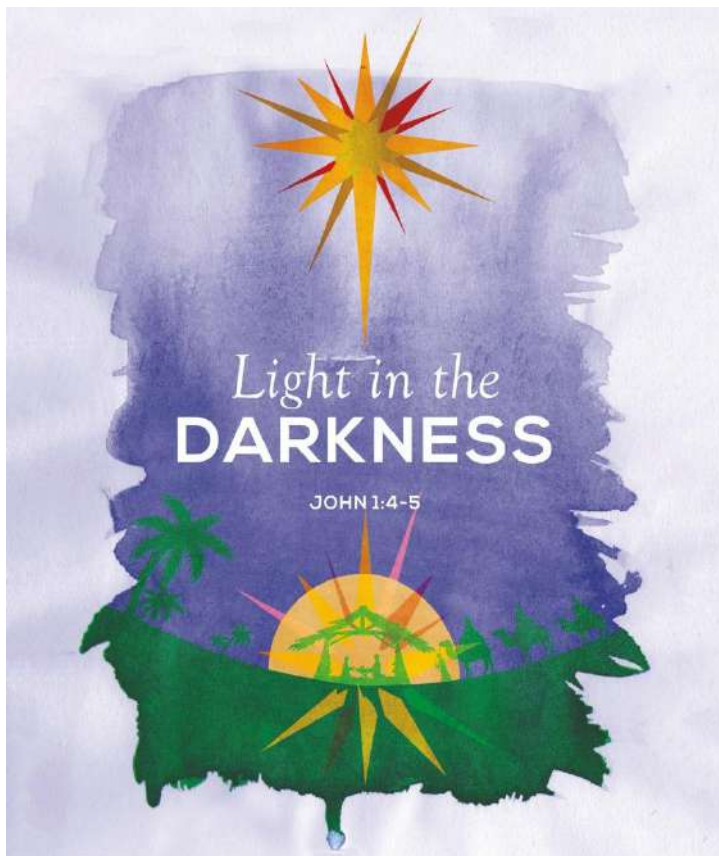


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If you would like to book a Wedding or Baptism at either
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St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Creswell between 6 –7 pm
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(Contact David Froggatt on 01909 723342)

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

Many people book baptisms well in advance and dates
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Waiting for the Light

You don't have to wait! You can get the dream kitchen you always wanted!

Or so a leading furniture store advertised not long ago ... the hitch (of course there was a hitch!) meant taking out a loan with a higher than average interest rate!

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It wasn't always like that of course; many of us remember a time when people had to save up for what they needed. But today the idea of saving up for and waiting for something is really rather old-fashioned!

Maybe because of this, Advent seems to have fallen by the way-side. As soon as it's November (or even before) the shops put trees and decorations up, and Santa's Grottos make an appearance.

So the Church seems to be rather out of step with the world as we work our way through Advent and because the Gospel readings are all about the 'end-times' it can feel at odds with the Christmas build up already happening around us. The church only starts to celebrate Jesus birth just before Christmas Day. Whereas the world has been celebrating it for over a month!

Maybe this year we should give some time to dwelling on Advent themes before we get to Christmas. Because Advent is about waiting for the Light which is coming into the world and

thinking about *how* we wait; how we behave as we wait.

The world in Jesus times was dark with violence and injustice, just as our world is today, and many people are asking where the light is?

God's promise, through the prophet Isaiah, is this "*The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned*" Is. 9:2

God's light *has* come in Jesus and *will* come again; and Advent is a good time to look at our lives and ask ourselves if we are living as Jesus' instructed us to do, so that we are ready to meet the risen Christ when he comes.

The days and the news may seem dark at the moment but when it is *very* dark ... light shines even more brightly: by *our* actions and the way in which we live, we can help the light of Christ shine through *us*.

May the light of Christ shine in your hearts and lives and overflow into the world this Christmas time.



With love and blessings
Rev Liz



FROM THE REGISTERS FOR October

Baptisms: **Creswell:-** Monica Parnham Wood, Ida May Stevens.

Weddings **Sarah Vicky Blakemore and Kevin Morton**

Funerals: Brenda Colbert, Charles Limb

SUNDAY READINGS FOR DECEMBER.

Sunday 3rd

1st Reading: Isa. 64. 1 – 9.
2nd Reading: 1Cor. 1. 3 - 9.
Gospel Reading : Mark. 13. 24 – end.

Sunday 10th

1st Reading: Isa. 40. 1– 11.
2nd Reading: 2 Peter. 3. 8 – 15a.
Gospel Reading: Mark. 1. 1 – 8.

Sunday 17th

1st Reading: Isa. 61. 1 – 4 , 8 – end.
2nd Reading: 1 Thess. 5. 16 – 24. .
Gospel Reading: John. 1. 6 – 8, 19 – 28.

Sunday 24th

1st Reading: 2 Sam. 7. 1 – 11, 16.
2nd Reading: Rom. 16. 25 – end.
Gospel Reading: Matt. 25. 31 – end..

Christmas Day

1st Reading: Isa. 52. 7 – 10.
2nd Reading: Heb. 1. 1 – 4.
Gospel Reading: John. 1. 1–14.



SERVICES FOR December

Friday 1st December

Whitwell Christmas Lunch

12.30pm – 2.00pm @ Whitwell Social Centre

Craft Stall, produce and raffle

(Sold Out)

1.00pm Silent Prayer @ All Saints Steetley.

Sunday 3rd December

8.30am Holy Communion @ St Lawrence Church, Whitwell.

10.30am Holy Communion @ St. Mary Magdalene Creswell

.6.00pm Holy Communion @St Peter's Elmton.

Wednesday 6th December

9.30am Said Communion @ St Lawrence Church, Whitwell

Sunday 10th December

8.30am Holy Communion @ St. Mary Magdalene, Creswell.

10.30am Holy Communion @ St Lawrence Church, Whitwell.

3.15pm Holy Communion @ All Saints, Steetley.

6.00pm Carol Service with Communion@ St Peter's Elmton.

Wednesday 13TH

9.30am Said Communion @ St. Mary Magdalene, Creswell

Sunday 17th December

8.30am Holy Communion @ St Lawrence Church, Whitwell.

10.30am Holy Communion @ St. Mary Magdalene Creswell

Whitwell Crib & Christingle Service

3.00pm – 4.00pm @ St Lawrence Church, Whitwell.

Creswell Carol Service

With Creswell Colliery Brass Band.

6.00pm – 7.00pm @ St Mary Magdalene Church, Creswell.

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Friday 22nd December

Whitwell Concert with Carols

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7.00pm – 9.00pm @ St Lawrence Church, Whitwell

Price £3.00.

Sunday 24th December : Christmas Eve

8.30am @ Holy Communion @ St Mary Magdalene, Creswell

Creswell Christingle & Crib Service

5.00pm – 6.00pm @ St Mary Magdlene’s Church, Creswell.

Steeley, Christmas Mass

7.00pm – 8.00pm @ All Saints Chapel, Steeley

Celebrating the Birth of Jesus

Elmton, Christmas Mass

10.00pm – 11.00pm @ St Peter’s Church, Elmton

Celebrating the Birth of Jesus

Whitwell, Midnight Mass

11.30pm – 12.30pm @ St Lawrence Church, Whitwell

Celebrating the Birth of Jesus

Monday 25th December; Christmas Day

Christmas Day Family Service

10.30am – 11.30am St Mary Magdlene’s Church, Creswell.



St Mary Magdalene 200 Club

This Month the 200 Club Celebrates TWENTY Years and it is still profitable. The Weekly cash prizes is First Prize £30, .The Second Prize is £20.The Third Prize has remained at £10,(Still maintaining £60 weekly Prize money) the Two Special Cash Draws At Christmas and the Annual Garden Fete will remain.(2 x £175) £350.00

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And of course Lewis.

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We wish all our members a very happy Christmas and New Year.

On Behalf of the P.C.C. - Lewis

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The monthly meeting on Tuesday 7th November started with prayers and a bible reading followed by tea.

The following forth coming events were listed:

The Christmas Lunch on 4th December at the Rose and Crown at Barlborough the cost is £14.95 each.

The Service of Lights in Church on Tuesday 5th December starting at 2pm. This will be followed by Sherry and Mince Pies.

There will be no meeting in January.

The next meeting will be the A.G.M. on February 6th starting at 2.00pm.

If you would like to join please contact Rita or turn up to the Service of Lights at St Mary Magdalene in Creswell or the A.G.M. The meetings are every month except January and August. There are craft demonstrations and or speakers at each meeting as well as good company with tea and cakes. We wish you all a very happy Christmas and a good new year.
Rita Turner

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1st December, 8th December. ...

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If you would like to give money for flowers over Christmas memory of dear departed please see Dennis or Rita.

ELMTON CAROL SINGING

Join the us at 7.00pm on the Green for an evening of Carol Singing around Elmton.

Finishing at the School Rooms for Mince Pies and Mulled Wine.

21st December.

Local History Corner

Creswell School 1940s

The following piece was sent to our group some years ago by Graham Taft. We hope it will bring back memories of Graham and perhaps your schooldays here.

Though my Dad's brother and his wife already lived on Elmton Road, we, that is Mum, Dad, Brother and I moved to Titchfield Street in January 1936. Blind Dan Storey lived next door and he would go out each day with a basket full of balm (yeast) in bags. He must have had a regular round of customers because he never had to feel for a latch or knob on a gate. Later that year we moved to a bungalow on Eyre Street.

Mum took me to the Infants School and I was placed in Miss Frith's class next door to Miss Cocking. The Headmistress Miss Prentice sat on a chair behind a desk which was on a raised platform in the Hall and she would question anybody who passed through during lesson time.

In September 1937 along with the others of my age we moved up to the Council School (now Junior School) where I was put in Miss Freda Gent's class. In 1938 I moved into Miss Lancashire's class. It was about this time when the family, like others, had to go to the school one evening to be fitted with gas masks. Then into Mr. Marshall's class who was a disciplinarian. He had been gassed in World War One and every now and then he would cough. All through these classes we had singing and country dancing (Gathering Peasecods) in the Hall. For Drill we had exercises in the yard and wore coloured team bands from our necks to our waists.

By now the Second World War had broken out and an Army contingent moved into the Council School. At the same time children from Roman Hill Junior School arrived in the village and the Creswell people who had a bedroom empty had a child billeted there. My class moved to a room in the swimming baths for lessons.

The three Headteachers, Mr. Joseph Baker, Senior School, Mr. Bradshaw, Junior School and Mr. Rising, Lowestoft evacuees met and formulated a plan for using the Senior School building. Classes met there and were educated there for half a day in turn.

Church bells could not be rung. If there was an air raid, seven short blasts would sound from the pit siren and All Clear would be a continual sound. If this happened during the night, we were allowed to attend school one hour later.

Rationing took place—meat, sugar, butter, margarine and of course sweets. Children especially missed these. The Government arranged for each child to have one third of a pint of milk each day. Biscuits were a halfpenny.

Some of the half days off some teachers took those of us who had bicycles to Bolsover Castle, Worksop Priory Church and Thorpe Salvin Church. It was here that I first saw a chained bible. I cannot recall when the army left but I know that it was scholarship time. It was taken in two parts. Those who passed the first part would take the second later in the term. We were still going to School half days so to help with the second part we would wait at the top of the village for our teacher Mr. Carter to arrive on his bicycle. He lived in Carr Vale. We would then walk down a lane to Mr. and Mrs. Willison's farm where we had schooling in their dining room. At the end of the session Mrs. Willison would come in with a big tray of apples. I am unable to remember if there was an apple for the teacher! We took the second part of the exam in the Council School Hall with an invigilator from another school. I passed the scholarship and went to Staveley Netherthorpe Grammar School.

After National Service I applied for Teacher Training at York St. John's College and was accepted. I left the army in December 1949. Mr. John Young, then Head of the Junior School wanted me to fill a vacancy before going to college and so I returned. I remember Mrs. Bacon, Mr. McDermot, Mr. Presley, Mr. Holt, Miss Higgins, Miss Bacon and Mrs. Marshall.

On one occasion when we were in the staff room, Miss Higgins said, "Isn't it funny, I used to teach you various lessons when you were a boy". Whereupon Mrs. Bacon said, "Shut up Margaret, I used to teach you!"

Crossword Clues

Across

1 Provisional meeting place of God and the Jews (Exodus 25:9) (10)

7 David's third son, killed when his head got caught in a tree during a battle with his father (2 Samuel 18:14,15) (7)

8 They ruled much of the west coast of South America in the 15th and early 16th centuries (5)

10 Small deer of European and Asian extraction (4)

11 Seized control of (Numbers 21:25) (8)

13 Terror (Luke 24:5) (6)

15 First World War heroine shot by the Germans in Brussels, Nurse Edith ... (6)

17 Stormy (8)

18 A bitter variety of this, together with lamb and unleavened bread, was the Passover menu for anyone unclean (Numbers 9:11) (4)

21 Arson (anag.) (5)

22 How John Newton described God's grace in his well-known hymn (7)

23 Habitation (Isaiah 27:10) (10)

Down

1 and see that the Lord is good (Psalm 34:8) (5)

2 The wicked man flees though no one pursues, but the righteous are as ... as a lion (Proverbs 28:1) (4)

3 One of the exiles, a descendant of Parosh, who married a foreign woman (Ezra 10:25) (6)

4 He escaped from Nob when Saul killed the rest of his family and joined David (1 Samuel 22:19,20) (8)

5 City and lake in Central Switzerland (7)

6 Offer your bodies as living , holy and pleasing to God (Romans 12:1) (10)

9 Pouches carried by horses (Genesis 49:14) (10)

12 One who accepts government by God (8)

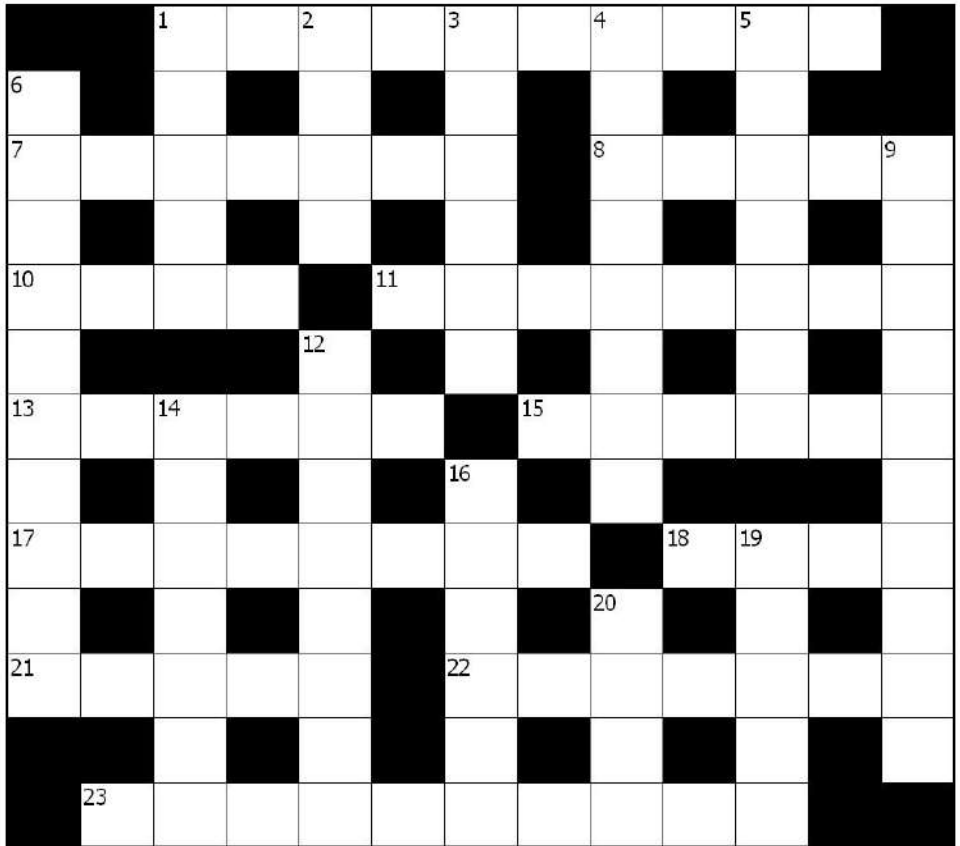
14 Aromatic substance commonly used in Jewish ritual (Exodus 30:1) (7)

16 He asked Jesus, 'What is truth?' (John 18:38) (6)

19 Are (Romans 13:1) (5)

20 You are to give him the name Jesus, because he will ... his people

from their sins (Matthew 1:21) (4)



Crossword answers page:16.



*...no I don't think you're the real Father Christmas!
I think you're up there pinching lead off my roof!!*



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Solution on page 16.



*The Church roof was a matter
of urgent concern*



Recipe of the Month



Sprouts With Chestnuts and Pancetta

Ingredients

900g/2lb small Brussels sprouts
50g/1¾oz butter
200g/7oz thinly sliced pancetta, cut into small pieces
1 onion, finely chopped
225g/8oz frozen chestnuts, defrosted and halved
salt and freshly ground black pepper

Method

1. Remove the outer leaves from the sprouts, trim the base of each one and cut in half from top to bottom, through the root. Cook the prepared sprouts in boiling salted water for 3-4 minutes, or until nearly tender. Drain and refresh in a bowl of cold water to retain their bright-green colour.
2. Heat half of the butter in a large frying pan over a medium heat. When the butter is foaming, add the pancetta and fry for 3-4 minutes, or until crisp. Remove from the pan using a slotted spoon and set aside to drain on kitchen paper.
3. Heat the remaining butter in the same pan. Add the onion and chestnuts and fry for 8-10 minutes, or until the onion has softened. Stir in the cooked pancetta.
4. Drain the sprouts well, then stir them into the pancetta, chestnut and onion mixture. Season, to taste, with salt and freshly ground black pepper. Serve piping hot alongside roast turkey with all the trimmings.

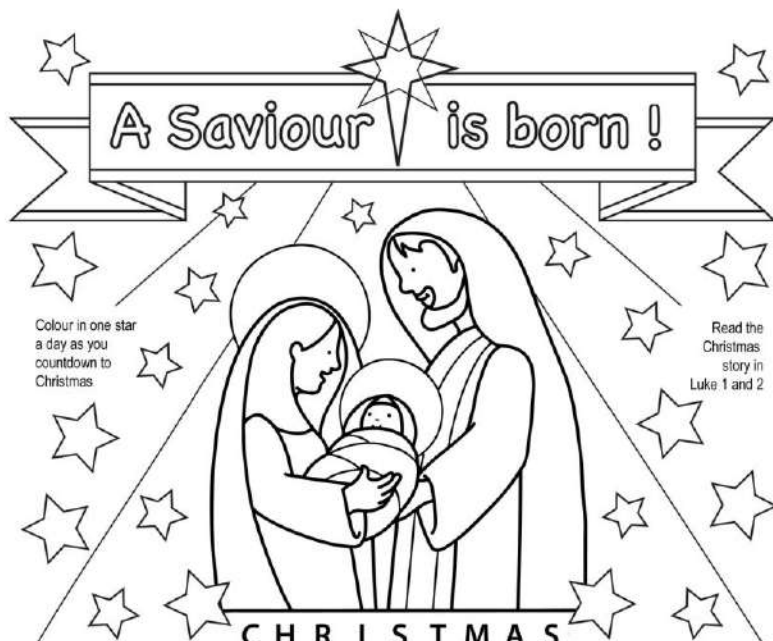
(The pancetta and chestnuts can be fried up to 6 hours ahead - fry them again for 1-2 minutes before adding the freshly cooked sprouts. Ensure that the sprouts are at room temperature when you add them to the pan - if they are added straight from the fridge, they take too long to heat through. This dish is best eaten freshly cooked, but leftovers can be stored in the fridge for one day.)
(BBC Food Recipes)

Events from the past that occurred during the month of December .

- 1st. Lady Nancy Astor becomes 1st female to enter parliament 1919.
- 2nd. British Imperial Airways & British Airways merge as B.O.A.C 1939.
- 5th. 1st electric car built in Toronto driving 15miles between charges 1893.
- 7th. Elvis Presley tops charts with "It's Now or Never" 1960.
- 8th. John Lennon shot dead outside his apartment in New York 1980.
- 9th. Ledley King (spurs) scores fastest premier league Goal, within 10secs of kick off, in 2000.
- 10th. Queen, release their 5th album "A day at the Races" 1976.
- 11th. Actress Jill Halfpenny with Darren Bennett win "strictly "2004.
- 12th. "Old Blue Eyes "Frank Sinatra born, 1915. 1915.
- 13th. Margaret Hilda Roberts(Maggie Thatcher) weds Denis Thatcher 1951.
- 16th. Colonel Sanders "founder of Kentucky Fried Chicken" dies (90) 1980.
- 17th. Type 42 destroyer HMS Edinburgh commissioned 1985.
- 19th. Last survivor of US civil war Walter Williams dies (117) 1959.
- 20th. Donald Trump weds second wife Marla Maples 1993
- 21st. Disney's "Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs" premieres in us 1937.
- 23rd. 81 miners die after gas explosion at Mardy Colliery IN South Wales, 1885.
- 24th. Former labour leader Ed Milliband born (48) 1969 .
- 25th. Francis of Assisi set up the first known presepio or creche (nativity scene) in Greccio (near Assisi) in Italy' 1220. (*His nativity imagery reflected the scene in traditional paintings. He used real animals to create a living scene so worshippers were able to contemplate the birth of Christ in a direct way.*)
- 26th. Favourite, Desert Orchid, wins his 1st King George VI. chase in 1986.
- 30th. Comedy classic "Allo Allo" 1st shown on BBC in 1982.

Sent in by Kevin Jones..

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