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SERVICE TIMES

<i>Time</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Place</i>
Weekdays:		
08:30	Lauds - Morning Prayer	Online
18:00	Evening Prayer & Holy Hour - Tuesday	St Matthew's
19:00	Low Mass - Tue	St Matthew's
12:30	Low Mass - Wed	St Mary's
09:15	Low Mass - Thurs	St Matthew's
18:00	Evening Prayer & Holy Hour - Fri	St Mary's
19:00	Low Mass - Fri	St Mary's
Saturdays:		
09:00	The Holy Rosary	Online
Sunday		
09:30	Parish Mass	St Matthew's
11:00	Parish Mass	St Mary's
18:30	Evensong & Benediction	St Matthew's

REGULAR EVENTS -

Wednesday:	Morning Café	10:00-12:00 before Mass
Thursday:	Coffee Morning	After 09:15 Mass
	Bell Ringing *	19:00
Friday:	Choir Practice	20:00

*(Alternate between St Mary's and St Matthew's please contact the Tower Captain for more details.)

PASTORAL CARE

Feasts, Saint's days, Holy days and other special occasions occur through the year; see notices in Church, in the weekly news sheet and the website for details.

Please advise Fr Stuart or one of the Pastoral Team of those who are sick at home or in hospital, so that they can be prayed for and visited as appropriate.

PASTORAL OFFICES

Preliminary information and relevant forms for Baptism and Marriage can be collected from the parish office at the advertised times. Baptisms usually take place on the first Saturday or third Sunday at St Mary's and St Matthew's. If you would like to have your child baptised, then come along any Sunday for the main Mass and meet us there!

For information about preparing your own or a loved one's funeral, please contact the parish office.

LET US PONDER TOGETHER...

ADVENT: A SEASON OF ANTICIPATION AND JOY

I have been eagerly looking forward to the beautiful season of Advent, ever since All Saints' Day. It marks the beginning of a new year in the Church calendar, bringing with it the heartfelt poetry of the readings, hymns, and carols, and that sense of joyful anticipation as we await Christ's coming. The beauty of the decorations and music at St. Mary's and St. Matthew's is sure to inspire, but what I treasure most is the stillness of Christmas Eve—the wonder in children's eyes as they await surprises, the scent of the Christmas tree, and the profound reminder that Christ has entered our world once more.

Advent, for both clergy and congregation, can seem to pass by in a blur. There's so much to do—shopping, writing cards, and preparing for Christmas celebrations. And while we're caught up in this business, the world around us continues to remind us of its struggles: conflicts, stories of hardship, and those in need. Yet, in the midst of all this, Christmas shines as a beacon of hope.

In stores and on television, we are often presented with ideas of a “perfect Christmas”—a flurry of activity, cooking, and gift-giving. But when the carols begin at Midnight Mass, everything pauses. We step into the stillness of eternity, marveling once again at the miracle of Bethlehem.

As we prepare for Christmas with trees, presents, and cards, it's important to also prepare our hearts. Let's take a moment each day—just for ourselves—to pray, reflect, and listen for the angels' song. This time of quiet expectation allows us to share in the hope and peace of Advent, joining in the joy that Christ brings to the world.

May this season of Advent and the celebration of Christ's birth fill your heart and home with happiness and peace. And when the stillness of Christmas arrives, may you truly feel the wonder of the Saviour's presence once more.



Fr Stuart

NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

If you attend St Matthew's and St Mary's you will notice that we are trialling a brand new Card donations system. This scheme has also given us the option of signing people up for monthly giving, or a one-off donation, via our website and the QR code below. If you are not presently someone who has signed up to gift aid and regular giving, please consider doing so. If you already give regularly, we are grateful for your continued support.

Please support the work of this Parish with a donation via:



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Julie Bell PCC Treasurer



PRAYING TOGETHER: DECEMBER

Sun	1st	1st Sunday in Advent – a Christian revival in this land
Mon	2nd	HMP Bronzefield
Tues	3rd	Those who need to use foodbanks
Wed	4th	Artists
Thurs	5th	Surrey county council
Fri	6th	Accountants
Sat	7th	Newborn babies and their mums
Sun	8th	2nd Sunday in Advent – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mon	9th	Ashford Wide organisation
Tues	10th	Stanwell and Ashford residents
Wed	11th	The film industry
Thurs	12th	Police officers
Fri	13th	The fire and ambulance services
Sat	14th	TV producers
Sun	15th	3rd Sunday in Advent – Bp Jonathan
Mon	16th	The shipping industry
Tues	17th	Teachers and teaching assistants
Wed	18th	Positive role models
Thurs	19th	Car mechanics
Fri	20th	Our pets
Sat	21st	Long distance lorry drivers
Sun	22nd	4th Sunday in Advent – our Christian brothers and sisters
Mon	23rd	All those far from home
Tues	24th	Those who find Christmas difficult
Wed	25th	Christmas Day – Immanuel, God with us
Thurs	26th	S Stephen the first martyr
Fri	27th	S John Evangelist
Sat	28th	The Holy Innocents Martyrs
Sun	29th	1st Sunday of Christmas – the Holy Family
Mon	30th	All in abusive relationships
Tues	31st	The Prime Minister

God's majesty speaks to us
By the works of his almighty hands.

R. H. Benson

LECTIONARY PAGE

Date	Sunday	Readings
1 st Dec. 2024	1 st Sunday of Advent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeremiah 33:14-16 • Psalm 25(24):4-5b. 8-9. 10, 14. R1b • 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 • Luke 21:25-28, 34-36
8 th Dec. 2024	2 nd Sunday of Advent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baruch 5:1-9 • Psalm 126(125):1-2b. 2c-3. 4-5. 6. R3 • Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11 • Luke 3:1-6
15 th Dec. 2024	3 rd Sunday of Advent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zephaniah 3:14-18a • Isaiah 12:2-3. 4b-d. 5-6. R3 • Philippians 4:4-7 • Luke 3:10-18
22 nd Dec. 2024	4 th Sunday of Advent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Micah 5:2-5a • Psalm • Hebrews 10:5-10 • Luke 1:39-45
29 th Dec. 2024	The Holy Family	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28 • Psalm 84(83):2-3. 5-6. 9-10. Rcf. 5a • Colossians 3:12-17 • Luke 2:41-52
5 th Jan. 2025	The Epiphany of the Lord	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isaiah 60:1-6 • Psalm 72(71):1-2. 7-8. 10-11. 12-13. Rcf. 11 • Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 • Matthew 2:1-12
12 th Jan. 2025	The Baptism of the Lord	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 • Psalm 104(103):1b-2. 3-4. 24-25. 27-28. 29-30. R1 • Acts 10:34-38 • Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Christmas Services



Date	Service	Time	Church
Advent Sunday 1st Dec. 2024	Advent Carol Service	18:30	St Matthew's
Advent IV 22nd Dec. 2024	Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols	16:00	St George's
	Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols	18:30	St Mary's
Christmas Eve 24th Dec. 2024	Family Crib Service	14:00	St Mary's
	Family Crib Service	16:00	St Matthew's
	First Mass of Christmas	20:00	St Mary's
	First Mass of Christmas	22:00	St George's
	Midnight Mass	23:30	St Matthew's
Christmas Day 25th Dec. 2024	Family Mass	09:30	St Matthew's
	Family Mass	10:00	St George's
	Family Mass	11:00	St Mary's

MESSY CHURCH

EMBRACING THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS AT MESSY CHURCH?

As Christmas approaches, Messy Church offers a fun and family-friendly way to prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birth. It's a chance to pause the seasonal rush, get creative, and enjoy the wonder of Christmas together. Whether you're a regular or trying it out for the first time, there's something for everyone to enjoy!

We'll be getting into the Christmas spirit with a mix of activities designed for all ages:

CRAFTS TO INSPIRE JOY

Get hands-on and creative with festive crafts that bring the Christmas story to life. There will be plenty to spark imaginations and start conversations about the real meaning of Christmas.

The Beginning of the Christmas Story

We'll share the wonder of the nativity through the first part of the Christmas story. Told in an interactive and engaging way, it's a beautiful reminder of God's gift to the world through Jesus.

SING ALONG WITH CAROLS

What's Christmas without carols? Join us in singing a couple of well-loved Christmas songs that celebrate the joy and hope of the season. No need to worry if you're not a confident singer—Messy Church is all about participation and fun.

FESTIVE TREATS (BUT NO MULLED WINE!)

A Christmas gathering wouldn't be complete without some delicious treats. There will be mince pies to enjoy as we come together to share in the festive cheer. And while we promise a warm welcome, you won't find any mulled wine here—this is a family celebration!

Messy Church is more than just a craft session—it's a chance to prepare our hearts for Christmas in a meaningful, joyful, and inclusive way. Through creativity, community, and celebration, we are reminded of the light and love Jesus brings to the world.

So, come along, Saturday 21st December 15:00-17:00, and make memories, sing, create, and share in the joy of Christmas with your family.



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DATES FOR THE NEXT TERM

Saturday 21st December 2024

Saturday 18th January 2025

Saturday 15th February 2025

Saturday 15th March 2025

between 1500 - 1700 hrs

St Mary the Virgin,
Church Approach,
Stanwell,
TW19 7JS

There is no cost for attending these sessions
For all the family! Children must bring a grown up
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Advent Course 2024

Study Course on the
EUCHARIST

BP. ROBERT BARRON
FULL SPEECH

FR. MIKE SCHMITZ
FULL SPEECH

SR. BETHANY MADONNA
FULL SPEECH

CARDINAL LUIS TAGLE
CLOSING MASS
FULL HOMILY

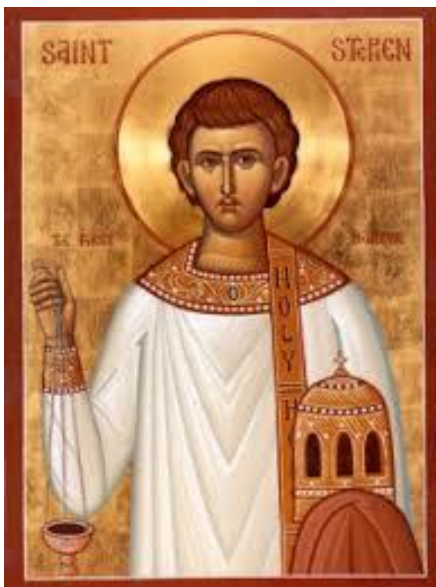
Third Sunday
Advent

The graphic features a background of lit candles and a central candle with the letters 'J', 'O', 'H', 'N' on it. Four inset images show speakers from the National Eucharistic Congress.

The Advent Course will follow the 19:00 Mass at St Mary's each Monday throughout Advent.

SAINTS FOR DECEMBER

26TH DECEMBER: ST STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR (-1)



Stephen is the first martyr. He was one of the seven deacons appointed by the Apostles to organize the distribution of food to the poor.

He was probably a Hellenistic Jew. He performed many miracles and confounded the Jews in disputation. They fabricated false charges against him. At his trial he preached the risen Christ to them, so they stoned him to death.

He prayed for his persecutors as he was dying. One of them, Saul of Tarsus, who was looking after the cloaks of the stone-throwers, was later converted and became the great missionary St Paul. By the 4th century his feast was kept by both the Eastern and Western parts of the church.

Reflection: Give us grace, Lord, to practise what we worship. Teach us to love our enemies as we keep the feast of Saint Stephen, who prayed even for the men who stoned him to death.

DECEMBER 29TH: ST THOMAS BECKET (1118 - 1170)



He was born in London of a wealthy noble family. Thomas was educated at Merton Abbey and at Paris. He studied finance initially but went on to study law and after being ordained a deacon he was appointed archdeacon of Canterbury.

He became a close friend of King Henry II and was appointed chancellor of England. When he was ordained as archbishop of Canterbury, he underwent an abrupt conversion of life and began to defend the Church's rights against the king. He clashed with the King again in 1164 over secular versus ecclesiastical court jurisdiction and power

had to take refuge in a French monastery for six years. When an apparent peace between Henry and Thomas appeared to be in place he returned to his diocese although the cause of the dispute, the clash of Church and State, remained and on 29 December 1170, four knights, inspired by careless words from the king, assassinated him in his cathedral.

He was immediately acknowledged as a martyr and the king later did penance and endowed his shrine. He is remembered for his courage in defence of the rights of the Church. Since St Thomas's death Canterbury became one of the most important Shrines in England and even Europe.

Pilgrimage to St Thomas' Shrine became a way of devotion and penance. The stained glass windows at Canterbury that depict pilgrimage and are a rich source for many details of medieval life. The pilgrim route from London or Winchester to Canterbury called "The Pilgrim's Way," can still be traced. Of course, Chaucer's book 'The Canterbury Tales' has immortalised both its practise and personnel. In recent years walking pilgrimages across Britain have had a resurgence and "The Pilgrim's Way", and is actively promoted as a Pilgrimage route today, and has it's own website to assist pilgrims.

(<https://www.pilgrimswaycanterbury.org>.)

Reflection: *Almighty God, you enabled Saint Thomas Becket to lay down his life with undaunted spirit for the rights of the Church. Let his prayer help us to deny ourselves for Christ in this life, and so find our true life in heaven.*

A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY TO WALSINGHAM

Our recent pilgrimage to Walsingham was a truly special experience, filled with moments of prayer, reflection, and joyful fellowship. From the excitement of setting off together to the calm of shared devotions, every part of the journey brought us closer as a community and deepened our faith.

Each day offered something meaningful. We celebrated Mass at the Holy House, walked the Holy Mile, and visited places like St Seraphim's Orthodox Chapel and the Roman Catholic Shrine. Each sacred space, steeped in history, inspired us to pause and reflect on our own spiritual journeys.

Evenings were particularly memorable, with candlelit processions, the rosary, and time for quiet prayer. Of course, there were also moments of light-hearted fun—including the story of “The Holy Buckets,” which you can read more about in my blog (linked below).

As we said goodbye to Walsingham on the final day, I was struck by the beauty of this pilgrimage—not just in the places we visited, but in the laughter, conversations, and shared faith of those who came together. It reminded me that a pilgrimage isn't just about the destination; it's about the journey we share and the moments of grace we encounter along the way.

Thank you to the parish for making this incredible experience possible and to my fellow pilgrims for your company. If you've ever thought about visiting Walsingham, I wholeheartedly encourage you to go—it's a journey you'll treasure forever.

written by Jessica Rayner-Tickner

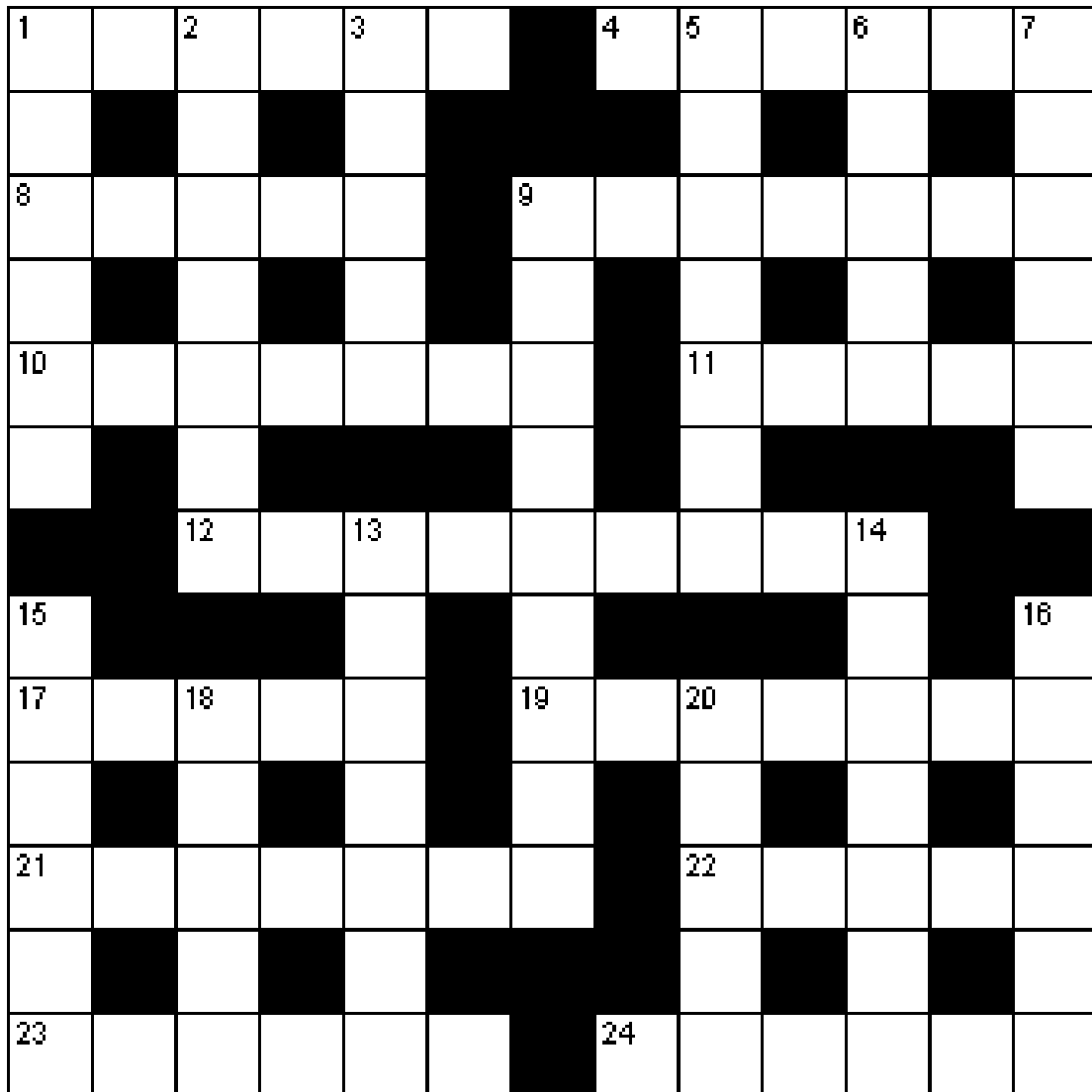


Read more about the journey (and “The Holy Buckets”) in my blog:

<https://smam.org.uk/magazine/My%20Pilgrimage%20to%20Walsingham%20A%20Heartfelt%20Journey%20of%20Faith%202024%20add%20images.pdf>

CROSSWORD

(solution on P21)



Across

- 1 Flabbergasted (6)
- 4 Venom (6)
- 8 Expel, force out (5)
- 9 Pivot (7)
- 10 Colonist (7)
- 11 Chess piece (5)
- 12 Never dying (9)
- 17 Confess (3,2)
- 19 Repeat (7)
- 21 Leaf vegetable (7)
- 22 Gloss (5)
- 23 Motor fuel (6)
- 24 Shortness of sight (6)

Down

- 1 Relaxed (2,4)
- 2 Tipped off (7)
- 3 Praise highly (5)
- 5 Slanting (7)
- 6 Twilled fabric (5)
- 7 Calling (6)
- 9 Immediately (9)
- 13 Placate (7)
- 14 Drastic reorganization (5-2)
- 15 Thrown carelessly (6)
- 16 Rupture (6)
- 18 Ingenuous (5)
- 20 Prose composition (5)

SUDOKU

(solution on P21)

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COLOURING PAGE





For unto us

a child is born!

Crib Service

Invite your friends and family to share in this divine celebration and embrace the spirit of Christmas! Everyone is welcome to attend.

24 December 2024

St Mary's, Stanwell - 14:00

St Matthew's, Ashford - 16:00

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RECIPE PAGE

RECIPE: CLEMENTINE AND SLOE GIN MINCE PIES

INGREDIENTS (makes 9)

- 300g plain flour
- 170g unsalted butter, chilled and diced
- Finely grated zest 2 clementines
- 2 medium free-range eggs
- 400g good-quality mincemeat (make sure it's vegetarian if you need it to be)
- 20g flaked almonds, plus extra to garnish
- 1 tbsp sloe gin
- Demerara sugar to sprinkle
- Icing sugar to dust (optional)



DIRECTIONS

1. Begin by making the pastry. Put the flour, butter and a pinch of salt in a food processor and pulse to a wet sand consistency. Add half the clementine zest and 1 of the eggs, pulse again, then slowly drizzle in 2-3 tbsp water (you may not need it all) until it starts to come together. Tip out onto a floured surface and bring together into a dough, then put in a bowl, cover and rest in the fridge for 30 minutes.
2. Prepare the pie filling by mixing the mincemeat with nearly all the remaining clementine zest, the flaked almonds and sloe gin.
3. When you're ready to bake the pies, heat the oven to 170°C fan/gas 5. Once the pastry has rested, roll it out to around 4mm thick. Cut out 9 x 9cm discs and 9 x 7cm discs, gathering the trimmings and re-rolling as needed. Line the muffin tray holes with the 9cm discs, then spoon in the mincemeat filling. Beat the remaining egg and brush a little of it around the rim of each pastry case, then top with the lids and use a fork to crimp shut. Make a small cross in each lid to let the air escape, then brush the tops with more egg wash. Sprinkle with a little demerara sugar.
4. Bake for 20 minutes. Leave to cool in the tin for 10 minutes so the pastry firms up a bit, then carefully remove and leave to cool on a wire rack. Finish with a sprinkle of the remaining zest and a dusting of icing sugar (if you like).

TOUR OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

The Acts of the Apostles, the second volume of Luke's two-volume work, continues Luke's presentation of biblical history, describing how the salvation promised to Israel in the Old Testament and accomplished by Jesus has now under the guidance of the holy Spirit been extended to the Gentiles. This was accomplished through the divinely chosen representatives (Acts 10:41) whom Jesus prepared during his historical ministry (Acts 1:21-22) and commissioned after his resurrection as witnesses to all that he taught (Acts 1:8; 10:37-43; Lk 24:48). Luke's preoccupation with the Christian community as the Spirit-guided bearer of the word of salvation rules out of his book detailed histories of the activity of most of the preachers. Only the main lines of the roles of Peter and Paul serve Luke's interest.

Peter was the leading member of the Twelve (Acts 1:13, 15), a miracle worker like Jesus in the gospel (Acts 3:1-10; 5:1-11, 15; 9:32-35, 36-42), the object of divine care (Acts 5:17-21; 12:6-11), and the spokesman for the Christian community (Acts 2:14-36; 3:12-26; 4:8-12; 5:29-32; 10:34-43; 15:7-11), who, according to Luke, was largely responsible for the growth of the community in the early days (Acts 2:4; 4:4). Paul eventually joined the community at Antioch (Acts 11:25-26), which subsequently commissioned him and Barnabas to undertake the spread of the gospel to Asia Minor. This missionary venture generally failed to win the Jews of the diaspora to the gospel but enjoyed success among the Gentiles (Acts 13:14-14:27).

Paul's refusal to impose the Mosaic law upon his Gentile converts provoked very strong objection among the Jewish Christians of Jerusalem (Acts 15:1), but both Peter and James supported his position (Acts 15:6-21). Paul's second and third missionary journeys (Acts 16:36-21:16) resulted in the same pattern of failure among the Jews generally but of some success among the Gentiles. Paul, like Peter, is presented as a miracle worker (Acts 14:8-18; 19:12; 20:7-12; 28:7-10) and the object of divine care (Acts 16:25-31).

In Acts, Luke has provided a broad survey of the church's development from the resurrection of Jesus to Paul's first Roman imprisonment, the point at which the book ends. In telling this story, Luke describes the emergence of Christianity from its origins in Judaism to its position as a religion of worldwide status and appeal. Originally a Jewish Christian community in Jerusalem, the church was placed in circumstances impelling it to include within its membership people of other cultures: the Samaritans (Acts 8:4-25), at first an occasional Gentile (Acts 8:26-30; 10:1-48), and finally the Gentiles on principle (Acts 11:20-21). Fear on the part of the Jewish people that Christianity, particularly as preached to the Gentiles,

threatened their own cultural heritage caused them to be suspicious of Paul's gospel (Acts 13:42-45; 15:1-5; 28:17-24). The inability of Christian missionaries to allay this apprehension inevitably created a situation in which the gospel was preached more and more to the Gentiles. Toward the end of Paul's career, the Christian communities, with the exception of those in Palestine itself (Acts 9:31), were mainly of Gentile membership. In tracing the emergence of Christianity from Judaism, Luke is insistent upon the prominence of Israel in the divine plan of salvation (see note on Acts 1:26; see also Acts 2:5-6; 3:13-15; 10:36; 13:16-41; 24:14-15) and that the extension of salvation to the Gentiles has been a part of the divine plan from the beginning (see Acts 15:13-18; 26:22-23).

In the development of the church from a Jewish Christian origin in Jerusalem, with its roots in Jewish religious tradition, to a series of Christian communities among the Gentiles of the Roman empire, Luke perceives the action of God in history laying open the heart of all humanity to the divine message of salvation. His approach to the history of the church is motivated by his theological interests. His history of the apostolic church is the story of a Spirit-guided community and a Spirit-guided spread of the Word of God (Acts 1:8). The travels of Peter and Paul are in reality the travels of the Word of God as it spreads from Jerusalem, the city of destiny for Jesus, to Rome, the capital of the civilized world of Luke's day. Nonetheless, the historical data he utilizes are of value for the understanding of the church's early life and development and as general background to the Pauline epistles. In the interpretation of Acts, care must be exercised to determine Luke's theological aims and interests and to evaluate his historical data without either exaggerating their literal accuracy or underestimating their factual worth.

Finally, an apologetic concern is evident throughout Acts. By stressing the continuity between Judaism and Christianity (Acts 13:16-41; 23:6-9; 24:10-21; 26:2-23), Luke argues that Christianity is deserving of the same toleration accorded Judaism by Rome. Part of Paul's defense before Roman authorities is to show that Christianity is not a disturber of the peace of the Roman Empire (Acts 24:5, 12-13; 25:7-8). Moreover, when he stands before Roman authorities, he is declared innocent of any crime against the empire (Acts 18:13-15; 23:29; 25:25-27; 26:31-32). Luke tells his story with the hope that Christianity will be treated as fairly.

Concerning the date of Acts, see the Introduction to the Gospel according to Luke.

The principal divisions of the Acts of the Apostles are the following:

- i. The Preparation for the Christian Mission (1:1-2:13)
- ii. The Mission in Jerusalem (2:14-8:3)
- iii. The Mission in Judea and Samaria (8:4-9:43)
- iv. The Inauguration of the Gentile Mission (10:1-15:35)
- v. The Mission of Paul to the Ends of the Earth (15:36-28:31)

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM



02/11/2024

Maria-Mae Costello

We have been called by the Lord to be a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people he acquired for himself. Let us ask him to show his mercy on those who have received the graces of baptism, for their parents and godparents, and to all the baptized everywhere. Amen

FUNERALS



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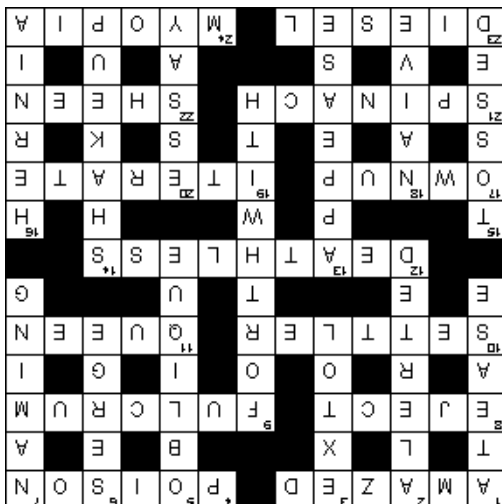
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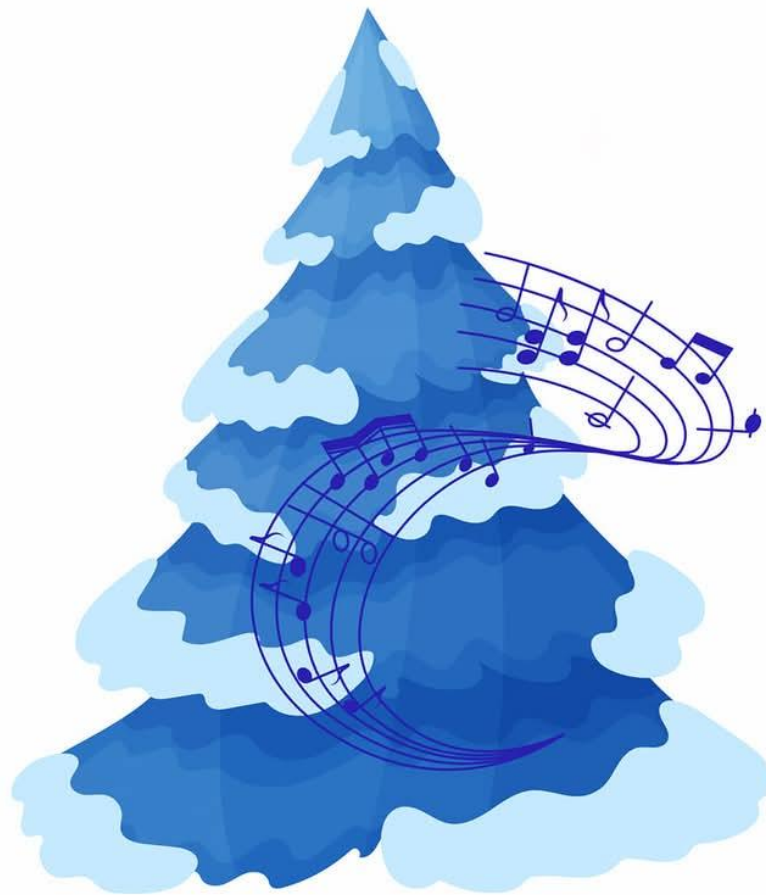
George Wallis

*Our thoughts and prayers
are with all those who mourn their passing
May the souls of the departed rest in peace
and rise in Glory. Amen*

CROSSWORD SOLUTION SUDOKU SOLUTION



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JOIN US FOR
Christmas
IN BLUE

And A Selection From

JESU MEINE FREUDE

7th December, 2024

7.30pm

St Matthew's Church, Ashford

Tickets, cash on the door: £10





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A large, ornate initial 'G' in green and red, with a red 'A' in red, set against a background of musical notes. Below the letters is a small illustration of the Nativity scene.

NINE LESSONS &
CAROLS

Sunday 22nd December 2024

18:30

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