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Jesus said:
Behold, I stand at
the door and
knock; if any one
hears my voice
and opens the
door, I will come
in to him and eat
with him, and he
with me. (*Rev 3:20*)

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Revelation 3:20

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If you would like to book a Wedding or Baptism at either Elmton or Creswell church; please come along to: St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Creswell between 6 –7 pm on the 1st Thursday of the month:
(Contact David Froggatt on 01909 723342)

**Baptisms take place on the 3rd Sunday
of each month at 12.00 noon.**

Many people book baptisms well in advance and dates do get booked up particularly in the Summer months, so please don't arrange a Christening party before you have checked with us first.



New Year

It's hard to think about new beginnings when it's still the middle of a cold dark December; and I'm writing this on a grey and misty day when I can hardly see the bottom of the garden from the window!

It's a very easy analogy to make, but just as I can't see far in the mist, none of us can see far into our futures. It's very easy on misty day like today to forget that beyond the mist are the fields and trees and the beauty of the countryside. It's all too easy in life to be blinded by the problems and difficulties we face and to forget the wider perspective.

Advent was about widening our view and looking forward; forward to celebrate a time when God came into the darkness of the world to walk with us and share our hopes and fears; forward to the time when God's kingdom will be established and there will be peace.

New Year is another time to look forward. It's easier perhaps to look forward when the days are getting a little longer each day and there is the promise of Spring; but the message of Christmas also helps us to look forward because Christmas gives hope that however dark the world seems, God is in the world with us.

The message of Christmas brought love and hope, and they are two things that we need to hang onto as we go into 2017. There will be times in the year ahead when we feel we know

where we are going - and times when we feel we are in thick fog! But whatever the situation we are in, Christmas has given us the promise that God is walking with us.

I pray that we will all find that God is walking close to us as we enter the New Year and that we will feel God's presence guiding us and lighting our way forward wherever this year takes us.



With love and blessings for 2017
Rev. Liz

A new year!

We look back to the old,
to the leaving, gladly or sadly.
We look ahead to the unknown,
to days which might bring love, or loss.
In our own strength, with our own wisdom
this is a scary place.
But our God is already there -
ahead and behind.
He created us.
He knows all our days.
So we need not be afraid.
In Him we are secure
for this new year and forever.
He will be with us
if we trust,
lift up our eyes
and walk on.

And, with His help, we can.

By Daphne Kitching

FROM THE REGISTERS FOR DECEMBER

Baptisms: None.

Weddings: None.

Funerals: Barbara Maud Cobham, Barbara Belfitt, Margaret Stephens, Gwyneth Mouldsdale.

SUNDAY READINGS FOR JANUARY

Sunday 1st

1st Reading: Num. 6. 22 – end.
2nd Reading: Gal. 4. 4 - 7
Gospel Reading : Luke. 2. 13 – end.

Sunday 8th

1st Reading: Isa. 42. 1 - 9
2nd Reading: Acts 10. 34 - 43
Gospel : Reading: Matt. 3. 13 – end.

Sunday 15th

1st Reading: Isa. 49. 1 - 7
2nd Reading: 1 Cor. 1. 1 - 9
Gospel Reading: John. 1. 20 - 42

Sunday 22nd

1st Reading: Isa. 9. 1 - 5
2nd Reading: 1 Cor. 1. 10 - 8.
Gospel Reading: Matt. 4. 12 - 23

Sunday 29th

1st Reading: 1 Kings. 17. 8 - 16
2nd Reading: 1 Cor. 1. 18 - end.
Gospel Reading: John. 2. 1 - 11



SERVICES FOR JANUARY

Sunday 1st

Holy Communion	: St. Lawrence Whitwell	8.30 am
Holy Communion	: St. Mary Magdalene Creswell	10.30 am
Sunday School	: St. Mary Magdalene Creswell	10.30 am
Eucharist	: St. Peter's Elmton -	6.00 pm

Wednesday 4th

Holy Communion	: St. Lawrence Whitwell	9.30 am
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Sunday 8th

Holy Communion	: St. Mary Magdalene Creswell	8.30 am
Holy Communion	: St. Lawrence Whitwell	10.30 am
Eucharist	: All Saints Steetley	3.15 pm
Eucharist	: St. Peter's Elmton -	6.00 pm

Wednesday 11th

Holy Communion	: St. Mary Magdalene Creswell	9.30 am
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Sunday 15th

Holy Communion	: St. Lawrence Whitwell	8.30 am
Holy Communion	: St. Mary Magdalene Creswell	10.30 am
Eucharist	: St. Peter's Elmton -	6.00 pm

Wednesday 18th

Holy Communion	: St. Lawrence Whitwell	9.30 am
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Sunday 22nd

Holy Communion	: St. Mary Magdalene Creswell	8.30 am
Holy Communion	: St. Lawrence Whitwell	10.30 am
Eucharist	: St. Peter's Elmton -	6.00 pm

Wednesday 25th

Holy Communion	: St. Mary Magdalene Creswell	9.30 am
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Sunday 29th

Joint Service	: St. Mary Magdalene Creswell	10.30 am
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St Mary Magdalene 200 Club

The 200 Club recently started its **Nineteenth Year** and it is still profitable.

The Weekly cash prizes is:-

First Prize £30,

Second Prize £20

Third Prize £10.

Two Special Cash Draws At Christmas and at the Annual Summer Garden Fete will remain. (2 x £175) £350.00

We **still** have **spare numbers; why not join up in time for the Christmas draw.**

St Mary Magdalene is a beautiful church and needs your support.

The Church is an asset for the whole community.

Not only is it used for the regular Sunday and Wednesday Worship, but also by the Community for Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, special commemorative services, The Wednesday Coffee Morning, The Creswell Breakfast Club, Christmas Services....(*and more*)

Your contribution helps to keep it maintained.

We get no Government help in maintaining our church.

The sole source of income is from the congregation's regular giving on Sundays, fund raising events and programs. (such as the 200 club)

If you know of anyone who may like to join please contact one of our collectors for Information.

Michele Ellis, Pauline Orwin, Helle Woodcock, Marlene Frost

Dennis Smedley, Janet Staniforth and of course Lewis.

Parochial Church Council

CRESWELL SUNDAY SCHOOL

The first Sunday of every month

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Why not come and join us as we learn about the Christian Faith through stories, games and crafts.

**For more information contact
Margaret Froggatt
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We held our Christmas Dinner at The Rose and Crown in Barlbrough on Monday 5th December. There were 25 members and friends and we all had an enjoyable time. The next day (Tuesday 6th.) we held our Service of Lights in Church. Lynn led the service and we finished with Sherry & Mince Pies.

Thank you to everyone for their attendance this year. Our First meeting in the New Year will be February. Wishing you all a peaceful and a happy new year.

Rita Turner
Leader.

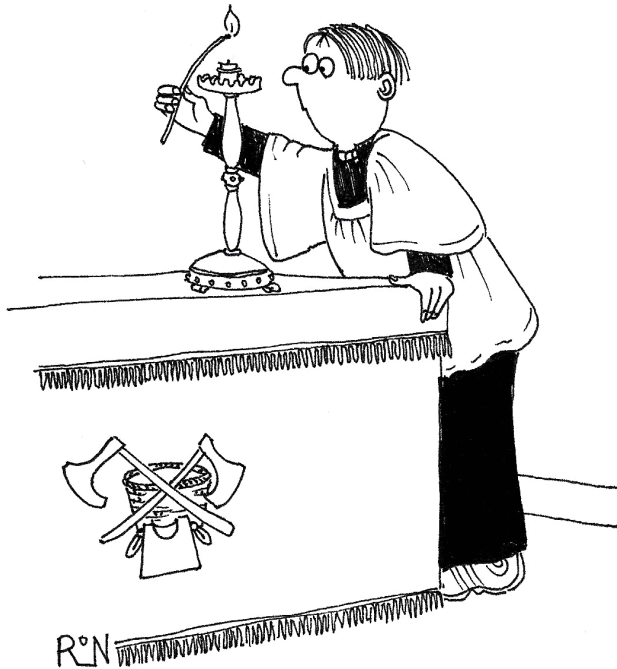
Thank you to everyone for your good wishes and prayers for a speedy recovery for Ken. We really do appreciate them.

Rita

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LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

There are no meetings in January. The next meeting is on Thursday February 2nd at 7pm when the speaker will be Bob Glassey with "Newly Discovered Old Photographs".



There were many signs of economic downturn

Local History Corner

The Reverend C.W.Tibbits.Parish Magazine News 1901-1902

In the Parish News of 1901, the Annual Parochial Tea is advertised.The proceeds from this tea were to be used for the organ fund.The vicar hoped that everyone would give liberally (as Clowne people had for theirs) and raise this amount.A total of £70 had to be found by the end of the year.In the Parish Magazine he writes that this fund haunts him like a nightmare.He worries that if this amount isn't raised then he had a lively anticipation of the selling of his goods and chattels to meet the deficiency.

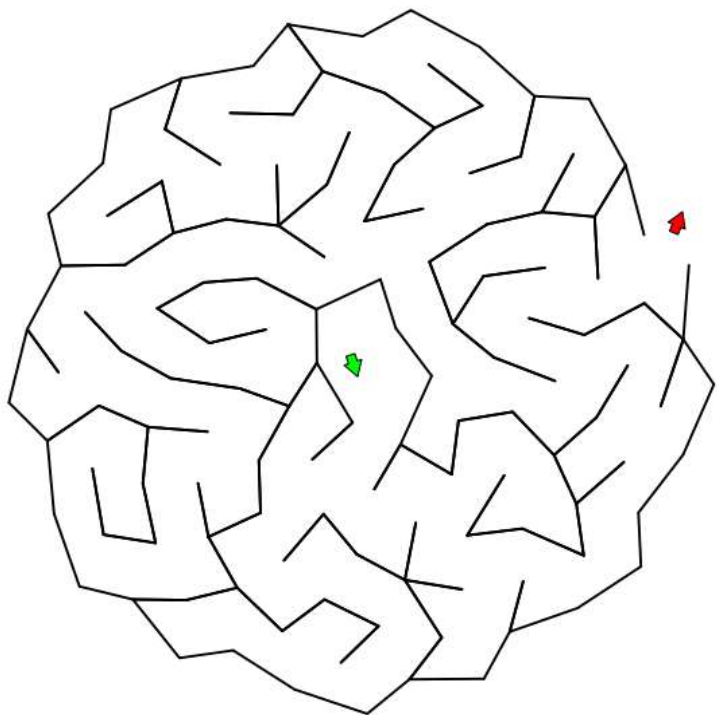
Evidently this amount was raised as in his Pastoral Letter of January 1902, he wishes everyone a Happy New Year and comments on the changes he has seen in his 10 years of being the vicar.The population had increased from 601 to over2,800.The day schools which had about 90 pupils in1892 now had accommodation for 700. The "little old church " at Elmton had been restored and renovated with a new vestry, organ chamber,seats,floor, roof and spouts and the organ moved to the chancel.

He mentioned that the Duke of Portland had contributed to the new schools and laid the foundation stone of the church which later he opened.As well, the building of the Curate's house had begun.For the last three years additional clergy had been working in the Parish and a nurse had been appointed to tend the sick.

He thanked God for all that had been achieved.

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LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

January Maze



"The vicar's hoping providing a really strong mobile signal will attract more young folk to the church."

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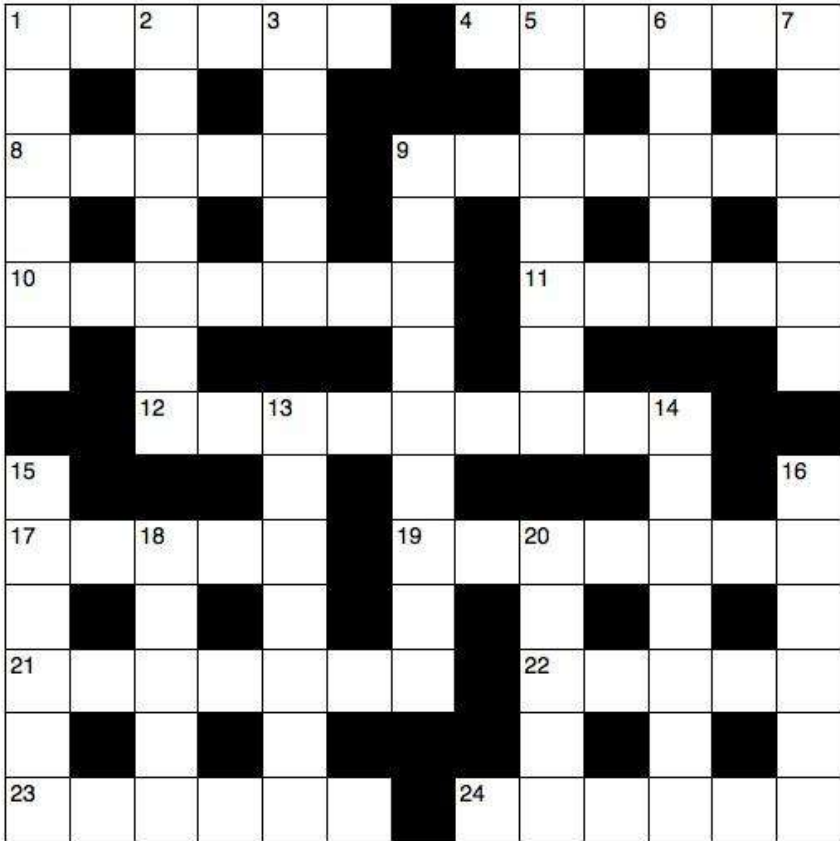
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CROSSWORD

Answers on page 19



Scribble Space



ACROSS

- 1 Protective covering recommended to the Ephesians (Ephesians 6:11) (6)
- 4 The number of apostles (Matthew 10:2) (6)
- 8 Tenth-century Bishop of Augsburg for 48 years, who became the first saint to be canonized by a pope (5)
- 9 'Do not — what is evil but what is good' (3 John 11) (7)
- 10 Reading desk in a church (7)
- 11 'He looked up and said, "I see people; they look like — walking around"' (Mark 8:24) (5)
- 12 One of the qualities that Paul exhorted Timothy to pursue (1 Timothy 6:11) (9)
- 17 One of the meaningless pleasures acquired by the Teacher (Ecclesiastes 2:8) (5)
- 19 'Like — babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation' (1 Peter 2:2) (7)
- 21 Jesus said that Moses allowed this only because men's hearts were hard (Matthew 19:8) (7)
- 22 Girl's name (5)
- 23 Most sagacious (Judges 5:29) (6)
- 24 How Stephen, the first Christian martyr, died: after being — (Acts 7:59) (6)

DOWN

- 1 A Jew whom Paul met in Corinth, whose wife was Priscilla (Acts 18:2) (6)
- 2 For example, turning water into wine, feeding the five thousand, walking on water (John 7:21) (7)
- 3 Abram's relationship to Lot (Genesis 14:12) (5)
- 5 'Jesus answered, "It is —: 'Man does not live by bread alone.'"' (Matthew 4:4) (7)
- 6 'Peace I — with you; my peace I give you' (John 14:27) (5)
- 7 'May the Lord deal with me, be it — — severely, if anything but death separates you and me' (Ruth 1:17) (4,2)
- 9 Lack of knowledge (Acts 17:30) (9)
- 13 This woman 'followed Paul and believed' after his words to the Areopagus in Athens (Acts 17:34) (7)
- 14 Or noise (anag.) (7)
- 15 'Even though I walk through the valley of the — of death, I will fear no evil' (Psalm 23:4) (6)
- 16 ' — Christian soldiers, marching as to war' (6)
- 18 Saver (anag.) (5)
- 20 'Unless a grain of — falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed' (John 12:24) (5)

Events from the past which occurred in the month of January

- 1st Fiona Phillips journalist & TV presenter born (62) 1955.
- 3rd 200 police officers attend the siege of Sidney St in London 1911.
- 4th Scientist Sir Issac Newton born 1643.
- 5th Explorer Ernest Shackleton dies of heart attack (47) 1922.
- 9th Catherine duchess of Cambridge born (35) 1982.
- 8th Bristol Cathedral designated as a place of interest 1959.
- 10th David Bowie dies from cancer 2 days after his 69th birthday 2016.
- 12th Martia Kotch of E/Germany breaks 100m indoor world record 1980.
- 13th James Keir Hardie unites socialists & forms the labour party 1893.
- 14th Human rights activist Malcolm X weds co activist Betty Shabazz 1958.
- 16th Hartley colliery disaster Northumberland claims 204 lives 1862.
- 19th 1st electric lighting system built by Edison begins service in us 1883.
- 20th King Richard 11 weds Anne of Bohemia in Westminster Abbey 1382.
- 21st Yvonne Pearson, Yorkshire Ripper's 7th victim found 1978.
- 22nd Pet Shop Boys tops the charts with "West End Girls" 1986.
- 26th UK unemployment rises above 3 million 1st time since 1930s 1982.
- 28th Six times married Henry V111 dies aged 55yrs 1547.
- 29th "Desert Island Discs " first broadcast on radio 1942.
- 30th Record FA Cup win for Derby beating Barnsley St Peters 8-1 in 1897.
- 31st 1st alas Smith & Jones comedy programme broadcast on BBC 1984.

Sent in by Kevin Jones.

We, three kings?



They're there in most Nativity plays, resplendent in regal gowns and cardboard crowns, carrying their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Actually, the Church celebrates the coming of these exotic people to the stable at Bethlehem not at Christmas but now, in January, in a season called 'Epiphany'.

The word means 'revealing', and it reminds us that the Saviour was a gift to the whole world – even Gentiles from 'the East' were welcome at His coming. The story of the Wise Men, as we usually call them (but more accurately the Magi), is a 'revealing' – the 'new king' was to be the Saviour of the world, 'good news for all people', as the angels proclaimed to the shepherds.

The name 'Magi' should alert us to their true role. They were 'wise' in the sense that they knew and studied the stars, but their primary trade was fortune-telling. 'Magi' is the root of our word 'magic', and people like them held the

ancient world in thrall to their predictions. In the Greek and Roman world of the time no major decision would be made without their sanction. Think of Shakespeare's Julius Caesar and the superstitious fear that dominated people's lives.

Yet when these powerful representatives of the world of magic, portent and fear came to the stable, they prostrated themselves before the infant Jesus, as they gave Him their gifts. Thus, as the first Christians saw it, the old world of fear and superstition gave way to the new world of love, grace and faith. That was the 'revealing' that we celebrate in Epiphany – not some elderly men bringing gifts to a baby, but a baby bringing to the world the greatest gift of all, a Saviour.

Canon David Winter

We've got a new word: Post-truth

The Oxford Dictionaries selected 'post-truth' as their 2016 word of the year. Originally coined in the 1990's, it came to the fore as a description of the way the UK Referendum and the US Presidential election were fought last year.

Rather than concentrating on facts and policies, these campaigns relied on the repetition of unsubstantiated claims and stories. Emotion won over argument. In an uncharacteristically severe reproof, Rowan Williams, the former Archbishop of Canterbury described all this as the "fact-free manipulation of emotion by populist adventurers."

In the TV panel game "Would I Lie to You?" each participant tells a personal story, and the opposing team has to decide whether it's true or a lie. It only works because, at the end, the storytellers are honour-bound to

admit whether or not they have told the truth. In the Radio 4 game "The Unbelievable Truth" each player is given a subject to define, with four truths secreted in what is otherwise a fictional account. The other players have to spot the truths. Are they right or wrong? Again, honesty has to prevail or the game wouldn't work.

Telling the truth isn't easy. Like the fabled angler who exaggerated the size of the fish which got away, many of us have caught ourselves out embroidering the facts.

'Post-truth' means that none of this matters. It was entertaining when a Sunday newspaper carried these headlines: "London Bus Found Frozen in Antarctic Ice", and "World War II Bomber Found on the Moon". Whether or not they were true was irrelevant.

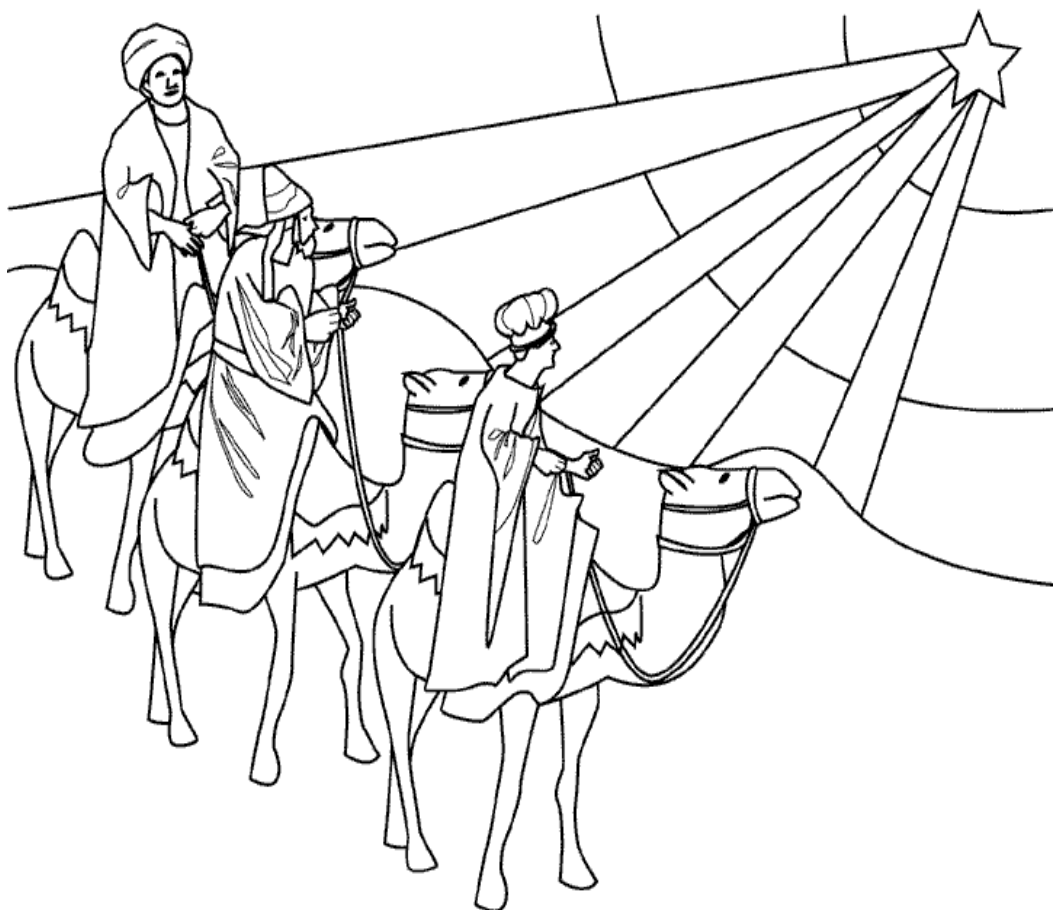
"What is truth?" asked Pontius Pilate, as he handed Jesus over to be crucified. He wasn't to know that history would record him as a failure, whereas his prisoner would be worshipped as "the Way, the Truth and the Life".

The Ven John Barton

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Creswell Breakfast club

A big thank you to all who helped unload the delivery van and pack 250 festive food bags. The church was alive with activity on Thursday(15th) and in no time at all the all the bags were packed. In was wonderful of you all to turn up and help. We would also like to thank Derbyshire County Council Public Health, Fair Share, Creswell Infant School, Creswell Junior School, Earlybird Day Nursery and Sure Start Nursery for their help in organising, delivering and distributing the festive bags.

A very peaceful and joyful New Year to you all.

The Creswell Breakfast club will be back for February half term.

Carol Singing at The Black Diamond.

We had a fun evening on Sunday 18th at the Black Diamond Singing Carols with the support of some members of the Creswell Brass Band and the Black Diamond customers. Thank you to our hosts Richard, Karen and Kirsty for all your support and for the food.

