

MEADOWBANK

Church of Scotland

UPDATE
24th December
2020



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Thursday 24th December
11.30pm CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
11am CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

There are still a few places for these services.
Please let Russell know if you want to attend

11am Sunday 27th December

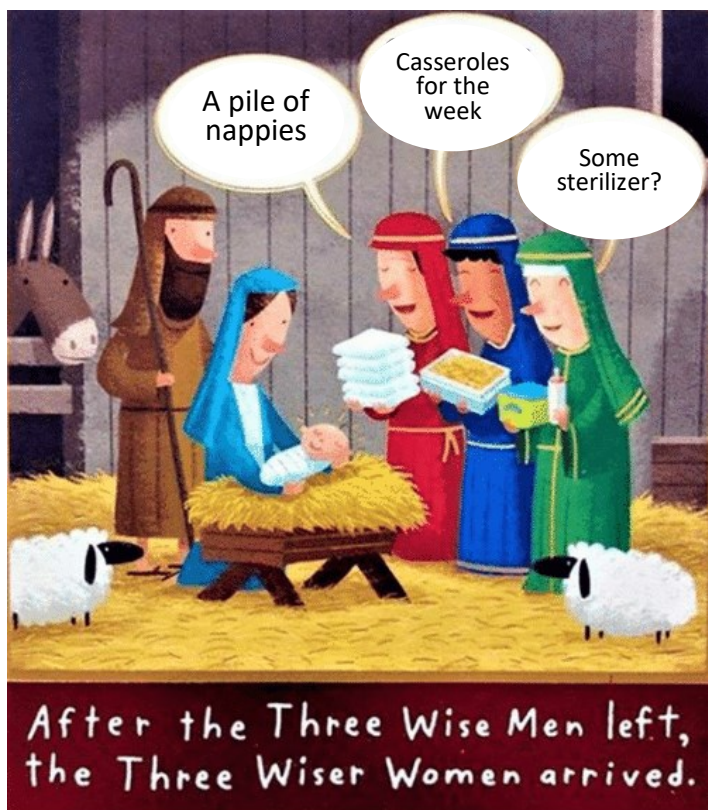
Due to new restrictions, there are only
20 places in the church each Sunday.
We do want to continue with Sunday
services. Please text/phone/email Russell if
you want to attend.

Church Mice

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Karl Zorowski, cartoonist and United Methodist minister, feels led by God to present this comic strip as a ministry to a lost and needy world.



Friends

2020 VISION

The people who have walked in darkness have seen a great light.

Amidst the gloom of this catastrophic year some lights have shone more brightly.

- * the affection of family and friends
- * the kindness of strangers and the care of communities
- * the beauty of nature on our doorstep
- * the contentment to be found in simple, everyday things
- * the marvels of science and medicine
- * the hope kindled when people share and work together

As Christmas lights up our world again may the lamp of hope bring you peace and lead you to a brighter year ahead.

With grace and
peace in Jesus

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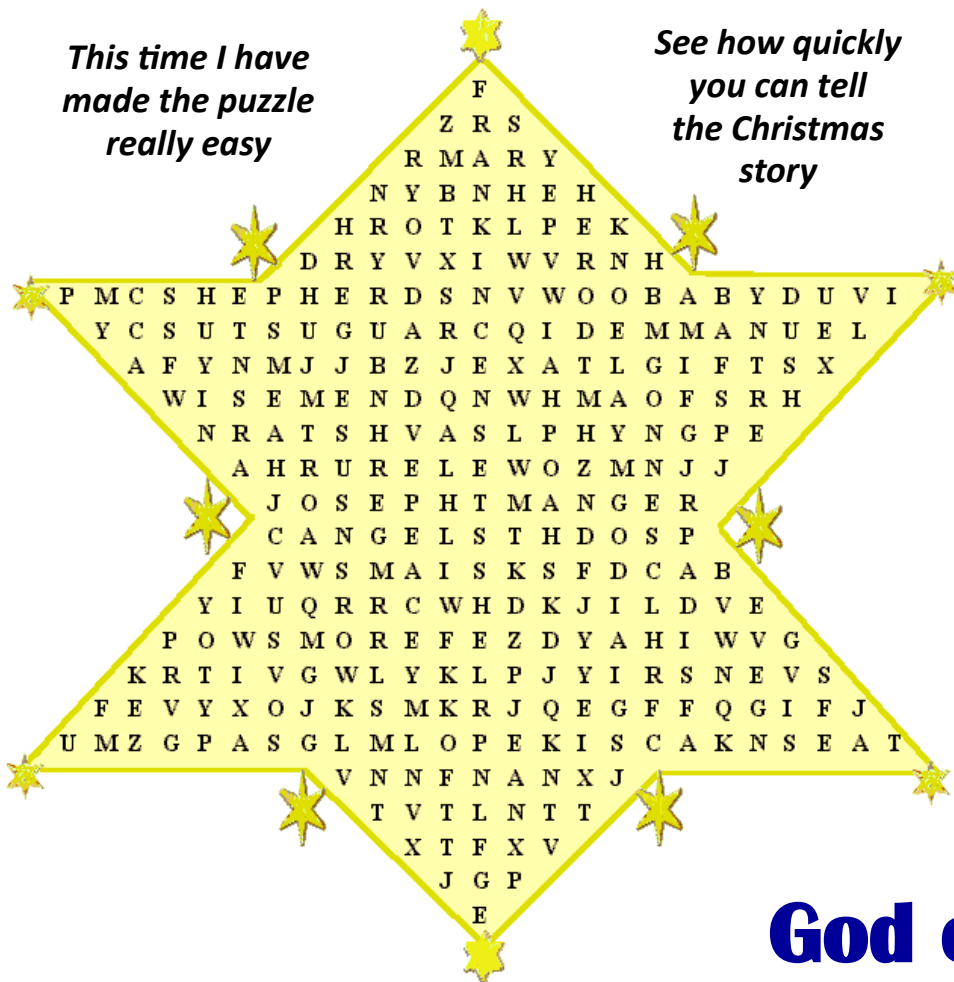
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*This time I have
made the puzzle
really easy*

*See how quickly
you can tell
the Christmas
story*



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ANGELS AUGUSTUS BABY
BETHLEHEM ELIZABETH
EMMANUAL FRANKINCENCE
GIFTS GOLD HEROD JESUS
JOSSEPH MANGER MARY
MYRRH NATIVITY NOEL
PEACE PROMISE
SHEPHERDS STAR
SWADDLING VIRGIN
WISEMEN

God of Good News

today you begin again to reshape our lives and communities. You do not start from the outside, but from within. You begin in the hidden place.

Behind the inn. Before the marriage At the wrong time. You invite a handful of guests into your company. Shepherds and some animals. You join the company of the invisible ones. The homeless and hopeless. Refugees, fleeing a tyrant king.

Later you find fisherfolk. And a tax collector. Children. The small. The unimportant. The forgotten. The frightened. These are the people you choose, as little by little you start sharing the secrets of a kingdom that will change the whole world. From within. From a hidden place.

God of Good News

as we celebrate worldwide the tidings of your birth,
as we set the heavens echoing with angels songs
as we contemplate new year
and pray for peace on earth
remind us of the hidden places,
of the forgotten people,
of the starting points and the time it takes,
of the pace of the slowest and the dreams of the children.

(Advent Readings from Iona—Brian Woodcock & Jan Sutch Pickard)



the BBC Scotland channel are broadcasting a Christmas Day version of 'The Service' at 12noon on 25 December

AND

the Resolutions programme featuring the 'Scented Lament' will be shown on BBC1 Scotland at 12:35pm on New Year's Day. Rev Peter Gardiner and his wife Heidi will create a temporary installation called 'Scented Lament' that will be made using the aromatic herb rosemary, traditionally associated with remembering. Folk in parishes throughout Scotland have sent them lengths of rosemary which they will attach to a 180cm diameter plywood ring, creating a wreath as acts of remembering pandemic griefs and losses and naming them in God's presence.

