

Focus on December 2022



And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Luke 2:7

WELCOME TO WESLEY CHAPEL

We are open for Sunday Morning Worship, 10.30am, see p3 for details of our services.

The Nidd Valley Circuit presents a weekly service at 10.30am every Sunday. Please visit <https://www.facebook.com/NiddValley/>

Circuit Morning Prayer Live runs every morning Monday to Friday at 8am on Facebook. This is available for watching again after the live broadcast/ <https://www.facebook.com/NiddValley/>

All links (and much more) can be accessed via our website <https://www.wesleychapelharrogate.org.uk>

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WHAT'S ON AT WESLEY

SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER

10.30am. Morning Worship led by Rev. Leonora Wassall.

6pm. Wesley Sunday Share via Zoom. (Link will be sent out or contact Les or Judith).

SUNDAY 4 DECEMBER 10.30am Memorial Service led by Rev. Lesley Taylor.

MONDAY 5 DECEMBER 1pm. Lunchtime Recital. See p13.

THURSDAY 8 DECEMBER Wesley Fellowship Carol Service..

SUNDAY 11 DECEMBER

10.30am. Morning Worship led by Josie Burdon and Celia Booth.

6pm. Wesley Sunday Share via Zoom. (Link will be sent out or contact Les or Judith).

TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER. Christmas Shoppers Carol Service led by Rev. Lesley.

SUNDAY 18 DECEMBER 10.30am. Carol Service. There will be a retiring collection for Christian Aid.

CHRISTMAS EVE 6.30pm. Service led by Rev. Moses John.

CHRISTMAS DAY 10.30am. Christmas morning worship led by Mike Greenberg. There will be a retiring collection for Harrogate Homeless Project.

1 JANUARY 2023 10.30am. Short service led by Rev. Lesley Taylor.

8 JANUARY 10.30am. Covenant Service led by Rev. Peter Whittaker..

TUESDAYS 10.30 to 12 noon. Wesley Wheelie Welcome Cafe. Come and join us for tea/coffee and a chat.

FRIDAYS 10am Online Coffee Morning. (Link will be sent out, or contact Les or Judith).

MESSAGE FROM OUR SENIOR STEWARD

Could you host a house Bible study group?

At a recent Church Council meeting we agreed it would be good if we could once again have a Wesley Chapel Bible study house group.

Our Helen Evison led a lovely little group at her home for quite some time and a number of people still have fond memories of it.

Our twice a month Sunday evening thirty minute, Wesley Sunday Share Zoom meeting regularly has a gathering of eight to ten people where we share our favourite hymns, readings, reflections, faith journey stories, poems and quotes that inspire us and lots more; however we do not share a more considered study of the Bible.

Could you consider setting a study group up at your home for say an hour or so, once or twice a month? Leadership of study topics could be shared if you wished.

If you would like to discuss this further please speak with Les or Christine Sudron. Tel: 01423 797406.

ADVENT STUDY GROUP.

Lesley is holding an Advent Study Group. The meetings will be on Monday afternoons from 2 to 3pm as follows:

28th November at Starbeck;

5th December at Bilton Area;

12th December at Starbeck

19th December at Bilton Area.

Although the meetings have already started, it isn't too late to join. They are being held at Bilton and Starbeck simply because of car parking facilities. You are all welcome.

WARM WELCOME

We recently held a meeting to discuss Wesley becoming a Warm Welcome (warm space) following the Tuesday coffee morning. This means that we will be open until 2pm. The Wesley Wheelie Welcome Cafe will function as normal from 10-30am till 12 noon with our regular volunteers. At 12 noon there will be a change of volunteers, unless the people who are already there wish to stay and help. At that point soup and a roll will be served. There will be a dish for donations if people wish to give.

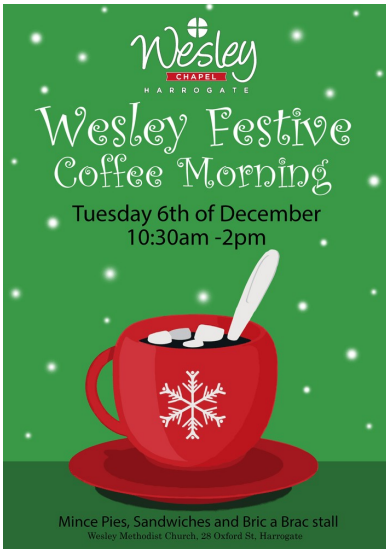
It is important that confidentiality is maintained and people who come in should not be named or discussed. It is possible that some people who come on a regular basis may want to help and we should encourage this. There will be papers, books, games and a prayer area. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

This is a step of faith and your prayers would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to volunteer you would be most welcome. Please let me know if you would like to volunteer. Our friends from Harlow Hill are supporting us and hopefully some members from Pannal or Trinity may also join us. We are hoping to open on the 10th January 2023. In the meantime, please pray for this new adventure.

Secondly to remind everyone it is the shoppers carol service on the 13th December 2022. Coffee will be served at 10-30 but stopped at 10-45 when a short service will start. Please think who you could invite particularly young children with either parents or grandparents to bring them. Leaflets with time and place will be out soon. Each child will receive a gift. Again, we have stepped out in faith and doubled the number of books we have ordered from the Bible Society. Please add the Shoppers Carol Service to your prayer list.

Thank you. God Bless, **Shelagh**.

Southlands is having an indoor Christmas market on December 4th from 2pm to 4pm. 40 stalls to choose from. Refreshments available.



WESLEY FESTIVE COFFEE MORNING

Message from Eileen

The coffee morning on Tuesday the 6th December will be a Festive Coffee Morning running from 10.30am to 2pm. Mince pies and sandwiches will be on sale and there will also be a bric a brac sale. If you have any bric a brac which you would like to donate, please see Lynne Harvey. If you can offer any help on the day, please speak with me. All the best. Eileen.

Lynne sent this piece to our Weekly Pieces about the peculiarities of the English language.

Now I surely will not plague you
 With such words as Plague and Ague,
 But be careful how you speak,
 Say Break, Steak, but Bleak and Streak,
 Cloven, Oven, How and Low
 Script, Receipt, Shoe, Poem, Toe.
 Finally – which rhymes with Enough?
 Tough, Through, Plough, Cough or Tough?
 Hiccough has the sound of “cup”
 So, my advice is – give up!

‘Reflect upon your present blessings—of which every man has many—not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some’. *Sketches by Boz, Charles Dickens*

‘I will honour Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year. I will live in the Past, the Present, and the Future. The Spirits of all Three shall strive within me. I will not shut out the lessons that they teach!’ *A Christmas Carol. Charles Dickens*



WESLEY FELLOWSHIP



I cannot believe that I am writing my penultimate contribution in my capacity as Hon. Secretary. PLEASE, will some kind person come forward and take over my role w.e.f. March 2023?

I must thank Mike and Maureen for their massive help with the November meeting on the 10 th . What better time than to remember not only those whose lives were lost or affected by war but to give thanks for our other memories too. Mike kindly led the devotions and, at Maureen's suggestion, we all split up into groups and discussed our own special recollections. Some of these were serious but, on a lighter note, Les recalled one of his earliest memories as that of eating scrambled eggs for breakfast in the home of a neighbour when he was a schoolboy. There's always one! It was a real treat for me to enjoy a Fellowship meeting from the opposite side of the rostrum. A big thank you to Les for kindly stepping in at the last moment to drive the Happy Wanderers' coach, to Mike for setting up and leading the meeting, to Maureen for sitting at the receipt of custom and to Barbara for playing the piano. Lastly I must thank the loyal members who continue to give their support.

One person we shall never forget is our dear friend, Betty Bratley, who passed away on 14 th November. Betty made a massive contribution to the life of Wesley Chapel. She sang in the choir and was a hard worker and supporter of many activities. She was a loyal member of the Ladies Fellowship and Wesley Guild. Who can forget her smile, sense of humour, great ability to giggle and her lovely singing voice. Rest well Betty after a life well lived.

Our December meeting will take the form of a Carol service. I have so far received two requests to include favourite carols. If there are any more then please let me know as soon as possible. Please come along at 2.00 p.m. on 8th December.

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Wesley Fellowship continued.

We have so much to be thankful for at Wesley, not least the blessings of a close-knit Church family. We can look forward to a recital on 5 th December, a Festive Coffee Morning on 6th , Wesley Fellowship on the 8th and a Shoppers' Carol Service on the 13th . A big thank you to all those stalwarts who make these events possible. Do come along and support them. A warm welcome and great fellowship always greets you at the door when you step inside Wesley. I hope that Santa fills your stockings with peace and love and wish you all the best for Christmas and 2023.

Lynne Harvey

CAROLS AT SOUTHLANDS

Lesley has promised that we will be having carols when she leads the monthly service at Southlands in December. Lesley and Judith are looking for others to join them on Tuesday 20 December at 2pm to sing carols with the residents—they do so love a good sing and because its Christmas, the more the merrier.

Do come along. The service only lasts for half and hour. Talk to Lesley or Judith if you are interested.



We are sad to learn of the death of our dear friend Betty Bratley, who passed away on 14 November. Betty's funeral will be held on Wednesday 14 December at 11am at Wesley. Refreshments will be served when the family return from the crematorium.



DESERT ISLAND DISCS

This month Janet shares her Desert Island Discs.

Faure. Dolly Suite. Berceuse. This is the theme tune to radio's 'Listen with Mother' and I did. I guess, it reminds me of a fairly happy childhood.

Yesterday. Paul McCartney. I became a great Beatles fan although not immediately and Paul was my favourite Beatle. In recent years I have visited all the Beatles' haunts in Liverpool including the 'Beatles Story' exhibition.

Good Vibrations. The Beach Boys. This reminds me of the joys and I'm sure the angst too of becoming a teenager in the late 1960s.

Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony, Shepherd's Song. This reflects the time when I first began to appreciate classical music and I loved this movement.

The Lord's My Shepherd sung to Brother James Air. I first heard this sung by the choir at the wedding of a university friend. Lovely wedding, beautiful medieval church, reunion with university friends, need I say more?

Widor. Toccata in F. Another wedding, this time I was bridesmaid and we processed down the aisle at the end of the wedding to this piece. My only outing as a bridesmaid and what a wonderful way to conclude the wedding ceremony! There was also a frisson of interest as it became known this piece was played as Princess Anne and Mark Phillips walked down the aisle at their wedding 4 years earlier.

Elgar. Chanson de Matin. I am a great Elgar fan although not so keen on Pomp and Circumstance. When I first heard this piece I felt I had known it all my life. In recent years when staying with friends in Worcester we visited the places with Elgar associations including the Malvern Hills.

And Can It Be, sung to Sagina, StF 345. To remind me of my long and happy association with Methodism.

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Janet's Desert Island Discs continued/

NB. I know some of these have already been chosen by others (Faure – Mike, Widor – Christine B) but they are of course memorable pieces of music!

Thank you Janet for your interesting and eclectic choices. I'm sure we will get more repeats in future months. Next month Christine Sudron will be sharing her Desert Island Discs.

JRR TOLKIEN AND OTHER FAMOUS PEOPLE

I was interested to read the poem 'All that is gold does not glitter' by JRR Tolkien in the November edition of Focus. If you walk up Valley Drive on the left hand side as you leave the town, you will find a plaque on a house about half way up. It commemorates the fact that JRR Tolkien stayed there while he recovered from trench foot during WW1. This illustrates that Harrogate was a town where people came to recuperate, particularly during its spa heyday when visitors took the waters and 'enjoyed' the bracing air. One can imagine doctors at the time encouraging their patients to take advantage of what Harrogate had to offer.

There is another plaque in the town which records the stay by the writer EM Forster ('Howard's End' and 'A Room with a View') in Harrogate.

I have put together a historical and cultural walk through the town (mostly in Low Harrogate). Amongst other things, it takes in many of the excellent plaques erected by the Harrogate Civic Society. If anyone is interested, I will gladly take them on the tour. We usually finish for refreshment at Betty's!

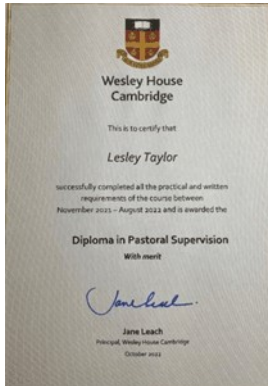
Andrew Hitchen

Where art thou, Mother Christmas?
I only wish I knew
Why Father should get all the praise
And no-one mentions you'.

Roald Dahl

CELEBRATION TIME

Congratulations to Rev. Lesley who has successfully completed a Diploma course in Pastoral Supervision attaining a merit in the process. Congratulations Lesley.



Elsa Sudron celebrated her 9th Birthday with cake and a party adventure climbing.



Rowen received a 'man of the match' award on the day that he scored his first competitive goal!

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Celebrationn Time continued.



Harry had a birthday too, and for his birthday treat he visited the National Centre for Birds of Prey in the beautiful setting of Duncombe Park at Helmsley, where his favourite was the turkey vulture. This cuddly owl was lovely too.



Congratulations to Judith's granddaughter Rosie, who graduated with a First Class Honours Degree in Music Business at Manchester.



*Happy Christmas
to all our readers*



2022-23 CONCERT SEASON

5th December 2022 1pm. Elisa Tomellini (Italy) piano) Debussy, Chopin and Piazzolla

Elisa Tomellini was one of the artists mentioned by The Guardian newspaper as belonging to ‘...the brightest talents among today’s exceptional generation of young pianists...’.

Elisa is an Italian concert pianist, born in the city of Genoa, Italy. She has played the piano from the age of five, being taught at this very young age by Lidia Baldecchi-Arcuri.

Elisa has since travelled to Milan and Verona to continue her musical studies. In Milan she studied with Ilonka Deckers-Kuszler, who herself was a student of Istaván Thomán – one of the favourite students of Franz Liszt – and in Verona, she studied with Laura Palmieri.

At the age of sixteen, Elisa was admitted to the prestigious Music Academy ‘Incontri Col Maestro’ in Imola. Here, she was taught by several established musicians, including Alexander Lonquich, Riccardo Risaliti, Franco Scala, Joaquin Achucarro and Piero Rattalino.

Following this, Elisa attended numerous master-classes with such illustrious pianists as Maurizio Pollini, Sviatoslav Richter, and Lazar Berman.

7 February 2022

Irène Duval (violin) and Ariel Lanyi (piano).

Schubert: Sonatina No.2 in A minor for violin & piano, op.137.

Reynaldo Hahn. Romance in A for violin and piano.

Schubert. Sonatina No.1 in D major (D.384).

Faure. Sonata No.1 in A for violin and piano, Op.13

For more information of the 2022-23 concert season visit <https://wesleycentreharrogate.org.uk/2021-22-season-concerts/>

WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD



View from Stray Walk at 6.30 am by Philip. *'You can't beat nature for beauty-*



Rainbow over Harrogate Stray. By Ian.



'Seasons of mists and mellow fruitfulness. By Maureen and Mike



Aqueduct over the Diver Dee by Christine and Les.



Spectacular Corfu by Eileen and Ian.

WHAT'S ON AT WESLEY CENTRE

4 December 4pm. VOCALIS The Truth from Above. Music for Advent and Christmas. For more information <https://www.harrogatevocalis.org.uk/>

10 December, Harrogate Brigantes Coffee Morning, with Santa's Grotto.

Brigantes are currently holding coffee mornings twice a month and it would be nice if our members could support them—without having to do any work.

17 December, 3pm. Harrogate Brass Band are giving a concert as a joint venture with the Centre. Mike

WHAT'S ON AT OUR OTHER CHURCHES

BILTON METHODIST AMBLERS The next walk is *Saturday 10 December*. All walks start on the car park of Bilton Area Methodist Church where we meet to arrange transport at 9.30. Winter walks generally about 4-6 miles and normally end at a cafe or pub for food. All welcome. If interested please contact Janet Allen, T: 524634 E: janetallen09@btinternet.com

10 December 2022 . Mowbray Community Church (facilitated by HST&M team members) 10.00 am – 12.00 noon. breakfast from 9.30 am

Bibletrack seminar: "Can you trust the Bible?" part 2, Andrew Emerton (DVD & facilitated discussion)

STARBECK. 10 December 7.30pm Tewit Silver Band Christmas Concert, a competitive yet friendly brass band that do a great Christmas concert. Based in Huby and directed by Martin Hall.

AND NOT TO BE MISSED

HARROGATE CHORAL SOCIETY. Saturday 10 December 7pm Royal Hall Handel's Messiah. For more information





CIRCUIT AND DISTRICT ONLINE SERVICES

The circuit online service from January will take a different form. No hymns. A prayer, a talk and a prayer. It will be a series of talks eg Rev Ruth Parry doing the first three.

The District Service will finish in February 2023

MEET OUR NEW CIRCUIT ADMINISTRATOR

The Nidd Valley Circuit is very pleased to welcome Katy Morley as its new Circuit Administrator based at Gracious Street Methodist Church. Katy is usually in the office at Gracious Street between 10am and 2pm on Tuesdays. She introduces herself here.



Hi I'm Katy Morley the new Circuit Administrator. I am a wife and mother of two girls (age 15 months and 5 years). We moved up to Boroughbridge in June after living in London for 15 years where we both went to university. I most recently worked with a music academy in Greenwich and in West End Theatre Box Offices before that. My husband and I are both from Harrogate originally and have come back to our roots to be near both our families. I enjoy running, singing, dancing and taking my girls to various clubs and shows. I have grown up in a Christian household- my dad was a vicar and I found my faith at an early age. So to now work in the church and bring my working world into this community is such a privilege and I can't wait to work with you all and see where this role takes me.

For it is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas, when its mighty Founder was a child himself." *Charles Dickens A Christmas Carol.*



FLOURISH 23

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THERE IS ROOM

There is Room is the Methodist Church 2022 Advent and Christmas campaign. It seeks to demonstrate the Methodist Church as an open, welcoming and inclusive place for all.



There is room for all ages and genders. Mary lived at a time when women were second class citizens – even more than today. She was very young when she gave birth to Jesus. She might have lacked life experience. God placed great trust in Mary despite her youth. God gave her the crucial task of nurturing Jesus, and loving and protecting him as he grew to be a man who would be good news for the whole world. The Bethlehem stable has room for people whom others overlook.



There is room for refugees . When Jesus was still a babe in arms, an angel came to Joseph in a dream and told him to take his family to Egypt, the neighbouring country. King Herod had sent men to look for Jesus and kill him. So Joseph, Mary and Jesus became refugees, fleeing for their lives. They gathered up a few precious possessions and left everything and everyone that they knew, escaping in fear to another country. It was only after Herod eventually died that they were able to come home. The Bethlehem stable has room for people who are made to feel scared and unsafe in their homes.



There is room for people experiencing poverty. The shepherds were the first people after Mary and Joseph to know about the birth of Jesus. Angels visited them as they watched their sheep in a cold, dark field. Shepherds were rough-and-ready people: they didn't earn much money and they didn't get a lot of respect. But God chose them to be the first to hear the good news of Jesus' birth. In fact, God often favours people experiencing poverty throughout the Bible.

The Bethlehem stable has room for people who have little.

There is room for difference. The wise men travelled a long way, following a star, to find the baby Jesus and worship him. They probably came from Persia (modern-day Iran), and they weren't Jewish like Jesus, Mary and Joseph. They were 'magi', men who studied astrology. This was forbidden for Jews and for followers of Jesus. And yet, God chose to write a message in the stars to these magi and they responded to God's invitation.



The Bethlehem stable has room for people of many religious and ethnic identities, even people who might not expect to find themselves there.

There is room for revelation. Angels appear again and again in the Christmas story. People are going about their lives when the veil between heaven and earth is briefly lifted and a messenger from heaven brings a revelation from God. And God still speaks to people today, sometimes making the ordinary a place of divine encounter. God speaks through dreams; by putting a thought in someone's mind; through conversations with others; and when we reflect on life events.

The Bethlehem stable has room for a story God wants to share with all people.

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There is Room continued.



There is room for all of nature. There are lots of animals in the Christmas story. There are the animals around the feeding trough that became baby Jesus' crib. Some sheep might have followed the shepherds. The wise men may have travelled on horses or camels. Our lives are interwoven with the lives of the animals and plants that share our planet and whose fate is bound up with our own.

The Bethlehem stable has room for all creatures and the whole cosmos: God loves every bit of it.



There is room for you and me. Perhaps you have sometimes felt on the edges of things. Perhaps you are not religious. Perhaps you are struggling with the cost of living or see people close to you struggle and wish things were different. Perhaps you are young and sometimes feel patronised. Perhaps you are older and sometimes feel ignored.

The Bethlehem stable has room for all people, including you, including me. Every single person is part of this story: God wants all of us to take our place and receive love, wholeness and peace.



There is room for God. God found room in our world when baby Jesus was born in the Bethlehem stable. We call this the 'incarnation' – God made flesh and blood in Jesus. But God isn't limited to one place and time. God wants to be born in our hearts too.

There is room in the Bethlehem stable for all of us and there is room in all of us for the stable. What might it look like for you to make room for God? Take a moment right now. The divine wants to be born in your heart today.

Can you make room?

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/there-is-room-advent-and-christmas-2022-resources/>

HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING

Many of the carols we sing have a rich theological tradition, and ‘Hark! The Herald Angels Sing’ is no exception. It was written by Charles Wesley. His goal in writing hymns was to teach the poor and illiterate sound doctrine.

Wesley, inspired by the sounds of London church bells while walking to church on Christmas Day, wrote the ‘Hark’ poem about a year after his conversion to be read on Christmas Day. The poem first appeared in *Hymns and Sacred Poems* in 1739 with the opening line of ‘Hark, how the welkin (heaven) rings.’

In 1753, George Whitefield, a student and eventual colleague of Wesley’s, adapted the poem into the song we now know today. It was Whitefield who penned the phrase ‘newborn King.’

The Theology Behind: “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

The first stanza describes the good news of the saviour’s birth. God has sent the One who will reconcile the sinner back to Himself. Therefore, all the nations should rise and sing and proclaim the good news, which is Christ the King! The next stanza speaks to the mysticism of Christ’s coming and the good news in it. The final stanza tells of the accomplishment of Christ and the power that it brings.

For well over two hundred years, ‘Hark! The Herald Angels Sing’ has been a Gospel-saturated anthem pointing people to the Saviour. This famed carol is loaded with rich theology.

The cheery tune of ‘Hark, the Herald Angels Sing’ was not the author’s idea. Charles Wesley, requested a slow, somber melody when he wrote the song in 1739, but apparently it wasn’t terribly popular that way. In 1840, a new collection of carols featured a melody adapted from a cantata by Felix Mendelssohn. The cantata was, interestingly, originally written to commemorate the four hundredth anniversary of Gutenberg’s invention of the printing press—a rather unlikely source for a Christmas carol.

<https://jamesriver.church/blog/story-behind-hark-herald-angels-sing>

<https://media.ascensinpress.com/2019/12/23/the-stories-behind-our-most-beloved-christmas-carols>

HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING

*Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled:
Joyful all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies,
With the angelic host proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem:
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King.*

*Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of a virgin's womb!
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel:
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King.*

*Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings;
Mild, he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth:
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King.*

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The Gas Man Cometh

At our Friday online coffee mornings we talk about every subject under the sun. On this particular occasion we wpped the gas man in Christine and Les's home, which led to the song by Flanders and Swan, which in turn led to other clever songs, and all sorts of other subjects. For those of us who could not remember all the words, and those too young to remember Flanders and Swan, here is the full song.

T'was on the Monday morning, the gas man came to call,
The gas tap wouldn't turn, I wasn't getting gas at all;
He tore out all the skirting boards to try and find the main,
And I had to call a carpenter to put them back again!

Oh, it all makes work for the working man to do...

T'was on the Tuesday morning, the carpenter came round:
He hammered and he chiseled and he said "Look what I've found!
Your joists are full of dry rot, but I'll put them all to rights!"
Then he nailed right through a cable and out went all the lights!

Oh, it all makes work for the working man to do...

T'was on a Wednesday morning, the electrician came:
He called me 'Mr. Sanderson', which isn't quite the name;
He couldn't reach the fuse box without standing on the bin,
And his foot went through a window, so I called the glazier in!

Oh, it all makes work for the working man to do...

T'was on the Thursday morning, the glazier came along
With his blowtorch, and his putty, and his merry glazier's song;
He put another pane in, it took no time at all
But I had to get a painter in to come and paint the wall!

Oh, it all makes work for the working man to do...

T'was on a Friday morning the painter made a start,
With undercoats and overcoats he painted every part,
Every nook and every cranny; but I found when he was gone
He'd painted over the gas tap and I couldn't turn it on!

Oh, it all makes work for the working man to do...

On Saturday and Sunday they do no work at all;

So it was on the Monday morning that the gas man came to call!



Prayer Corner

What to pray for in advent

Pray for attentiveness to what truly matters, without being distracted by trivial things.

Pray for opportunities to learn something new regularly.

Pray for discernment of how God would like you to set your priorities and the ability to focus on them consistently to fulfill His purposes in your life.

Pray for the grace to be able to rest, become aware of God's presence, and enjoy it.

Pray for strong relationships with other people in the bond of a loving community.

Pray for peace in all situations, no matter what the circumstances.

Pray for an enlivened imagination that helps you contribute to the world in creative ways.

Pray for freedom from all that burdens you - past mistakes, fears, destructive habits, hurts other people have inflicted, and more.

Pray for joy and a sense of humor.

Pray for confidence in God's love for you and trust in His power to work things out for the best in your life.

Pray for a clear mind and the ability to clearly communicate what you value to others.

Pray for purity so you can grow as a person and encounter God more fully.

Pray for openness to the Holy Spirit's guidance.

Pray for a genuine awareness of God's grace in your life and the humility to extend grace to others.

Pray for a passion to pursue justice.

Edited from Whitney Hople's 'Pray for Simplicity this Advent'

<https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/prayer/12-advent-prayers.html>



Wesley
CHAPEL
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Shoppers Carol Service

TUESDAY 13th
DECEMBER 2022

10:45AM

Open from from 10:30am



All welcome including children in pushchairs

Wesley Centre, Oxford Steet, Harrogate