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## DATES FOR DIARY: December/January/February 2023

<b>Coffee Stop</b>		Thursdays	<b>10:00</b>
<b>Saturday Marketplace</b>		1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday	<b>10:00</b>
<b>December</b>			
<b>3</b>	10:45	F2F & Zoom	Advent Sunday and Holy Communion Led by Rev Sue Taylor
<b>9</b>	4.00	F2F	Family pyjama service
<b>10</b>	10:45	F2F & Zoom	Sunday Service Led by David Schofield
<b>17</b>	10:45	F2F & Zoom	Nativity Led by Steve Bagshaw
<b>24</b>	10:45	F2F & Zoom	Carol service
<b>24</b>	3:00	F2F	Family Christingle
<b>25</b>	11:00	F2F & Zoom	Family Christmas Day service Led by Rev Sue Taylor
<b>31</b>	10:30	F2F & Zoom	United service at Fartown
<b>January</b>			
<b>7</b>	10:45	F2F & Zoom	Covenant & Holy Communion led by Rev Sue Taylor
<b>14</b>	10:45	F2F & Zoom	Sunday service led by Steve Bagshaw
<b>21</b>	10:45	F2F & Zoom	Sunday service (Pulpit swap) led by Rev Ian Lovett
<b>28</b>	10:45	F2F & Zoom	Sunday service led by Rev Rob Hilton
<b>February</b>			
<b>4</b>	10:45	F2F & Zoom	Sunday service led by Steve Bagshaw
<b>11</b>	10:45	F2F & Zoom	Own arrangement
<b>18</b>	10:45	F2F & Zoom	Sunday service led by David Schofield
<b>25</b>	10:45	F2F & Zoom	Holy Communion led by Rev Sue Taylor

Our services can be accessed from anywhere in the world and we would be delighted if you are able to join us – please contact [media@lindleymethodist.org](mailto:media@lindleymethodist.org) for Zoom invitation details and we look forward to you being with us

# LETTER FROM YOUR MINISTER

Dear friends,

I wonder how much you know about your ancestors?

Are you one of those people who have traced your family tree back through many generations?



As we journey through Advent towards Christmas I hope you have been able to see the Jesse Tree either in church, or in the church window, with the symbols being put on each week. These symbols represent the stories from the Old Testament that teach us about the ancestry of Jesus.

Going back many years a family Bible would be where the details of a number of generations of one's family were kept. Perhaps you've seen an example or know a relative who had one.

In churches in the past there may have been a depiction of Jesus' family tree in wood, stone or in a stained glass window. At this time when not everyone was taught to read, the Jesse tree with its symbols would be used to share the stories from the Old Testament with people in church.

I wonder if you have a favourite story from the Old Testament and whether our symbols will cover it as we place them on the tree during Advent and revisit the ancestors in Jesus' life. There is also an Advent resource to accompany this for you to reflect on these stories at home if you wish.

Christmas adverts, decorations and Christmas songs seem to come earlier and earlier but for us, as Christians, Advent is a time of waiting. A time when we prepare to hear the story of Jesus' birth and wonder yet again at the hope that came through him.

I hope you enjoy this journey through Advent into Christmas, that in the busyness you find some time to reflect and be still, and that we and the world may know God's Peace in this season.

With my very best wishes,  
Sue

# CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



Greetings for Christmas and a very happy and healthy 2024 to all friends at Lindley Methodist Church.  
Anne Haigh

Sending my love and very best wishes to everyone for a Happy Christmas and a Hopeful and Peaceful 2024!  
In lieu of sending cards this year, I am donating to Transform Trade's #UnseenAppeal.  
Ann Emery



David and Ruth would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year. In view of Christmas cards we have made a donation to The Welcome Centre.

Wishing all our friends at Lindley Happy Christmas and a healthy new year  
With love and prayers Pat and Bernard



Richard would like to wish all his friends at Lindley Methodist Church a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year

Wishing everyone a wonderful Christmas and all the best for the new year,  
Shona, Alan and Rosa

A very Merry Christmas to all our friends. We are not sending cards this year but will instead be making a donation to the Welcome centre.  
Thanks Sue and Tim O'Neill





Sending everyone our very best wishes and happiness for the festive season. Love Helen, Phil, Olivia and Madeline



## HILARY AND ANGELA'S TRIP TO KENYA OCT 2023

It was a privilege to be able to visit some orphanages in Kenya this Autumn. We wanted to share some thoughts about our visit.

Riziki was the first orphanage we visited this was just outside Nakuru – a three and a half hour trip from Nairobi. Some of this trip was on proper roads some on dirt tracks and we can honestly say the driving is something you have to see to believe!!!





Riziki is a home that has 16 children there during our visit full time, plus another 11 who are at senior boarding schools term time only. They return to Riziki during the holidays. The children range in age from 4 to 17 years. We met two girls who had been left at the gates only a couple of weeks before. Already they had settled well.

They are some of the happiest children I have ever met, and they are well loved and cared for. Liz lives on site as the assistant director there is also a cook Elizabeth who comes in daily plus a cleaner and three gardeners.

During our visit the gardeners were very busy cutting down the maize to dry it out.

They aim to be as self-sufficient as possible with cows, chickens, pigs, plenty of home grown veg and a poly tunnel where grain is dried plus veg are grown. They have a system to collect rainwater as there is no main supplies. Water is expensive to buy when needed and the aim is to use the tanks that store the rainwater and the dam that was made to water the crops.

There are still areas where guttering can be put on to save even more water.

We were able to stay on site in the guest house with Liz, This meant we could spend time with the children, playing, colouring, praying, singing, and generally having a lot of fun. Hilary's dancing caused much laughter!!!

We had a day in Nakuru with Liz we travelled on a Matatu (a minibus that had definitely seen better days and with many more than the required number of people). The Matatu took over 2 hours as we visited many different homes/communities delivering goods, picking up people and eventually arriving in Nakuru.



We also took a Tuk Tuk around Nakuru as we bought supplies for Riziki. A supermarket visit, chemists, and a couple of other shops filled our taxi for the trip back...





Angela and I were there on a Sunday so we went to Church. The children had walked on to church an hour or so before we set off with Liz. They have their teaching first before the service. Everyone took part in the service in some form or other including us as we gave greetings from Lindley and Ian & Diana. They were very kind and mixed the Swahili service with English so we could understand what was happening. Everyone was so welcoming it was a joyous two+ hours.





Following our days at Riziki we travelled up to Eldoret another long road trip and spent a few days with Joshua and Mirriam visiting Testimony Children's home and Neema Children's home. We even had time to visit the Rift Valley with them which was a spectacular sight.





On our return to Nairobi, we visited the Nairobi Street children feeding programme this was very humbling and quite an experience going into the slums down on the river bank to meet the 100+ children who were being fed lunch. This is yet another story so if you see us please ask.



We had an amazing, humbling and very enjoyable 16 days in Kenya and look forward to revisiting.

Hilary Wilson & Angela Lawson



# SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

As part of the Methodist Church in Britain, Lindley Methodist Church is committed to safeguarding as an integral part of its life and ministry. This can't be done by a single person, but must be done collectively, by all of us.

**Safeguarding is about the actions we, as the Church, take to promote a safer culture.**

This means we will:

- Promote the welfare of children, young people and adults.
- Work to prevent abuse from occurring.
- Seek to protect and respond well to those that have been abused.

No one likes to think of abuse happening and certainly not in their local church! We must, however, accept that abuse has happened in church settings historically and continues to happen today. Our role is to promote a safer culture here at Lindley where we talk often and openly about safeguarding everyone.

In addition, we will ensure that, where appropriate, Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks are undertaken and that training is provided for people appropriate for their role in church.

## **Domestic Abuse**

Domestic abuse affects large numbers of people both inside and outside the church, and children as well as adults.

The Methodist Church holds that domestic abuse in all its forms is unacceptable and incompatible with the Christian faith and a Christian way of living. It is committed to being a safer space for all. This means ensuring that members of the Methodist Church have an awareness and understanding of domestic abuse; and know how to respond appropriately and effectively.

When victims and survivors disclose abuse, they can expect to be listened to, taken seriously, supported and referred to local professional services, as appropriate.

If you have any safeguarding concerns or questions, please speak directly to either me or Rev. Sue.

Thanks, Stuart.

## **Safeguarding contacts at Lindley**

Church safeguarding officer – **Stuart Lee** – 07502 268703

Minister – **Rev. Sue Taylor** – 07752 829059

For additional contacts within the Huddersfield Circuit and Yorkshire West District, see the noticeboard in church / church centre or our church website.



# FRENCH CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

Despite living in France for nearly 10 years, we never actually spent a Christmas over there as we always came back to the UK to be with family. However, we did learn of the different traditions of celebrating Christmas in France.

I remember it was difficult finding Christmas cards to buy. The shops seemed to stock a limited range of single cards, like a postcard and not very attractive. During one conversation, a lady told me she was sending a lot of cards that year. It transpired that she was in fact sending five! So it was obviously not the done thing. Another friend couldn't understand why you would send cards to people you see, such as family, neighbours and work colleagues when you can wish them a "Happy Christmas" in person. I think there is a lot to be said for this for many reasons; the money spent on postage and cards could be put to better use by donations to charity and it would save a lot of trees, although I realise that charities also benefit at Christmas from the sale of cards etc.

We're also very fortunate in the UK to have two days Bank Holiday, being Christmas Day and Boxing Day. In France of course, Boxing Day doesn't exist as it was historically the day servants were allowed to visit their families with boxes of food.

Neither is it the tradition to eat your Christmas meal on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Instead, it is eaten on Christmas Eve before going to Midnight Mass, although a friend of mine said her family ate it after Midnight Mass. Gosh! I would need gallons of Gaviscon to be able to sleep if I tried that!

Where we lived, the neighbours always planned an outing to the local farm who had a special weekend selling meat and all the other traditional foods such as Pain d'épices, Foie gras, fig jam, crystallised fruits, champagne and wines. We went en masse and had a great time sampling the local fare. I suppose it wasn't for the faint hearted as there were always several wild boar strung up around the place (already dispatched) as well as the ones being reared for next year wandering around the fields.

Then there were the great discussions about how many boxes of oysters to buy. Another neighbour worked down south during the week so he brought boxes upon boxes of them back home for anyone who wanted some purchasing. There seemed to be great excitement on the day Guy arrived home and we always had to share a box that evening, making a meal of oysters and baguettes with lots of butter. I'm sure they were still swimming around in my stomach for days.

I remember a friend offering to show me how to prepare foie gras. I'm not keen on the idea of how this foodstuff comes about but didn't want to appear rude so went along with it for the experience. I must say the finished result was rather delicious but very rich, traditionally eaten with pain d'épices, (a sticky cake made with honey and spices) and fig jam. As is often the case with French recipes, it contained alcohol!

Like us, turkey is often the roast for the main course but it tends to vary from family to family. The French always eat the cheese course before the dessert, which we actually find better as it seems to help you digest the food you have already eaten and of course meals go on for hours! I remember going to a friend's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday party, which started with the obligatory aperitif, then a bit of dancing followed by various salads for starters, more dancing before the main course, more dancing before the cheese and eventually at 1am we got around to eating dessert! I must confess that by this time I was struggling to stay awake!

Christmas desserts tend to be La Bûche de Noël or Yule Log, as we call it. The patisseries are full of delicious creations but quite frequently the Yule Log is a frozen dessert which is very light and refreshing. Tradition has it that there are 13 desserts at the end of the Christmas meal, remembering Jesus and his 12 disciples. Although I say desserts, some of them may be nuts, dried fruits, candied fruits, nougat, fresh fruit and the Bûche de Noël. It's unusual to find Christmas Crackers in France, instead they have chocolates on the table – “papillotes” – which contain a joke the same as our crackers. Some of our French friends came over to England with us, a few weeks before Christmas and Marilou bought several boxes of Christmas Crackers. The only trouble is you can't fly with them as of course they are classed as explosives. This resulted in us driving back to France with several boxes of Christmas crackers in the car boot, hoping customs didn't stop us!

The next important event in the French calendar is January 6<sup>th</sup>, Epiphany, when you traditionally eat the King's cake or Gâteau des Rois. This consists of a flaky pastry top and bottom filled with an almond custard mixture which has two figurines or fevres, hidden inside it. We had the honour and pleasure of being invited to share in this tradition by the owner of the gîte we were renting until we found a house. We went to join his family and friends late afternoon to drink champagne (well he was a wine producer, although not a producer of champagne as we were in the Beaujolais region) and partake of this tradition where the youngest person hides under the table and says the names of the people sat around the table, one by one, which decides in which order the slices of the gâteau are given out. The people who get the piece of cake with a figurine inside it are then given a gold cardboard crown to wear and are the King and Queen for the rest of the day.

We lived in a village about 40 minutes' drive north of Lyon. The 8 December sees a great celebration in the city and also the villages nearby. This is called “La Fête des Lumières” or Festival of Light. In Lyon itself there is a fantastic music and light extravaganza, where images are projected onto buildings all around the city, attracting thousands of visitors. This all started in a very simple way back in 1643, when Lyon was struck by the plague. The municipal councillors promised to pay tribute to Mary if the town was spared, resulting in an annual procession to the Basilica of Fourvière on the hill above the city where they light candles and give offerings to Mary. A magnificent gold statue of Mary was erected on the Church on the Fourvière in 1852. Since then people have placed candles on their window sills in homage to Mary. There was always a celebration in our village with stalls selling oysters, mulled wine and gifts for Christmas along with bands playing and Father Christmas paying a visit giving out sweets to the children. The village has strong ties with the Catholic Church due to “the patron saint of all the parish priests of the universe” i.e. Saint Jean Marie Vianney, having served there. The story goes that he was sent to “the back of beyond” being Ars sur Formans as he wasn't considered to be very bright. However, he became very much revered by the inhabitants of the village as he is said to have often gone without food himself in order to feed his parishioners and assisted in setting up a school for the village children. He now rests in a glass box, for want of a better word, in the Church, apart from his heart which resides in a special Chapel built especially for this purpose. On the 8 December each year the seminary opens its doors to the public and the priests in training serve mulled wine. Their Church is also open at this event and the priests play music and sing throughout the evening. It's a beautiful, modern Church, quite simple in design but the atmosphere within is other worldly, so calm and peaceful. I loved going and sitting in there, experiencing the wonderful feeling of peace, in contrast to the lively festivities taking place outside. Wonderful memories!

All it remains for me to say is “Joyeux Noël!”

Ruth Schofield

# CHRISTMAS DITTY BY DAVID SCHOFIELD

Christmas is coming  
The house is all a clutter  
I've had to buy a Christmas tree  
Like every other nutter

Bigger than the car again  
An annual event  
Chop some off the bottom  
Or buy an outside tent...

I've got it in the room now  
Positioned as requested  
But no, not quite, it isn't right  
I feel I am being tested

Now all is fine it's in its place  
In stand with water in it  
There was a time not long ago  
When all I thought was "bin it"!

My back has gone, my knees won't bend  
I'm feeling really tired  
My brains a mess, confused, worn-out  
It doesn't feel hard wired!

It's in its place all tall and green  
Looking rather pretty  
I nearly feel a song come on  
But no, more of this dodgy ditty

But now's the time  
To light it up with bulbs that have been stored  
For 12 months now up in the loft  
But sadly they've been gnawed

By what or who I do not know  
They're looking rather tattered  
Not much to do and mores the point  
I'm feeling rather shattered

We take our time and check each one to find a true solution,  
To no avail, they still don't work  
Except for my electrocution

Off to the shop for some new lights  
The choice and price fantastic  
It seems you need a visa card  
Constructed of elastic

But now they're on  
We have some light  
They really do look jolly

In contrast to the sharp green leaves  
Protruding from the Holly

The baubles added one by one  
Carefully in their spaces  
Each one we know must always have  
Their clearly pre-marked places.. (Ruth's requirement)

I look with awe and wonder at this  
Piece of Christmas art  
And eat another large mince pie  
Then have a right good ..... (smile though it doesn't rhyme)

So all is great and we are happy  
The tree and decorations  
Are ready for that special day  
Of festive celebrations

We can relax for now it seems  
Until the kings appear  
The twelfth night arrives  
and with it comes another night of fear

My role is then to deconstruct  
This dying prickly monster  
So no more smiles or Christmas dreams  
For me the merry songster

Out the door,  
leaving behind a trail of tiny prickles  
My neck is scratched, my arms are spiked  
and even my haircut tickles

So that is it one more year gone  
We can all relax and smile  
Eleven quiet months to go  
Before my annual trial



## FAIRTRADE UPDATE



It is a big thank you from me and also from Tina, for your generous support this autumn of the Fairtrade stall including your purchases of Tina's fairly traded craft items from Pachama, Namaste and fair to trade which I have featured on the stalls.

Quite a number of you, purchased one of the felt Christmas decorations or a glitzy pen or box sourced by Tina from Namaste, so I thought I should let you know a bit more about Namaste.

Namaste is an ethical wholesaler based in Skipton. They aim to buy from small scale producers who use largely natural materials and traditional techniques to produce beautiful and interesting products for both retail customers and independent wholesale clients.

Namaste is proud to be a member of BAFTS, the British Association for Fair Trade Shops and Suppliers as a fairtrade importer.

They believe that the best way to help disadvantaged producers is to work with them in partnership through mutually beneficial and long-term trade. Namaste's key focus is to support marginalised small producers and ultimately help them move from income insecurity to economic self-sufficiency.

The manufacture of goods for Namaste generates income for local economies to help improve and enrich community life.

Some of Namaste's suppliers are members of the World Fair Trade Organisation (WFTO) and some are members of their appropriate National Fair Trade Organisation.

Many of the felt Christmas decorations also support Child Rescue Nepal as Namaste is a long term committed supporter of Child Rescue Nepal (CRN).

As well as contributing a percentage of all purchases made from Nepalese suppliers, Namaste sponsor projects, runs fundraising events and commits to sponsoring individual children. Their Nepalese products proudly display a Child Rescue Nepal label.

So, when you purchase a Fairtrade item, you really do make a difference!

For more information visit [www.namaste-uk.com](http://www.namaste-uk.com) and <https://childrescuenepal.org/>

Thank you too to everyone who puts the small change from their purchases in the Transform Trade collection box. This Christmas, I am going to send the contents of the box to Transform Trade in support of their Christmas appeal - #UnseenAppeal# highlighting the difficult circumstances of homeworkers in developing countries and enabling Transform Trade to support them in changing their working conditions and pay levels.

For more information visit [www.transform-trade.org/unseen](http://www.transform-trade.org/unseen)

I will also be supporting the unseen appeal personally by sending a donation in lieu of church Christmas cards.

Once again, many thanks for your support and interest.

Ann Emery



# GARDENING WITH GEORGE

Plant lore from George Anderson, Retired Head of School of Horticulture at Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, and presenter of BBC Scotland Beechgrove



It is interesting how a few words can conjure up an image.

On reading 'Consider...', many of us will have thought of pure white lilies, the ones that signify Christ's purity: *Lilium candidum* or 'The Madonna Lily', the one that appears in many religious paintings of the Madonna and Child and also in some of stained glass windows. Leaves of the plant, when bound on to open wounds, were reputed to aid healing. Perhaps they have antiseptic qualities. Christ himself was often referred to as 'the Lily amongst the thorns' and indeed some of the last strongholds of *Lilium candidum* in its native habitat are amongst thorn bushes where the foraging goats cannot reach it.

Tulips, cyclamen, crocus and iris in some translations also come up as possible candidates for 'the lilies of the field' and indeed they are native to the Middle East and grow in some of the most inhospitable places without any human aid, encouragement or care.

Does a name really matter? Common names for common plants can vary considerably from one area of the country to another. Dandelion, for example, can have a multitude of common names, some of which are none too savoury; but botanically it has only one name, *Taraxacum officinale*. Botanical or Latin names are important. They give the true name of the plant and are used world-wide, thus preventing confusion.

*Liliums*, cyclamen, tulips, narcissus and crocus are all from the Mediterranean region, where warm dry summers (usually) prevail. They are plants that have evolved to avoid the hostility of hot dry weather by retreating underground over the summer drought period. Once the autumn rains come, their roots start to develop and their leaves and flower stems grow slowly, timing their emergence above soil level to coincide with the warm spring sunshine and the appearance of pollinating insects.

Even now when we are in December, there is still time to plant spring bulbs in pots and containers or in the open garden. Choose a sunny spot where the soil is free draining and plant them so that they are covered by about three inches (75mm) of soil or compost. Water them in and sit back and wait for the magic to happen. If you are in an area where grey squirrels are present, cover any pots of tulips or crocus with a fine wire mesh to prevent the naughty little rodents digging them up.

Last month I planted some yellow pansies and bright orange tulips (Princess Irene) in the two raised beds outside the centenary door. It is hoped that they survive the activities of the local cats, who seem to find the soft soil too attractive.

In the allotment as we approach the shortest day, I will be planting my elephant garlic. As the name suggests, it produces, where the conditions allow, a good set large cloves by the middle of summer. The general rule with garlic is to plant it on the shortest day and harvest it on the longest day. It is even a crop you can grow in a pot by the doorstep where you can enjoy the foliage, the tall stately flowerheads and then of course the harvest of mild garlic cloves.

Wherever you garden, enjoy your space. Happy Gardening.

George



## GRAPEVINE MEETS FATHER CHRISTMAS

In a Christmas exclusive and festive twist, it turns out that the power of the *Grapevine* press pass even extends to the magical man himself – imagine the thrill of chatting with Santa!

Much to our amazement, Santa had a lot to say about life in the North Pole and his operations. For the interview we set up a Zoom meeting. Zooming with Santa in the North Pole was not without its challenges. Not that familiar with Zoom, Santa had trouble getting his video and sound working coupled with a poor internet connection due to an atrociously slow dial-up. But the information made it through, nevertheless.

Maybe it was the stress from the intensity of the season, maybe he just needed an ear. Santa opened up and shared the folly of his jolly old self and all that entails.

Santa's little elves had been out on strike demanding a raise in wages – citing too much overtime, difficult working conditions and wanting additional isolation pay. After intense labour negotiations and coming to an agreement, they were back in the workshop and now busy catching up with the backlog.

Apparently the elves claimed that the jingling bells were driving them crazy and if they had to listen one more time to “I saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus” they were going to demand ear plugs or walk out. They also wanted something more than Quality Street and Celebrations to eat.

Santa explained that according to recent scientific studies, Christmas music motivates elves to work hard and keep building toys.

“Who studies elves anyway?” Santa wondered.

Regarding the diet, Santa feels that sugar gives them the extra energy for all that needs to get done.

And with the increased demand for toys he needed all elves on deck. Santa was prepared to negotiate but did not know how he was going to meet their demands. He finally compromised by playing Mariah Carey songs where he could sneak in “All I want for Christmas is you” once in a while.

As to the sweeties, he promised to include some salad to satisfy their love of green.

Santa was also worried about fulfilling requests for sophisticated electronic toys. “Sure, it's easy to build a wooden car or rocking horse, but come on, an X-Box or a drone with infrared camera, that takes time,” exclaimed Santa. “I have to either hire elves with electronics training to assemble these glitzy gadgets or provide it for my workers. Do you know how costly that is? And now they want a raise because they consider themselves ‘TWITS’ (Tiny Winter Industrial Technology Specialists) instead of Workshop Elves? How is a guy to survive?”

If that wasn't enough, Santa shared that an animal rights group had advised him that he must limit the number of hours reindeer can fly without a break and provide them a special diet.

“Do you realize how inflation has driven up the cost of specialty reindeer food,” asked Santa?

And then there was the sensitive issue of Santa being required to lose some weight to lessen the load on the reindeer.

“Imagine that” he said. “If I do that, how will I fit in my clothes and how will people recognise me?”

He did admit that he was considering changing his outfit to something different, since he was tired of wearing the “same old same old”. But Mrs Claus objected to purple polka dot long woollies or fuchsia and pink stripes – saying that it was unbecoming for a man of his position. She felt that it could also be dangerous and that he could be mistaken for an unwelcome intruder if he were not wearing his traditional red and white.

To cut costs and sustainability requirements, Santa considered making some changes. “Do you know how much it costs to convert Rudolph’s nose to LED?” Santa went on to say. “Have you any idea how hard it is to wire a reindeer?”

And now that there are laws requiring people to pick up after pets, it will take him a lot longer to deliver toys.

Santa did admit that in spite of all these hurdles, he is on schedule and he will be making his rounds come hail or high winds and that he is looking forward to his milk and the variety of delicious treats as he makes his rounds.

Santa worries though, that with inflation people may be cutting back and he may have to settle for crackers and water.

And while he appreciates peoples’ focus on health, he asked if people can please stick with the glass of milk and eliminate the almond, coconut, oat or skimmed milk and the gluten free, sugar free, dairy free, soy free, nut free, non-GMO, non-fat mince pies? He made it a point to add that there could be something special under the tree for those who offer a shot of Glenfiddich 18.

By Christmas Eve, Santa, Mrs Claus, his elves, the TWITS, Rudolph and the eight tiny reindeer have overcome adversity, patched up differences and come together like clockwork to deliver joy and goodwill to the world, wishing “Merry Christmas to all and to all a goodnight!”





# HYMN QUIZ BY JILL LUCAS

Which hymns apply to the following e.g. The Optician "O precious sight"

The Astronaut  
The Baker  
The Bank Manager  
The Builder  
The Dentist  
The Dry Cleaner  
The Electrician  
The Fisherman  
The Gardener  
The Golfer  
The Insurance Man  
The Librarian  
The Local Gossip  
The Politician  
The Sailor  
The Tailor

**Answers**  
Nearer my God to thee  
I need thee every hour  
A charge to keep I have  
The Church's one foundation  
Crown Him with many crowns  
O for a faith that will not shrink  
There's a light upon the mountains  
Shall we gather at the river  
I come to the garden alone  
There is a green hill far away  
Blessed assurance  
Let all mortal flesh keep silence  
It is no secret  
Standing on the promises  
Flow river flow  
Holy, holy, holy

## EXTERNAL GROUPS @Lindley

<b>Monday to Friday</b>	
Lindley Pre-School	9:00am to 6:00pm 07905-725130 <a href="mailto:hello@lindleypreschool.co.uk">hello@lindleypreschool.co.uk</a>
Lindley Out of School Club	7:30 to 9:00am; 3:30 to 6:00pm 07894587130 <a href="mailto:lindleyoutofschoolclub@googlemail.com">lindleyoutofschoolclub@googlemail.com</a>
<b>Monday</b>	
Imperial Quilters	7:15 to 9:15pm monthly
<b>Tuesday</b>	
Baby Massage	9:30 to 10:30am
Pilates	6:30 to 7:30pm
Gledholt Male Voice Choir	7:30 to 9:30pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	
U3A Watercolour Society	10:00 to 12:00noon
Huddersfield Youth Choirs	5:45 to 8:00pm
<b>Thursday</b>	
Mini First Aid	6:30 to 8:30pm monthly
Marsh Ladies Choir	7:30 to 9:30pm
<b>Friday</b>	
Art Venturers	1:30 to 2:30pm

# WHAT'S ON @Lindley

<b>Sundays</b>	
Morning Worship	10:45am
Minor Prophets (11+ Group)	7:00 to 9:00pm fortnightly
<b>Monday</b>	
Parent & Toddlers	9:30 to 11:30am
Guides	7:30 to 9:00pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	
Beavers	6:15 to 7:15pm
Open the Book	8:30 to 10:00am (monthly-ish)
<b>Wednesday</b>	
Wednesday Fellowship	1:30 to 4:30pm (1 <sup>st</sup> Weds in month)
Cubs	6:30 to 8:00pm
<b>Thursday</b>	
Coffee Stop	10:00am to 12:00noon
Armchair Keep Fit	10:30 to 11:30am
Scouts	7:30 to 9:00pm
Garden & Nature	7:00 to 8:00pm (1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday on Zoom)
Supper Club	6:30 to 8:30pm (2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs in month)
<b>Friday</b>	
Brownies	6:15 to 7:30pm
<b>Saturday</b>	
Market Place	10:00am to 12:00noon (1 <sup>st</sup> Sat of month)
Walking Group	Monthly – see programme