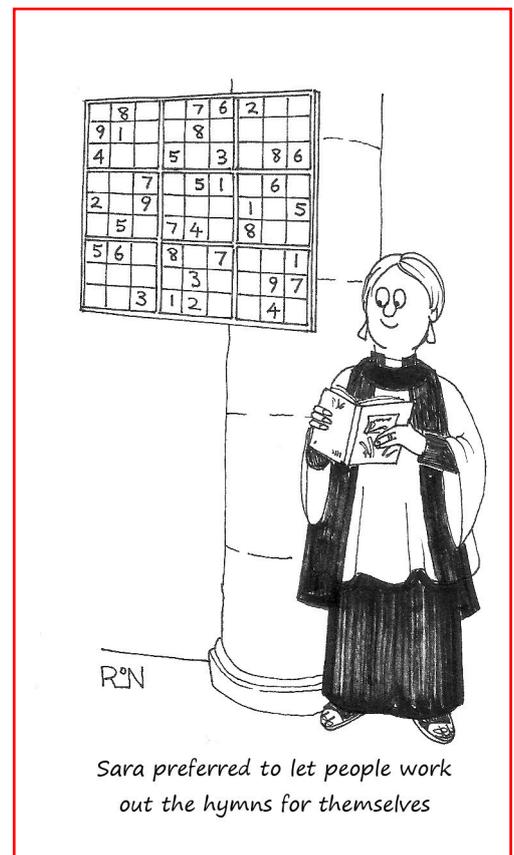
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