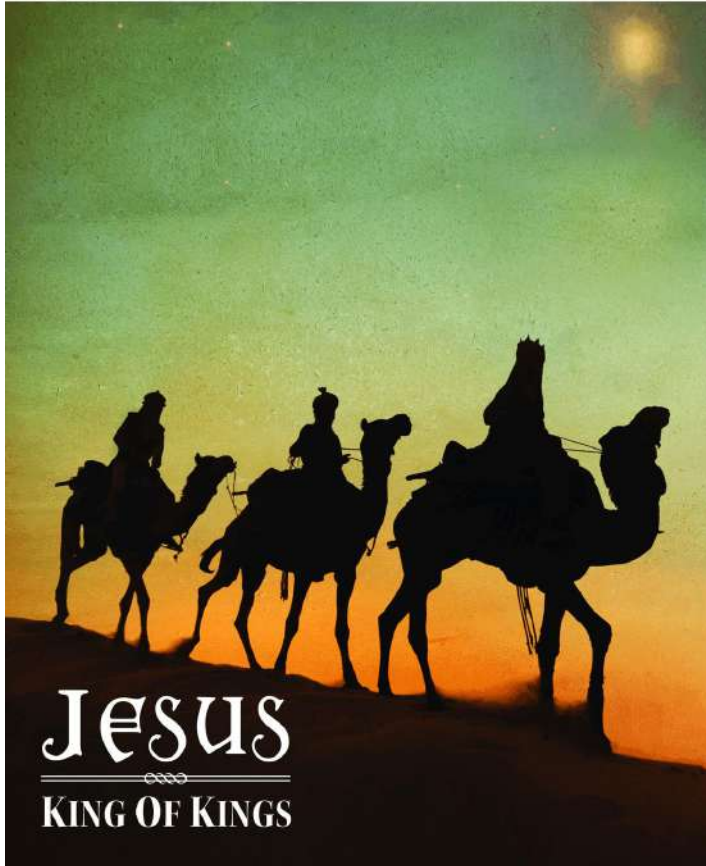


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Epiphany



The Epiphany is an ancient Christian feast day and is celebrated in different ways across the world. The word 'Epiphany' is Greek and means 'manifestation' celebrating the revelation of God in his Son Jesus Christ.

The feast of Epiphany originated in the East, marking the baptism of Jesus as well as celebrating Jesus' birth. The Western Church began to celebrate Epiphany in the 4th century as the time when the wise-men came to visit Jesus bringing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. In the Spanish speaking world Epiphany is also known as *Día de los Reyes* (Three Kings Day).

In the Church of England we observe Epiphany on the 6th January and Epiphany Season runs from 6th January until Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. The feast of Epiphany on January 6th also marks 'Twelfth Night' the end of the Christmas festival and traditionally the day by which all decorations should be taken down.

In fact during the medieval period, Christmas was celebrated for all of the twelve days from December 24th (Christmas Eve), until 6th January. Even in the 19th century, January 6th was as big a celebration as Christmas Day.

Here are some interesting facts about Epiphany

- Hundreds of years ago, roast lamb was traditionally served at Epiphany in honour of Christ and the three Kings' visit.
- In some European countries, whoever finds the small statue of baby Jesus hidden inside their slice of Rosca de reyes Bread throws a party on Candlemas in February.
- In some European countries, children leave their shoes out the night before Epiphany to be filled with gifts and also leave straw for the three Kings' horses.

- According to Greek Orthodox Church's traditions, a priest will bless the local river waters by throwing a cross into it, as worshippers try to retrieve it.
- In Bulgaria too, Eastern Orthodox priests throw a cross in the sea and men dive in - competing to get to it first.
- In Prague, there is a traditional Three Kings swim to commemorate Epiphany Day at the Vltava River.

Reading about other traditions is always interesting and I like the sound of these Epiphany celebrations; except perhaps for swimming in the sea or river at this time of year!

Epiphany brings with it the excitement of the wise-men's journey, the glitter of the gold; the smell of the incense and myrrh. It reminds us of a birth but also of a death; perhaps it brings thoughts of the transitory nature of all life and how by giving to, and caring for, each other we can fill one another's lives with love and hope.

Finally at each Epiphany I remember the poem about the wise-men by T.S. Elliot. He writes of the journey which was hard but which changed their lives and so I pray that our journeys through the year ahead may change our lives as we reflect on the wise-men and their journey to meet Jesus. May we all meet Jesus in new and deeper ways this coming year.

The Journey of the Magi T.S.Elliot

A cold coming we had of it,
 Just the worst time of the year
 For a journey, and such a long journey:
 The ways deep and the weather sharp,
 The very dead of winter.'
 And the camels galled, sorefooted, refractory,
 Lying down in the melting snow.
 There were times we regretted
 The summer palaces on slopes, the terraces,
 And the silken girls bringing sherbet.
 Then the camel men cursing and grumbling
 and running away, and wanting their liquor and women,
 And the night-fires going out, and the lack of shelters,
 And the cities hostile and the towns unfriendly
 And the villages dirty and charging high prices:

A hard time we had of it.
At the end we preferred to travel all night,
Sleeping in snatches,
With the voices singing in our ears, saying
That this was all folly.

Then at dawn we came down to a temperate valley,
Wet, below the snow line, smelling of vegetation;
With a running stream and a water-mill beating the darkness,
And three trees on the low sky,
And an old white horse galloped away in the meadow.
Then we came to a tavern with vine-leaves over the lintel,
Six hands at an open door dicing for pieces of silver,
And feet kicking the empty wine-skins.
But there was no information, and so we continued
And arriving at evening, not a moment too soon
Finding the place; it was (you might say) satisfactory.

All this was a long time ago, I remember,
And I would do it again, but set down
This set down
This: were we led all that way for
Birth or Death? There was a Birth, certainly
We had evidence and no doubt. I had seen birth and death,
But had thought they were different; this Birth was
Hard and bitter agony for us, like Death, our death.
We returned to our places, these Kingdoms,
But no longer at ease here, in the old dispensation,
With an alien people clutching their gods.
I should be glad of another death.



With love and blessings
Rev Liz



FROM THE REGISTERS FOR December.

Baptisms: **None**

Weddings **None**

Funerals: Edith Amella Wilson(KA Delia), Dennis Green.

SUNDAY READINGS FOR JANUARY

Sunday 7th

1st Reading: Gen. 1. 1 – 5.
2nd Reading: Acts. 19. 1 - 7.
Gospel Reading : Mark. 1. 4 – 11.

Sunday 14th

1st Reading: 1 Sam. 3. 1– 10.(11-20)
2nd Reading: Rev. 5. 1 – 10.
Gospel Reading: John. 1. 43 – end.

Sunday 21st

1st Reading: Gen. 14 17 - 20.
2nd Reading: Rev. 19. 6 – 10.
Gospel Reading: John. 2. 1 – 11.

Sunday 28th

1st Reading: Deut. 18. 15 – 20.
2nd Reading: Rev. 12. 1 – 5a.
Gospel Reading: Mark. 1. 21 – 28..



SERVICES FOR JANUARY

Wednesday 3rd

Holy Communion : St. Lawrence Whitwell 9.30 am

Friday 5th

Silent Prayer at All Saints, Steetley 1.00pm

Sunday 7th

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 10th

Holy Communion : St. Mary Magdalene Creswell 9.30 am

Sunday 14th

Holy Communion : St. Mary Magdalene Creswell 8.30 am

Holy Communion: St. Lawrence Whitwell 10.30 pm

Holy Communion : All Saints Steetley 3.15 pm

Eucharist : St. Peter's Elmton - 6.00 pm

Wednesday 17th

Holy Communion : St. Lawrence Whitwell 9.30 am

Sunday 21st

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 24th

Holy Communion : St. Mary Magdalene Creswell 9.30 am

Sunday 28th

Holy Communion: St. Mary Magdalene Creswell 8.30 am

Holy Communion: St. Lawrence Whitwell 10.30 pm

Eucharist : St. Peter's Elmton - 6.00 pm



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

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25TH JANUARY THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL

January is a month of the beginning of great things! As well as the naming of the Son of God, we celebrate the conversion of the greatest ever apostle of the Christian faith. Many books have been written on Paul, and here is the briefest of introductions.

He was a Jew, born as 'Saul' at Tarsus, and brought up by the rabbi Gamaliel as a Pharisee. A devout, fanatical Jew, Saul persecuted the Christians, and watched with satisfaction the first Christian martyrdom, the stoning of Stephen. Then on his way to Damascus Saul had a vision of Christ that stopped him, literally, in his tracks. He realised that this Jesus whom he was persecuting was in fact the Messiah for whom he had longed.

Saul changed overnight. He took a new name, Paul, and became an evangelist for the cause of Christ. He became a leader in the early Church, and his special calling was as an apostle to the Gentiles. He wrote many epistles to the young churches he founded - and thus, inadvertently, wrote a great part of the New Testament.

Life as the greatest apostle was hardly full of perks: he was stoned, beaten, mobbed, homeless, hated, imprisoned, and finally martyred. Tradition has it that he was beheaded in Rome during the persecution of Nero in AD 64, and buried where the basilica of St Paul 'outside the walls' now stands. His mighty faith in Christ has kindled similar belief in many hundreds of millions of people down the centuries.





LOCAL HISTORY CORNER



CRESWELL 1940s

Jack Thompson who lived in a bungalow on Morven Street, Creswell during the 1940s sent these memories to our group. His mother Ellen and his father Wallace, head wages clerk at the pit, both came from Cuckney families. Jack married Dorothy Cocking of Skinner Street who sadly died at a quite young age. They had three sons. He now lives with his partner in Exeter.

Jack remembers:

Riding my bike up Bonbusk, near Warrener's farm to look over the village.

Seeing the pit always smoking.

Hearing the pit siren go off about mid morning.

Hearing the endless shunting of coal wagons in the pit sidings.

The clump of pit boots outside our house as the day shift went to work.

Men in rough overalls carrying Dudleys and snap tins.

Dad came home from the pit office every dinner time and went back at exactly the same time. My friends played games around Morven Street- Jack Stacey, John Boffey, Colin and David Rice, Wendy Lindley, Rose Warvale, Joan and Ena Goucher, Janet Fretwell, Peter Jackson and lots more. The air raid shelters built in the gardens of the houses opposite were always a bit scary to play in.

I remember the shop where Mr. and Mrs. Jones kept the "beer off". I always liked to watch the men deliver the beer in barrels. They used ropes to lower it down to the cellar. Dad went down at Sunday dinner time with a jug for some bitter ale. Keith Hallam was the butcher and Mr. Edwards had a grocery shop. Lamb's had a bakery and grocer's shop on the opposite corner of Duchess Street. Mr. Nash drove around the village selling hardware and paraffin from his old grey lorry. There was a tap at the back and after a sale he took off the tap handle and gave it a knock. Mr. Powell came around the

village selling milk from a horse float with milk churns. Mam took out a jug for the milk and he doled out the milk with his measuring can with a curved handle.

A man in a very large Austin car regularly came from Hucknall selling shoes. Mr. Farrell drove around the village in his big, black car with biblical texts along the sides. His shop on Elmton Road sold clothes and his chapel was next door. The Worksop laundry van came on Tuesdays. A man in Mansfield market sold silk stockings. Mam made a great fuss when she bought some. I remember having my hair cut at Parkes barbers shop. You always had to sit and wait but there was always a fire going in the grate and old Mrs. Parkes would pop in to hand over cups of tea to Len and Olga. The Parkes boys and Olga were very good swimmers. Bob Wood ran the Baths and he, his wife and two daughters lived next door.

I went to school in Creswell but at age eleven I went to the Grammar School in Mansfield- on the train. Good fun! The Station was very busy in the morning. Shirebrook schools train came first and then the service train to Mansfield. I always got to school with dirty hands and I still have the old case that I took my books in.

(Our Group, Elmton with Creswell Local History Group, have a small display of artefacts from Parkes shop in Creswell Library.)

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LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Crossword Clues

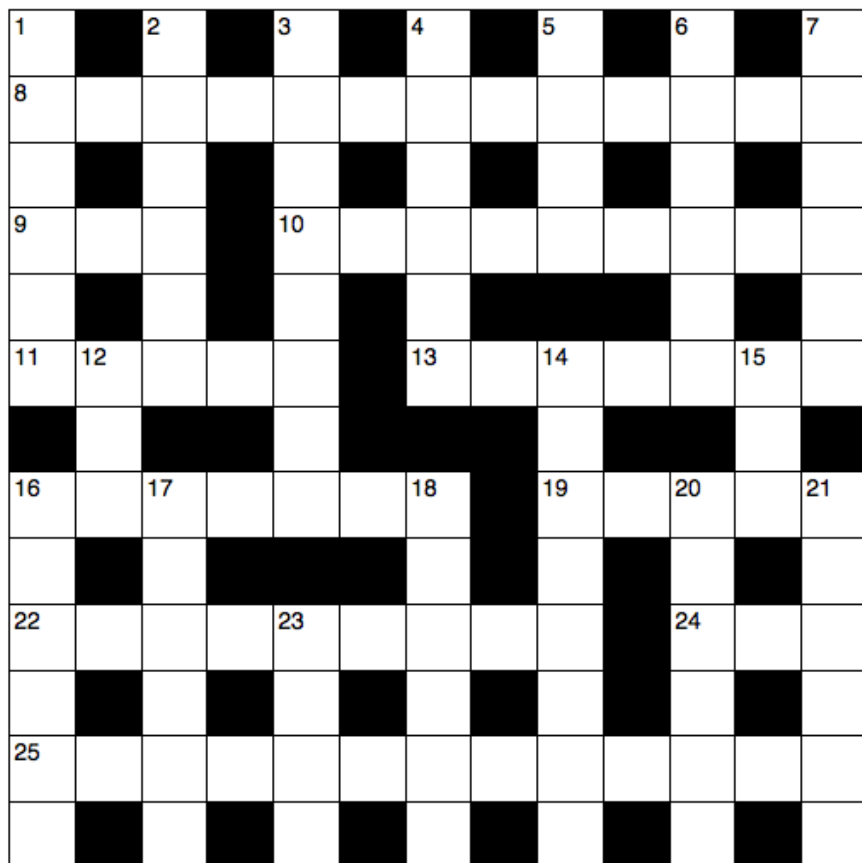
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- 8 How the Abyss (NIV) is described in the Authorized Version (Revelation 9:1) (10,3)
9 Frozen water (Ezekiel 1:22) (3)
10 The Ten Commandments (9)
11 In Roman Catholic theology, neither heaven nor hell (5)
13 Des cons (anag.) (7)
16 'Though [your 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)

Crossword answers page:16.



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Solution on page 16.

PRAYER AT EPIPHANY

Lord of all, Creator of all,

Please shine your light into this dark world. Reveal yourself afresh we pray. Bring new sight and understanding to eyes blinded by commercialism, materialism, self-seeking and cynicism.

At the start of this New Year, Lord, soften hearts and give wisdom, so that many will search and find you, just as the wise men searched and found you.

And for we who already know and love you, Lord, shine on us that we might reflect your light and make a difference, day by day. In Jesus' name. Amen.

By Daphne Kitching



Recipe of the Month

Eggs Benedict



Ingredients

6 tbsp hollandaise sauce
6 large, very fresh eggs
12 slices pancetta, grilled until crisp
3 English muffins, split in half horizontally
a little butter

Method

Remove Preheat the grill to its highest setting and start to grill the Pancetta.

Poach the eggs in a pan of boiling water.

When the pancetta is cooked, keep it on a warm plate while you lightly toast the split muffins on both sides.

Now butter the muffins and place them on the baking tray, then top each half with two slices of pancetta.

Put a poached egg on top of each muffin half and then spoon over the hollandaise, covering the egg (there should be a little over 1 tablespoon of sauce for each egg).

Now flash the Eggs Benedict under the grill for just 25-30 seconds, as close to the heat as possible, but do not take your eyes off them - they need to be tinged golden and no more.

This should just glaze the surface of the hollandaise. Serve straight away on hot plates

(BBC food)

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

- 1st United States bans the importation of slaves 1808.
- 2nd Poet Lord Byron marries Anne Isabella Milbanke 1815.
- 4th T S Eliot American born British poet dies aged 76 1965.
- 5th Big freeze causes 29 FA cup matches to be postponed 1963.
- 7th Nottinghamshire PC Ged Walker fatality wounded by car 2003.
- 8th Britain rations butter, bacon & sugar during WW11 1940.
- 9th Lord Nelson laid to rest in St Pauls cathedral London 1806.
- 11th Footballer & manager Bryan Robson born 1957.
- 12th Sven Goran Eriksson's first day as England football manager 2001.
- 14th Duchess of Kent joins the Catholic Church in 1994, 1st royal in 300yrs.
- 17th Michelle Obama born in 1964.
- 18th Doncaster H/weight boxer Bruce Woodcock born 1921.
- 19th C ounty & Western singer Dolly Parton born 1946.
- 22nd 1st Labour PM Ramsay Macdonald elected 1924.
- 23rd Israel claims Jerusalem as its capital city 1950.
- 26th UK unemployment reaches 3m in 1982, first time since the 1930's.
- 27th Auschwitz death camp liberated 1945.
- 28th After 49 yrs. Grandstand is broadcast for the last time 2007.
- 29th Winter Olympics opening ceremony in Innsbruck Austria 1964.
- 30th Eddie Fisher at no1 with "Outside Of Heaven" 1953.
- 31st British drivers must wear seat belts from today 1983.

Sent in by Kevin Jones..

COLOURING IN PAGE



On 6th January we celebrate Epiphany - the visit of the wise men to the baby Jesus. But who were these wise men? No one knows for sure. Matthew calls them 'Magi', and that was the name of an ancient caste of a priestly kind from Persia. It wasn't until the third century that they were called kings - by a church father, Tertullian.

Another church father, Origen, assumed there were three - to correspond with the gifts given. Later Christian interpretation came to understand gold as a symbol of wisdom and wealth, incense as a symbol of worship and sacrifice, and myrrh as a symbol of healing - and even embalming. Certainly Jesus challenged and set aright the way in which the world handled all three of these things. Since the 8th century, the magi have had the names Balthasar, Caspar and Melchior

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