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*How many snowmen  
can you find*

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*Rector's remarks*



## All Births Then Were Home Births

Since my wife and I arrived in the parishes in early 2016, newly married, we have had three children. Christmas has become a very different experience as a result!

I was fortunate to be present at all three births. In fact, for one of them – during lockdown – I was the only person assisting my wife as the baby arrived unexpectedly in our living room until a paramedic asked from the open front door whether they were allowed to come in. Rarely has a request been greeted with such eagerness!

I don't remember any of them being calm experiences – the first, in hospital, turned into one of the scariest moments of my life when everyone in the room suddenly rushed off to the operating theatre, leaving me on my own wondering what was going on. The unplanned home birth was also terrifying – for some reason the 999 operator kept asking me to find a clean shoelace which added a surreal note to the fear. Even the final one, a planned home birth, all got a bit frenetic when they discovered both 'gas and air' tanks were empty.

This year the Church of England is picking up on the nation's favourite carol, 'Silent Night', with our Christmas focus of 'Follow the Star: Calm and Bright'. It is a wonderful carol, beautiful to sing in the dark night, with candles flickering nearby. But I do wonder whether calm was really the main experience of the first Christmas? All births then were home births, but for this one the parents were staying with relatives in the same communal space as the animals. And the Bible tells us that before long visitors started arriving, fresh from the fields.

Perhaps all of us need to look hard, work a bit, to find the calm space in the busyness of Christmas – all the things which feel like they need doing – to stop and appreciate what is going on. For me, that moment came with all of my children when they were placed in my arms shortly after birth. At that point I was able to put aside all the stresses and crises, and just focus on them. I wonder whether we can all find time to really stop and just focus on Jesus, the baby born to bring joy, hope and salvation to us.

*Richard*

# First Christmas

by Geoff Stokes

'Twas the night before Christmas, but nobody knew.  
The shepherds, sheep watching, just hadn't a clue.  
While Mary and Joseph had no chance of sleep.  
The baby was coming, so no counting sheep  
Or trying to rest on this warm, summer's night.  
With cousins attending. And try as they might  
To hasten its coming, the baby would choose  
His time of arrival. And don't worry who's  
The one to announce that this boy child is here.  
The angels and shepherds will chorus and cheer.  
And then, as the sun ushers in a new era,  
We'll feel that the Almighty God just got nearer.

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## Light a candle

St. Peter's Church, Glenfield

20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

12noon-7pm

Come and light a candle and spend a little  
time to remember someone lost and missed

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From the Registers. . .



**Funerals. We commend to God's keeping**

3<sup>rd</sup> October Anthony Watson Age 75 yrs

## Looking Both Ways.

I remember a song we sang when at Sunday School in my village church many years ago and it began like this 'Advent begins the Christian Year, proclaiming that the Lord is near.' Sadly, I cannot remember any more – well, it was a very long time ago! I think the song went on to tell the Christmas story of the birth of Jesus but also, I think, it was looking ahead.

For Mary and Joseph, Jesus was indeed near – very near. As it was for his family and all sorts of people, of which we know little or nothing, until he was about 30 years old. Then a few folk became very near to him – indeed for them it was indeed true - 'the Lord is near'. (see One – below)



After a year or two Jesus began to talk of dying. What could they, his close friends and family, make of that? Any thought of 'near' was out of their thoughts – he would be 'far away' – 'very far away' - and for ever! (See Two below)

But Jesus had prepared them with careful, kindly teaching. He would send each one of them who believed in him a gift - his presence; none other than his Holy Spirit, to live in them always – to support them and guide them. (See Three below)



That is not all. One day Jesus will come again and be seen by all people in the universe {See Four below}

We often call this The Second Coming or the End of the World as we know it today with Jesus coming himself and he will make all things new and better.

When will that be? Only God knows. But live each day well because – Jesus is near!

*One – Luke's gospel chapter 6; verses 12-16*

*Two – John's gospel chapter 13; verses 33-36*

*Three – John's gospel chapter 14; verses 25-27*

*Four- Revelation chapter 1; verse 7*

Pam Harvey



## Pray as you can, .....not as you can't!

### CHRISTMAS SPECIAL!!

I was struck recently when thinking and planning services of one kind and another for the Christmas season how often we sing something akin to 'No room in the inn'. Just a quick look through a carol sheet gave me 11 carols and I am sure there are many more! Look out for it. It is the expression of this fact recorded for us in the Christmas story in the Bible narrative of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. You'll find it in Luke's Gospel chapter 2 and verse 7.

We seem to like the idea and so we make much of it in our carols and on our Christmas cards and in our nativity presentations and even in commercial advertisements!

But could it nudge us to think about today, not just more than two thousand years ago – important as that is! Do I need to say more? There is so much to notice in our towns and our city; to take note of and as we scan through magazines and newspaper or 'suffer' the adverts on the telly.

I am sure you, like me, often feel helpless or angry or frustrated – and sometimes thankful?!

Try praying.....

***Father God, please help local authority employees and charities working with homeless people to be increasingly successful in finding long-term solutions to the complex problems involved in helping people recover their lives and receive the support they need. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.***

***Gracious God, please continue to inspire and commission Your Church in cities across the world to help the needy, to teach the truth of God's love, to speak out for justice and to pray for the welfare of all. We pray in Christ's Name. Amen.***

***Lord God, we pray that those in our government who are responsible for overhauling planning systems and setting targets to tackle the UK's housing crisis will make wise decisions that protect important green spaces but identify and release enough suitable land to build urgently needed new homes. We pray in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.***

Prayers taken from CARE Prayer Diary Dec/Jan.25

Pam Harvey



## A Right Royal Christmas!

In early December 1842, the town of Brighton was preparing for some very special visitors. It was to be a 'Turkey & Tinsel holiday' on the grandest of scales. No expense was spared decorating the streets.

The Mayor himself could be seen throwing up bunting, while the shopkeepers, apprentices and general flunkies, polished, painted and puffed up the town until it shone brighter than Versailles.

Queen Victoria was coming with her daughter Vicky and husband Albert. Yes, the Saxe-Coburg-Gotha's were descending on the Sussex coast for Christmas. Imagine it, Royal train, Baggage train, Nanny train (and the one carrying the enormous tree!) pulling into Brighton Station. The age of steam in its gentle youth, puffs of white cloud as wispy as the silk ribbons on the Queen's bonnet. The station master with his rows of gold buttons, proudly doffing his cap as the Queen stepped onto the platform. The roar of the crowd, as loud as any football stadium could muster, practically twizzled Albert's German whiskers to one side; that was before the Royal Party ventured outside for an open carriage ride in the freezing snow.

Was the sight of the Royal Pavilion with its onion-shaped domes and pineapple-pinnacles wasted on the weary travellers? Most likely! Victoria was certainly 'not amused' when she discovered she could only see a morsel of the sea from her sitting room window.



What a funny-odd sight the family would have made that night putting up the Christmas tree (a German tradition.) in a Fairytale-Indo-oriental building, plastered in Chinese wallpaper, with French carpets and English plumbing!

The next day, after a hearty Christmas Dinner, the Royal couple decided to take a stroll along the famous Chain Pier, no doubt to walk off the fifty or so courses! All would have been well but for a group of naughty school boys who peered under the Queen's bonnet and chased them back to the Pavillion. The Queen had, clearly, had enough, calling Brighton 'an odious Place, the people very indiscreet and troublesome!' No sooner had the servants unpacked the royal suitcases than they were ordered to pack up and make haste for the train station!!

This was one year when the poorest of families were, probably, having a better Christmas than the Queen of England.



*Spencer Mitchell*



Time for a smile

This was seen on the wall of a tax inspector's office

**We've got what it takes to take what you've got**



## SoundCafe Leicester Granted the King's Award for Voluntary Service



**SoundCafe Leicester has been granted the King's Award for Voluntary Service. This is the highest award a local voluntary group can receive in the UK and is equivalent to an MBE.**

As a small charity providing safe creative spaces for those who are homeless, isolated and vulnerably housed in the city, volunteers are at the very heart of the services they deliver.



SoundCafe recently celebrated 10 years as a charity and says it would not be here today without its volunteers, supporters and partner organisations, including Leicester

Samaritans and Leicestershire Cares.

Post pandemic, the charity moved its services to St Mary de Castro Church in the cultural quarter of the city, which has become its new home, reflecting the roots of the charity within local parish churches and the diocese.

Bishop Martyn, Patron of SoundCafe, said: "I am absolutely thrilled to hear this news of the Kings Award for Voluntary Service for SoundCafe Leicester. My heartfelt congratulations to all who have contributed to this prestigious award."

As a charity, SCL provides weekly safe creative spaces, including singing with SoundCafe choir, health and well-being with monthly SoundCafe Foxes football sessions, and a café incorporating arts, crafts and creative writing.

SoundCafe Leicester is one of 281 local charities, social enterprises and voluntary groups to receive the prestigious award this year. Their work, along with others from across the UK, reminds us of all the ways fantastic volunteers are contributing to their local communities and working to make life better for those around them.

Rachel Griffiths, Director of SoundCafe, said: "I am delighted that the work of our volunteers has been recognised. As a small charity, we are only still here and able to offer support to our guests as a result of the determination and commitment of our volunteer team – they are amazing!

Our volunteers enable our guests to realise their potential and find a voice, inspiring us all about what is possible when we come together." For more information on SoundCafe and how you can support their work, [visit their website](#).



## SERVICES December 2024

| DATE                    | GLENFIELD                                                          | NEWTOWN LINFORD                                                  |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Dec 1<br>Advent         | <b>8.30am</b> Holy Communion<br><br><b>9.30am</b> Breakfast Church | <b>10am</b> Holy Communion                                       |
| Dec 8<br>Advent 2       | <b>10am</b> Holy Communion                                         | <b>10am</b> Christingle                                          |
| Dec 15<br>Advent 3      | <b>10am</b> Morning Worship<br><br><b>3pm</b> Crib Service         | <b>10am</b> Holy Communion                                       |
| Dec 22                  | <b>10am</b> Holy Communion<br><br><b>5pm</b> Carols by Candlelight | <b>10am</b> Morning Prayer<br><br><b>7.30pm</b> Carols           |
| Dec 24<br>Christmas Eve | <b>11.15pm</b> Midnight Communion                                  | <b>3pm</b> Crib Service<br><br><b>11.30pm</b> Midnight Communion |
| Dec 25<br>Christmas Day | <b>10.30am</b> Holy Communion                                      | <b>9am</b> Holy Communion                                        |
| Dec 29<br>Christmas 1   | <b>10am Group</b> Holy Communion<br><i>at Thurcaston</i>           |                                                                  |

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| MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES |     |         |                 |                  |  |
|----------------------------|-----|---------|-----------------|------------------|--|
| <b>GLENFIELD</b>           | Wed | 10.30am | 4 <sup>th</sup> | 18 <sup>th</sup> |  |



**ST PETER'S SERVICES DIARY**  
**DECEMBER 2024**

**1 Advent Sunday**

**8.30am** HC

*Jeremiah 33:14-16*

*Luke 21:25-36*

**9.30am** Breakfast Church

*Genesis 12:1-5; 15:5-6*

*BSG: Abraham: promise and faith*

4 Wed

**10.30am** Holy Communion

**8 Second Sunday of Advent**

**10am** Holy Communion

*Malachi 3:1-4*

*Luke 3: 1-6*

**15 Third Sunday of Advent**

**10am** Morning Worship

*Zephaniah 3:14-20*

*Luke 3:7-18*

**3pm** Crib Service

18 Wed

**10.30am** Holy Communion

**22 Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**10am** Holy Communion **5pm** Carols by Candlelight

*Micah 5:2-5a*

*Luke 1:39-55*

**24 Christmas Eve**

**11.15pm** Midnight Holy Communion

*Isaiah 9:2-7*

*John 1:1-14*

**25 Christmas Day**

**10.30am** Holy Communion

*Isaiah 62:6-12*

*Luke 2:1-20*

**29 First Sunday of Christmas**

**10am** Group Holy Communion

*at Thurcaston*



# SERVICES January 2025

| DATE                 | GLENFIELD                                                         | NEWTOWN<br>LINFORD         |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Jan 5<br>Epiphany    | <b>8.30am</b> Holy Communion<br><b>9.30am</b> Breakfast Church    | <b>10am</b> Holy Communion |
| Jan 12<br>BoC        | <b>10am</b> Holy Communion<br><b>4.30pm</b> Compline              | <b>10am</b> Morning Prayer |
| Jan 19<br>E 2: WoPCU | <b>10.15am</b> United Service<br>at Glenfield Methodist<br>Church | <b>10am</b> Holy Communion |
| Jan 26<br>E3         | <b>10am</b> Holy Communion<br><b>4pm</b> Crumpet Church           | <b>10am</b> Morning Prayer |



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|----------------------------|-----|---------|------------------|------------------|--|
| <b>GLENFIELD</b>           | Wed | 10.30am | 15 <sup>th</sup> | 29 <sup>th</sup> |  |





**ST PETER'S SERVICES DIARY**  
**JANUARY 2025**

**5 Epiphany Sunday**

**8.30am HC**

*Ephesians 3:1-12*  
*Matthew 2:1-12*

**9.30am Breakfast Church**

*BSG: Moses*

**12 Baptism of Christ**

**10am Holy Communion**

*Acts 8:14-17*  
*Luke 3:15-22*

**4.30pm Compline**

*Psalm 29*  
*Acts 8:14-17*  
*Luke 3:15-22*

15 Wed

**10.30am Holy Communion**

**19 Second Sunday of Epiphany; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

**10.15am United Service (at Glenfield Methodist Church?)**

**26 Third Sunday of Epiphany**

**10am Holy Communion**

*1 Corinthians 12:12-31a*  
*Luke 4:14-21*

**4pm Crumpet Church**

29 Wed

**10.30am Holy Communion**



## 'The Nativity from Joseph's point of view.'

At the MU meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> November Wendy Nye was our speaker. She brought a wide array of Christmas novelties to buy. She makes and sells these to raise money to send shoe boxes of gifts to other countries where people have little. Her talk was about our emotions at Christmas time and the Nativity as seen from Joseph's point of view.

We expect our Christmas celebrations to be perfect and we tend to remember the things that go wrong. We should rejoice in being together with family and friends rather than seeking perfection. It is easy to become over-tired and stressed preparing gifts, decorations and food and to lose the joy of the Saviour's birth.

We then thought about the Nativity from Joseph's point of view. At that time, it was the custom for a couple to be betrothed for twelve months before marriage. The family arranged the match and the wife to be, lived with the family until the wedding. The couple were always chaperoned. To become pregnant before marriage was a public disgrace. When Mary became pregnant Joseph knew the baby was not his but did not want to disgrace her. He considered a quiet divorce and then an angel appeared to him in a dream and when he woke up he accepted what the angel had told him. This was a huge step of faith for Joseph to take.

Wendy went on to tell the Nativity story. Mary and Joseph were required to go to Bethlehem and he must have worried about a heavily pregnant Mary riding on a donkey. He was surprised that there was no room at the inn and thankful they could have shelter in the stable where Jesus was born. How strange it must have been to have shepherds coming to see them and later wise men bearing valuable gifts who had travelled a long way following a star. It was interesting looking at the story from Joseph's point of view.



The next meeting will be on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm  
Please bring finger food for tea and a Christmas reading to share

*Lucy Hilton*



# LET THE TRAIN TAKE THE STRAIN

(An Old British Rail Slogan)

By Alan Robinson

## (Or How I Hold The Record For The Longest Time To Travel From London Euston to Rugby Midland By Train)

Before I married Audrey I used to travel to Grays in Essex, by train, once a month in order to see Audrey and my family.

I usually returned to Rugby on the 'Irish Mail' train leaving at 8.45pm from London Euston. One Sunday, I was running a bit late and dashed on to the platform and shouted to the ticket collector, "Is this the Irish Mail?" and he said, "Yes", so I got aboard and found a seat.

Later a ticket inspector came to check the tickets and when he saw me, he said, "Where do you want to go?" I replied, "Rugby" to which he said, "The summer time tables started today and the Irish Mail is in two parts. This part is the non-stop to Holyhead and the one stopping at all stops leaves 15 minutes later". He then said, "Come with me and sit next to the guards compartment. When we get to Rugby, the train may slow down so that you can jump off and I will drop your bag after you". However, when we got to Rugby, the train roared through the station without stopping! He then said, "We can have another go at Uttoxeter". The same thing happened there, at Derby, Crewe and Chester and I eventually got off at Holyhead. I found a seat to sit on and dropped off to sleep.

At 7 o'clock I was woken by a cleaner who said, "If you want the London train it is waiting at the platform". I climbed on and sat down again. This time the ticket collector greeted me with, "Oh, you must be the guy who got on the wrong train last night".

I was able to leave this train at Rugby and finally got to work at 2pm. Nobody believed my story and said that I was just making an excuse for being late.



### A poem on forgiveness

If our greatest need had been information,  
God would have sent us an educator.  
If our greatest need had been money,  
God would have sent us an economist.  
If our greatest need had been technology,  
God would have sent us a scientist.  
If our greatest need had been pleasure,  
God would have sent us an entertainer.  
But our greatest need was forgiveness,  
So God sent us a Saviour.

*Anon*

*Courtesy of ACE*

# Glenfield W.I.



Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday each month at St Peter's 2pm-4pm  
Visitors are assured of a very warm welcome for a nominal fee of £3. Do come along and meet us.

## November Meeting of Glenfield WI

We enjoyed a 'crafty' afternoon this month, when our invited speaker, Caroline Boulter, brought along a selection of handmade crafts to show us. She talked about her love for creating things from fabric and showed a few beautiful examples of her work.

She then guided us in the making of miniature Christmas Trees from fabric circles. Members applied themselves to their task with enthusiasm and there was plenty of shared laughter as we helped each other to make the trees. Everyone was pleased with the final result and we were able to go



home with a handmade tree to add to our Christmas decorations this year. A big thank you to Caroline for such an enjoyable afternoon.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday December 11<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in St Peter's Church Rooms. The speaker is Ian Rogerson who will be giving a talk entitled 'Smile-say Cheese!' Visitors to this afternoon meeting can be sure of a warm welcome.

**Other news** – we were pleased to support Glenfield Hospital's endeavor to create a display of knitted and crocheted poppies in their Secret Garden for November 11<sup>th</sup>. Members of our craft group spent many hours producing poppies and were delighted to see the resulting display.

Sue@Glenfield WI



### Time for a smile



A group of wives were chatting about what they do with surplus food after a meal. Wife 1 said, "My husband's a chef and he calls them left-overs." Wife 2 said, "My husband is a TV producer and he calls them re-runs." Wife 3 said, "You think you have it bad; mine is a quality control engineer and he calls them rejects." And Wife 4 said, "That's nothing compared to me; my husband manages a crematorium and he calls them remains!"



# Glenfield Park W.I.



*Meetings 1st Thursday each month in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.  
New members and visitors are always welcome*

Now, what would you consider to be a good birthday present? I bet it wouldn't be a spinning wheel and 16 sheep! This was Angela Dewes birthday present which sent her off on her crafter's journey, the subject of her talk to Glenfield Park WI.

This present did, however, have its problems. Number one how do you wash a fleece? A hint for anyone thinking of having a go. You soak it in water using the cheapest washing-up liquid. Just thought you would like to know.



Having grown up in Wales she was used to woven blankets and she decided she would like to spin the wool from the fleece. Having mastered the art of cleaning the fleece, the next problem was to learn to spin. Spinning involves putting a twist in the yarn which is where the spinning wheel comes in. Previously, all spinning was done on a spindle, called drop spinning.



Because she was successful with her spinning, she soon found she had more wool than she needed for her knitting, and so, as a diversification for the farm, she went to craft fairs and sold on the internet and became a small business supplying knitted goods. To cope with the supply and demand she now employs more knitters. A real success story.

We also learnt how different breeds of sheep produce different types of fleece, some much coarser than others. For example, Jacob sheep fleece is very versatile and Shetland sheep fleece is very soft.

To finish her talk, she gave a demonstration on her nifty, portable spinning wheel. It was fascinating to watch, as she made it look so easy. A thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Future events.

- December 4<sup>th</sup> Carol Service at St Peter's church.
- December 5<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting with supper.
- December 6<sup>th</sup> Christmas meal at the Queen Vic in Syston.
- December 16<sup>th</sup> Visit to Curve to see My Fair Lady
- Meeting, January 9<sup>th</sup> 2025 - instead of 2<sup>nd</sup>



*Pam Wilson*

ST PETER'S CHURCH CENTRE

Presents

# Michael Buble

The Tribute Christmas Party

*Bring a bottle..*



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## Questions of the Day

A few questions from Charles Nove's breakfast show on the former Scala Radio (now known as Magic Classical).

Q. What letter comes next in this fairytale sequence? G D S B H S ?

Ans: D. It's the initial letters of the 7 dwarves.

Q. From these definitions, insert an animal into the first word to get the second:

Soft cheese and for a short period of time  
Implored and have limbs curved outwards

Ans: Brie and Briefly. Begged and Bowlegged.

Q. What's the odd word out and why?

Fastener, Forgoes, Freight, Footwork, Feminine

Ans: Forgoes. The others have numbers in them (ten, eight, two, nine)

Q. As I walked along the path, I saw a thing with four fingers and one thumb. It was not flesh, fish, bone or fowl. What was it?

Ans: A glove.

Q. What five letter word can be added to each of the following to get a new word?

Sun, Head, Search, House, Wave, Bulb

Ans: Light (after the first three, before the last three)

Q. What's next in this sequence and how often would it be correct?

31, 60, 91, 121, 152, ?

Ans: 182. It's the sum of the days of each month of the year, but only in the leap year, so every 4 years.

Q. Take four 9s and a 1. Arrange them and add a mathematical symbol to have the result be 100.

Ans:  $199 - 99 = 100$

Q. What's next in this sequence of cities?

Rome, Tokyo, Mexico City, Munich, Montreal.

Ans: Moscow. It's the location of the summer Olympics from 1960 onwards.

Q. A husband and wife have a total age of 91 years. The husband is now twice as old as his wife was when he was as old as she is now. How old is each of them?

Ans: 52 and 39

Q. A man falls 150 feet without a parachute, flips upside down 6 times and eventually lands without injury. How?

Ans: He was bungee jumping.

*Courtesy of ACE*

## What's interesting about the number 73?

You may or may not have watched 'The Big Bang Theory', an American situation comedy about a group of nerdy physicists, engineers and their friends, living in Pasadena, California.



A scene in the episode 'The Alien Parasite Hypothesis' (Series 4, episode 10), has given rise to a theorem called 'The Sheldon Cooper's Theorem'.

Sheldon Cooper, one of the show's main characters, explains why 73 is the best number: it's the 21st prime number and its reverse is 37, which is the 12th prime number. The reverse of 12 is 21, which is the product of 7 and 3. Amazing, right?

This idea caught the attention of experts from Dartmouth University (New Hampshire, USA), who confirmed that 73 is the only known prime number with these unique traits (I could direct the more mathematically inclined readers to this web link for the full proof:

<https://math.dartmouth.edu/~carlp/sheldon02132019.pdf>.

To make it even more remarkable, 73 is a palindrome in binary (1001001), and every 37th Fibonacci number is a multiple of 73 (a Fibonacci sequence is one in which each number is the sum of the two preceding ones – 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55, 89, 144, ...).

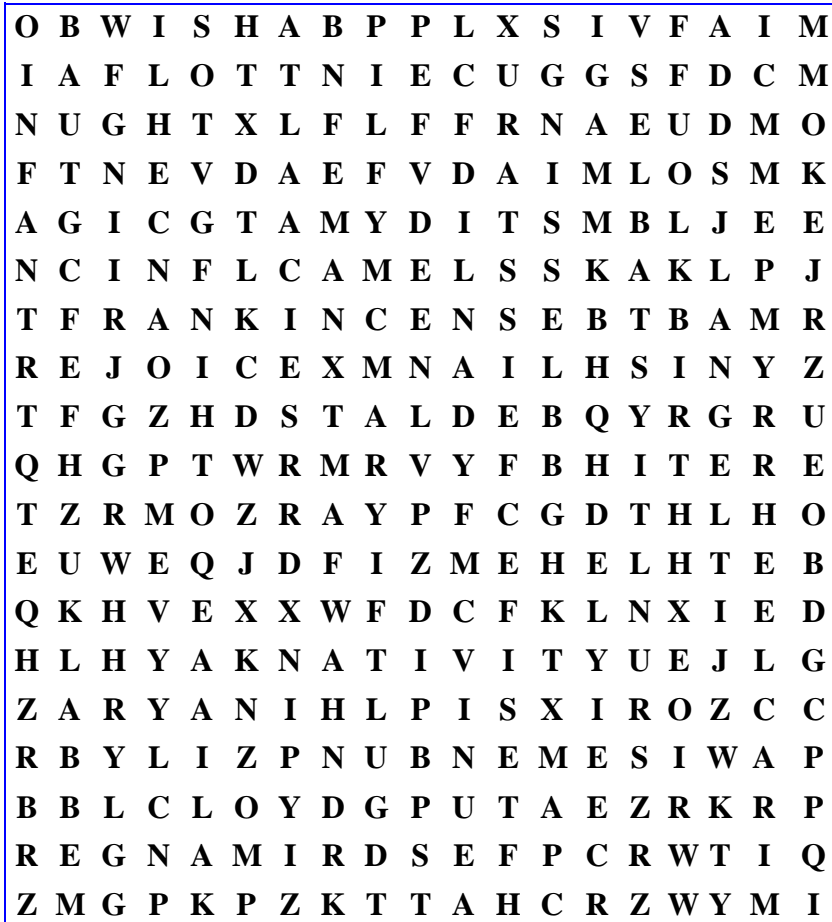
As if that weren't enough, the episode where it was featured was the 73rd of the series, Jim Parsons (who plays Sheldon) was born in 1973, and he was 37 years old when the episode first aired!

*Courtesy of ACE*

*Tim Cooke*



## Wordsearch Joy to the World



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| ADVENT       | INFANT  | MYRRH       |
| ANGEL        | JESUS   | NATIVITY    |
| BETHLEHEM    | JOSEPH  | REJOICE     |
| BIRTH        | MAGI    | STABLE      |
| BLESSINGS    | MANGER  | STAR        |
| CAMELS       | MARY    | THREE KINGS |
| FRANKINCENSE | MIRACLE | WISE MEN    |

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**

## RENEW CAFÉ

Our new café runs every Thursday with a range of art and crafts activities for people to do as well as chat and support one another in wellbeing.

Why not come down to the Church Centre and join in 9.30am - noon?

Would you be interested in helping out? A few more people are needed to supplement the existing team. Either let the Rector know or speak to the team on a Thursday.

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## GROWTH GROUP

Wednesday afternoons fortnightly. 2.30pm  
at 72 Chestnut Road  
December 11, January 8 and 22

Contact: Brian Hughes 0116 287 3271  
Rev. Pam Harvey 0116 232 2959



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## MOTHERS' UNION

**Mothers' UNION**  
Christian care for families

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday monthly. 2.15pm  
at St Peter's Church Centre  
December 12, January 9

Contact: Linda Barnes 0116 224 3636

**Strapline** 'Cherish all your happy moments,  
they make a fine cushion for your old age.'  
*Christopher Morley, 1890-1957, American playwright.*

## St Peter's Music Time for Mums and Tots

St Peter's Music Time  
for Mums and Tots



Meeting on Tuesday afternoons at 1.15pm. Songs, rhymes, instruments, actions and fun for children aged 0 to pre-school and their carers. Refreshments provided.

See the St Peter's Music Time for Mums and Tots Facebook page for information : [facebook.com/stpetersmusictime](https://www.facebook.com/stpetersmusictime)

There will be a Music Time Nativity on Tuesday 24 December 2024



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## Bumps & Babies Weigh & Play

This is a group for all who care for babies and pre-school children and expectant mothers.

We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month, 1pm to 2.30pm. Dec 9, Jan 13, Feb 10 at St. Peter's Church Centre, Glenfield LE3 8DB

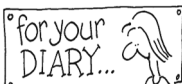
A chance to weigh your little ones and chat over a cuppa with others.

Entry fee £1

For more information contact Diane on: 07790410659

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Fri, Dec 6 7pm doors open. Michael Bubl  tribute  
Church Centre p18

Fri, Dec 20 12noon-7pm Light a Candle p5

Tues, Dec 24 1.15pm Music Time Nativity



*I make that 21 snowmen, how many did you find?*



St Peter's  
Glenfield

*connecting our  
community to Christ*

## WHO'S WHO AT ST. PETER'S, GLENFIELD 2024

Rector: Revd. Richard Trethewey                      0116 287 1604  
Retired Clergy: Revd. Pam Harvey                      0116 232 2959

Church Centre bookings                      Hayley Moore 0116 239 3768  
[bookings@stpetersglenfield.org.uk](mailto:bookings@stpetersglenfield.org.uk)                      Mon. to Fri. 9.30-11.30am



### The members of the Parochial Church Council are:

**Clergy:** Revd. Richard Trethewey  
**Churchwardens:** Glenise Bowyer (Vice-Chair)  
Geoff Stokes

**Deanery Synod Reps:** Brian Hughes, Geoff Stokes

#### **Other members:**

Lynn Adlam, Claire Granger Clark,  
Doreen Denney, (Treasurer), Heather Harwood,  
Barry Jones, Andrew Norman,  
Ruth Trethewey, Emma Winfield

**Co-opted:** Rev'd. Pam Harvey, Kathryn Jones (PCC Secretary)

### **Have your say!**

If you have any comments to make about any of the items in the magazine, good, bad or indifferent, you can email me at [doreenmdenney@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:doreenmdenney@yahoo.co.uk) or write it down and pass it on to me. Please let me know if I have your permission to print what you have to say.

Thank you

*Doreen Denney*



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