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FROM REV. JOHN ANGLE

From Christmas into the New Year.

Many reading this copy of the Messenger will know that in connection with the Hope Christian Trust which Janet and I support ("Helping communities in the lands of the Bible") I spent ten days in Bethlehem, the West Bank and Gaza a month before Christmas. The first visit for nearly two years due to covid travel restrictions. The area is suffering, not only from the

continued restrictions imposed by Israel but also due to the continued covid pandemic and the poverty and unemployment brought about by the lack of tourism (the hotels and shops are empty of visitors – there is plenty of "room in the inn"!).

Pray for the people of Bethlehem!



The restrictions and problems for us continue to impact our lives in a variety of ways but nothing like the situation in the Middle East and many other parts of the world, notably Afghanistan, Yemen and parts of the Far East. The Christmas message we have recently been reading and singing about of Jesus bringing peace, love, hope and “joy to the world” remains unheard and unexperienced in these sad

situations where people live (or should we say exist!) in turmoil and fear.

We need to stir up ourselves in the post Christmas period and throughout the coming year to follow Jesus and make those changes in our own lives which will make a difference and bring the message of Christmas of love, joy, peace and hope to those that are hurting and lonely and sad wherever they are.

The poem of Henry Thurman, an American 20th century writer and civil rights leader comes to mind.



When the song of the angel is stilled
 When the star in the sky is gone
 When the kings and princes are home,
 When the shepherds are back with their flock,
 The work of Christmas begins:
 To find the lost,
 To heal the broken,
 To feed the hungry,
 To release the prisoner,
 To rebuild the nations
 To bring peace among all,
 To make music in the heart.

It's not just about telling and retelling the story of Christmas, it's about embodying it.

Being and becoming the good news announced with the birth of Jesus Christ. It's about making haste to share peace and hope that “passes all understanding”. Not with stingy hearts, but extravagantly. Making music in our hearts that spills over into

our relationships and communities. Not always happy music, but music that tells the truth, especially when the truth isn't pretty !

I'm praying I'll find renewed peace, love, joy and hope for myself, along with you, and new ways to do “the work of Christmas” in this coming year.

John

Services Cleeve with Claverham Jan/Feb22

January

2nd Sunday - The First Sunday of Epiphany THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

9 th	10am 10am 6pm	St Barnabas ONLINE	Parish Communion Cleeve V Hall Cafe Church Epiphany: Rev Mike Haslam
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3rd Sunday - The Second Sunday of Epiphany

16 th	10am 6pm	Holy Trinity ONLINE	Shared Parish Communion ZOOM Team Service
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4th Sunday - The Third Sunday of Epiphany

23 rd	10am 10am 6pm	St Barnabas Holy Trinity ONLINE	Parish Communion Waymarks ZOOM Team Service
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Jan Services cont'd..

5th Sunday - PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

30th 10am St Mary's Yatton Team Eucharist
Celebration of Candlemas/Presentation of Christ in the Temple
7pm Holy Trinity Taize Service

February

1st Sunday

6th 10am Holy Trinity Shared Parish Communion
6pm ONLINE

2nd Sunday

13th 10am St Barnabas Shared Parish Communion
6pm Cleeve Village Hall Cafe Church
 ONLINE

MIDWEEK SERVICES

January

Thurs 13th 9.30am Holy Trinity Healing Prayer
Thurs 20th 9.30am Holy Trinity Healing Prayer + Communion
Wed 26th 10am St Barnabas Coffee+Cake+Communion
Thurs 27th 9.30am Holy Trinity Healing Prayer

February

Thurs 3rd 9.30am Holy Trinity Healing Prayer + Communion
Thurs 10th 9.30am Holy Trinity Healing Prayer
Thurs 17th 9.30am Holy Trinity Healing Prayer + Communion
Wed 23rd 10am St Barnabas Coffee+Cake+Communion
Thurs 24th 9.30am Holy Trinity Healing Prayer

Cafe Church

This Sunday **9th Jan** at 10am in Cleeve Village Hall - Nigel will interview N Somerset County Councillor, Bridget Petty. Amongst other topics, Nigel will be asking Bridget about her views on the local and regional response to the demise of local services, climate crisis, how communities might adapt to change and what vision Bridget and her colleagues might have for an alternative future.

Covid-safe policies are in place - Hands, Face, Space, Ventilation. Please try to test before attending. Refreshments - either supply your own or wait until the end to get a hot drink.

Online Services - The Return

Our first online service of the new year, **9th Jan 6pm**, is also the first Sunday in Epiphanytide and remembers the baptism of Christ. Taking us deeper in our seasonal reflections is guest, Rev. Mike Haslam.

Mike is Chaplaincy Development Adviser to the Diocese of Bath & Wells; he is a priest and teacher who has served as a chaplain in almost every level of education, in other chaplaincy sectors, in parishes and in a cathedral.

We look forward to welcoming him. There is an opportunity at the beginning for you to pour water into a bowl, dip your finger in and make the sign of the cross on your forehead in a symbolic renewing of the vows of baptism.

Do provide yourself with a jug, or similar, of water and a bowl if you wish to participate. Contact the team office for the Zoom link. Nigel will be leading the service.

Candlemas

The Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Although this feast day falls on the 2nd February, we will be celebrating on Sunday **30th January** with a Team Eucharist **10am** at **St Mary's**, Yatton. Fran Binding will lead the service and Nigel will preach. *Paschal Candles* - the paschal candle from each of the 5 churches will be presented for a blessing.



Taize Evening. Holy Trinity, Cleeve, is hosting a Candlemas Taize that evening (**30th January**) at 7pm led by Morag Adams and the group formed last year from across local parishes. Atmospheric, beautiful worship in a covid-safe space to which you are warmly invited. Rehearsal at 6pm for those who want a warm-up.

Cleeve and Claverham MU

The committee have been trying to prepare a six month programme for the group and we were going to start on Tuesday 18th January with a very short AGM and communion. However, due to the restrictions on the service and the uncertainty of providing a lunch we have reluctantly decided to postpone the January meeting.

We are hoping to start this year's programme on the 15th February with a talk on the Strawberry Line Cafe postponed from 2020. Members of the committee will ring all members nearer the time to confirm it is going ahead.

Meanwhile, the subs are due again. We know how important these are to the organisation for all the work they are still able to do so we hope that you will still support the MU. We are keeping the subs the same as last year - £25. Sarah will be collecting it from now on so, if you are able to, please drop in the money to her in Cleeve Drive. The committee look forward to seeing you all as a group as soon as possible.

Andrea



Nigel & Nickie wish to thank those in the parish who contributed to the generous Christmas gift they were given. It was a real blessing.

Dave Reports -

During 2021 we sent a total of £2007 to Clevedon Foodbank as well as regular donations of non perishable food etc. Many thanks everybody who has supported the Foodbank and to Helen Bailey for her many trips to Clevedon to deliver the collections.

Our Christian Aid Afghanistan collection raised £300, which is an excellent response to the crisis. Anyone who wishes to give to the appeal can pop it through my door, 40 Cleeve Drive, or in Claverham to Carole at 15 Chestnut Drive to pass on

Claverham News.

Happy New Year and best wishes to all. All being well the village market will be held on 15th Jan. Please wear masks as we don't know who may be spreading the virus!

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Joyce Mellor whose mother, Elsie has died. There will hopefully be a celebration of her life later in the year..

Jean is looking for somebody to take over the running of the market - not a difficult task. Please phone her for details. (838017)

Nativity Design

Isla Hall created this wonderful Nativity scene from the Messy Church Resources. Well done Isla!



Holy Trinity Cleaning Rota

Jenny Haworth	January 16th
Jen Lankester	January 23rd
June Richards	January 30th
Sarah Cush Nick Cush	February 6th
Andrea Stoddart Lin Mortimer	February 13th

Thank you -

For your contributions to this month's Messenger.

Articles for the February edition should be with me by Wednesday 9th February. They can be e-mailed to carole.perrott@gmx.com, put through the door of 15 Chestnut Drive, Claverham or given to me at church. *Ed*

Radio Times Letter of the week - Strictly no Barriers

I felt very proud to be British when, thanks largely to the voting public, the semi-final of Strictly Come Dancing (11 December BBC1) was contested by minorities: one gay person, two black people and a person with a disability.

This has been one of the best series ever and these four have dazzled us with courageous and spectacular performances throughout (and well done to

the pros who coached them.) We hear a lot about ugly prejudice of all kinds in this country, but this voting reflected a public concerned only with ability, and sheer determination.

Thank you, BBC, for once again lighting our dark winter months with this sparkling show

Cathy Horder Wellington,
Somerset

Well said Cathy! Ed.

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