

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

- 1 What is the name of the period leading up to Christmas?
- 2 How many Wise Men brought gifts to Jesus?
- 3 What was the name of John the Baptist's mother?
- 4 Who brings presents to children on 5th/6th December in Holland?
- 5 In what town was Jesus born?
- 6 How many presents were given in total in the Twelve Days of Christmas?
- 7 In what decade was the first Christmas card sent in the UK?
- 8 What country did Christmas trees originate from?
- 9 Who was the Jewish king that ordered the babies to be killed?
- 10 What is the second line of "I'm dreaming of a white Christmas"?
- 11 What was Joseph's job?
- 12 Who started the custom of Wassailing?
- 13 Who were the first people to visit the baby Jesus?
- 14 What angel visited Mary?
- 15 Where did the baby Jesus sleep?
- 16 What were the gifts the Wise Men brought to Jesus?
- 17 What are the names of Santa's 8 reindeer?
- 18 Name the reindeer with a red nose.
- 19 What is it lucky to find in a Christmas pudding?
- 20 What does Emmanuel mean?

Good luck



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS 2020



*"Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son,
and they shall call his name Emmanuel,
which being interpreted is, God with us." Matthew 1:23
King James Version (KJV)*

Mission Statement

*Our mission is to help all people understand and respond
to the depth of God's love for them*

Thinking of you all at this season, have a blessed Christmas and let's hope we can meet in the New Year. Martin(Smith)

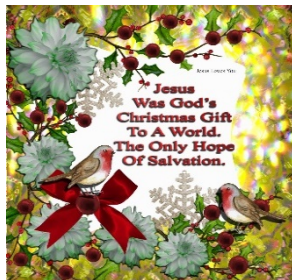
Don't forget, you can get lots of information on the Circuit website [North Kent Methodist Circuit - home \(nkmethodists.org.uk\)](http://nkmethodists.org.uk)
Also there is quite a lot happening at Christmas. You might like to look at [North Kent Methodist Circuit - Christmas Season 2020 \(Nov 8 update\) \(nkmethodists.org.uk\)](http://nkmethodists.org.uk)



Until we can be together again

*May you have the gift of Faith
The Blessing of Hope
And the Peace of His Love*

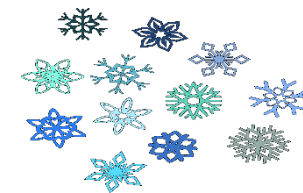
*Have the Best Christmas you can
Sent with Love to you all
Lynne xx*



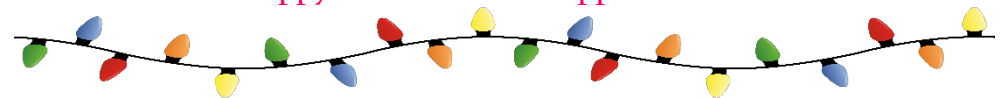
*Dear Friends at Hope Street
Mary, gift beyond all telling
She gave God a human dwelling
We send you Christmas blessings
and a peaceful New Year
Love, Sid & Maureen xx*



*Sheila and Chris would like to send Christmas Greetings to everyone and hope to see you in 2021
Regards to all*



*Mary Green sends greetings to all her friends at Hope Street Church and especially to Kathy and Brian for all the wonderful, hard work they have done at the Church.
I wish everyone at the Church
a Happy Christmas and happier New Year*





Hilary would like to say -

Happy Christmas to you all, no matter how you celebrate it,
and I hope and pray that 2021 will be
a happier and better year for us all.

Happy Christmas from Hilary



Thinking of you all
and wishing you a Happy Christmas and New Year
Love, Joan



Wishing you all a Happy Christmas
and a better 2021
Love, Marie



Gladys would like to say that she hopes everyone is well
and wishes you all a Happy Christmas



Lily says "Thank you" for all the good wishes
sent to her and hopes you all have
a lovely Christmas and healthy New Year



Lynda Lucas sends Christmas Greetings



Love and greetings from Kathy & Brian
Praying for a good New Year

Also

*We have been sent a beautiful, Praying Angel card
The verse inside says*

Follow the Star

Open wide the stable door

Bring joy to the world

And let there be peace on earth

God bless you all

Love, Yvonne, Martin & The Meyrick Minstrels

The Minstrels have been at our Carol Services for around 40 years





"Greetings to our church family.
May your Christmas be safe and warm.
May God's light shine through the darkness of the past year
and lead us with hope to a bright New Year ahead.
Looking forward to seeing you all.
Love and virtual hugs from Sharon and Vera xx"



With very best wishes to you all for the best Christmas
you can possibly have and a much better year ahead.
Thank you for all your love and support over the past months.
Our love to you all,
Heather & Stephen xx



Wishing everyone a very Happy Christmas
With lots of love, hugs and kisses
From Little Win xxxx



Come and join the Celebration
It's a very special day
All of us at Hope Street know that we are part of the Great Celebration
whether we are together or apart, for we can be together in Spirit
for the Spirit unites us as we welcome the King of Kings.
Happy Christmas to you all and wishing you peace and joy
at this special time of year.

Alice



Marilyn and Harry would like to wish all our Church Family
a Happy Christmas and hope for a better New Year
Love to you all
God bless





A CHRISTMAS QUIZ

CHRISTMAS ANAGRAMS

GLEANS
RATS
GERMAN
SHRED HEP
JP HOSE
ELM CHOIR
OH RED
HHM BEETLE
TY IT IVAN
KEN Y DO
SPA CAR
ME STOLE IT
STIR INCH LEG
SEA BULB
LISTEN
RN SAILORS ECG
ICE PINS ME
U NEED A DECK
LEN WILD EMU
IS BORN
BLEATS
BRIEF ICE POTTER
STICK SCARS MARCHER
ANTS ICE DOOR

John 1 verses 1 - 14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God.

The same was in the beginning with God.

All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.

He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light

That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.



**Lynne received a card from the United Reformed Church
General Secretariat which she would like to share with you**

2020 has been a challenging year; one in which we've experienced the fragility of life in God's world. We have lamented and mourned. We have also seen an outpouring of creativity and initiative that speaks powerfully of the work of the Holy Spirit. Our hope rests in the new life of resurrection which emerges out of the darkness of death. That hope is born into the world at Christmas, and we pray for you all as the Church celebrates that hope in this most extraordinary year.

With thanks for the wonderful ministry that has been exercised by the United Reformed Church in 2020, from the General Secretariat.

J. P. Bradbury
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John Bradbury

Jane Baird

Jane Baird

Dear friends,

As I write the papers are saying 'Christmas is cancelled this year'. What a dreadful thought! And now the recent lockdown makes us worry who can be in our bubble or whether we are going to spend Christmas alone.

Of course, the real Christmas is never cancelled and that is a great relief for the whole world. Like many ministers I am at home this year, shut in my study answering emails, doing Zoom meetings and making phone calls. It's a very different type of ministry we are engaged in. We need to remember Christ's coming more this year maybe than at any other time.

Friends have said they cannot wait to put up decorations: the sparkle and ribbons, the lights piercing the darkness of a December afternoon, the hope of presents and a great big tree all lit up. In truth, this year we *really* need Jesus. We need the Lord to give us hope where we have lost it.

It always seems amazing to me that God should choose a helpless baby to pierce the darkness of the Roman empire and the hardness of humanity's hearts. But God did. A baby who has come for over 2,019 years and will come to us again this year – despite a pandemic. We may choose the tinsel and sparkle of Christmas, but Christ chooses our hearts.

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Luke 2:8-12

As we approach Advent and Christmas, we know that this year we are living in challenging times. We may not be able to sing of love coming down at Christmas in our churches, we may not be able to be with family and friends and the brokenness of the world continues. Yet Jesus, the Christ- child, the Light of the world, will still come to us. Christ is still the source of our hope and joy. Nothing can stop our Lord coming to meet us where we are.

"Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Luke 2:10

Christ is a never-ending source of love, light and wellbeing. Not only are we the cracked clay pots in which Jesus places the light of the world, we are the vessels God uses to spill out the light of love into the world. Full of this light we know we don't have to be afraid of the future. For God is with us. With us in pandemics, injustice, bereavement, pain and fear. Christ is never cancelled from our lives. All we have to do is shine.

I wish you and your families, a very blessed Christmas.

Budget

Also the URC Moderator's Christmas letter



Christmas 2020