

# *Anderson Church News*



*December 2018  
& January 2019*

## From the Manse

*“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Romans 6:24*

The text above was chosen by the preacher occupying the Anderson church pulpit as the congregation approached its first Christmas in the present church building back in 1893. We don't have a record of what was said within the sermon, but we might imagine, given the season, that it would reference the wonderful gift of love seen in Jesus.

As we began the season of Advent this year, we were likewise reflecting on that most amazing expression of God's mercy towards us. On Sunday the 2nd of December, our annual gift service, it was humbling to see how God's love had inspired your practical expressions of compassion toward children in need over the Christmas period. I am so thankful to God for such caring and kind Christian people who we willing to give so generously. Well done.

Part of the topic that particular Sunday reflected on the phrase currently being used in some Christmas adverts,



*“Some gifts are more than just a gift”*

The Bible makes it clear to us that Jesus is also more than simply a gift. The prophet Isaiah says this of the one who would come from God,

*“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.”*

*Isaiah 9:6*

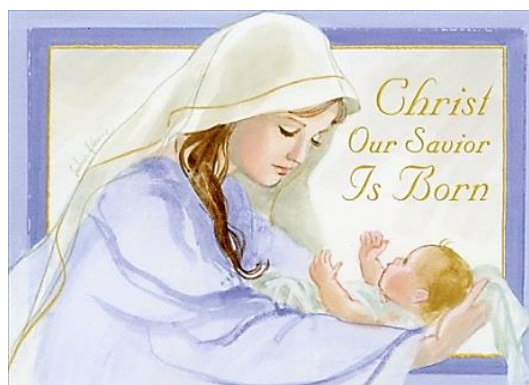
Jesus came into our world, we are told, to save us from sin and death and to bring us life, love and to become part of his body, the Church.

Christmas for the Christian has always been about gifts, gifts that really matter. God's presence with us. Forgiveness of sin; victory over death; peace for our heart; renewal of our mind; strength in weakness; wisdom for living; sure and certain hope....the list goes on and on.

This Christmas at Kilsyth Anderson church let us remember the gift of Jesus afresh. As we do that, let's also resolve to share, in word and deed, that Jesus *is* more than just a gift – he is the saviour of the world.

I pray that you will know God's richest blessing over this Christmas period and beyond into 2019

*Allan*





# The Story Behind The Hymn....

## Good King Wenceslas

This carol was written in Victorian Britain by John Mason Neale to a traditional folk tune. It was written in the town of East Grinstead, in the county of West Sussex, at Sackville College where he was staying at the time. The story in the carol is about the King (or Duke) of Bohemia (an area in Central Europe which is now part of the Czech Republic) from over 1000 years ago,



seeing peasants, on [Boxing Day](#), from his castle and taking food and wood to them. The story in the carol was probably completely made up! In fact, the real story of King Wenceslas (907-935) is rather gory!

Wenceslas' father was the Duke of Bohemia and a Christian, but it's thought that his mother might have been a pagan. His father died when he was 12 and, as he was not old enough to become Duke until he was 18, his mother took control of the land as regent. During this time his grandmother, Ludmilla, took care of Wenceslas and brought him up as a Christian (she smuggled priests into the house to help teach him). It's thought that his mother had Ludmilla banished to a distant castle where she was murdered by the Queen's guards!

Wenceslas was still a Christian after this and learned to read and write, something which was unusual for even a King/Duke in those days! He had local Bishops smuggled in at night to teach him the Bible. When he reached 18, Wenceslas took control of his dukedom. He then defended Bohemia from a couple of invasions by Dukes of neighbouring regions and legend says that he banished his mother and her pagan followers from his castle.

Wenceslas put in a good education system and a successful law and order system, so the parts of the carol story about him being a kind King are certainly true!

After four years of happiness, when Wenceslas was 22, his brother Boleslav, became very jealous of Wenceslas and plotted (possibly with the pagan followers of their mother) to kill Wenceslas. Boleslav invited Wenceslas to celebrate a saint's day with him, but on the way to the Church, Wenceslas was attacked and stabbed to death by three of Boleslav's followers!

The (fictitious) story told in the song was written by a Czech poet Václav Alois Svoboda in 1847. He wrote many 'manuscripts' that tried to prove that Czech literature was much older and more developed than it really was. The poem was written in three languages, Czech, German, Latin, and was called 'Sankt Wenceslaw und Podiwin' (Saint Wenceslas and the Crocheteer). The Poem found it's way into the UK in the 19th Century where JM Neale put the translated words to the tune of a 13th century spring carol 'Tempus Adest Floridum' ('It is time for flowering') that was came from a collection of old religious songs called 'Piae Cantiones' that was published in 1582 in Sweden/Finland!

So this Christmas song has got quite a confusing story behind it!

## A Promise Kept

The people of Israel were confident that they were God's people. After all, had He not rescued them from slavery in Egypt and given them his law with the promise that if they kept it, they could have a covenant relationship with Him. Furthermore, had he not been with them in the conquest of their new home in the Promised Land. Yes – there had been setbacks, they had tasted defeat, they had been unfaithful, they had seen their land divided into two kingdoms and they had even been taken into exile in Babylon – but still they believed that God was on their side and one day he would send one to be their Messiah. Over the years many prophets had predicted the coming of this special one – God's anointed. Sometimes this one was thought of as a great leader who would expel invaders and bring them victory and honour. On the other hand, had Isaiah deepened their thinking and taught them that the one they looked for would be God's suffering servant who would bring redemption through pain, suffering and loss. So the years passed and hope faded, but a faithful remnant kept the dream alive and after hundred of years it happened. Not in a palace, not through a mighty leader, but through a babe, born in a manger. That was God's miracle and this is what we celebrate in these memory verses.

### ***December: Isaiah Ch 9 Vs 6***

Here is the prophesy that helped keep hope alive and bright. It is a prophesy gloriously fulfilled in Jesus.

**“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given and the government will be on his shoulders And He will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”**

### ***January: Luke Ch 2 Vs 6 & 7***

This brings us right to the heart of the Christmas Story. God's Miracle – to redeem the world through this child, born in a stable and born to humble parents. But the real miracle is that this is none other than God's own son. It simply blows us away! God does surprise us constantly!

**“While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the Inn.”**

### ***February: Luke Ch 2 Vs 49 & 50***

The story of Jesus visiting the Temple while in Jerusalem with his parents when he is twelve indicates that even at that age he was aware of his origin and destiny. He is surprising the learned teachers by his answers to questions and he takes his parents aback by his response when they ask why he has wandered off like this. Listen to what he replied!

**“Why are you searching for me?” he asked, “Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?” but they did not understand what he was saying to them.**

# Christmas Quiz



- 1. Joseph was originally from... ([Luke 2:3](#))**  
A. Bethlehem B. Nazareth C. Hebron  
D. Jerusalem E. None of the above
- 2. What does the Bible say that the innkeeper said to Mary and Joseph? ([Luke 2:7](#))**  
A. "There is no room in the inn." B. "I have a stable you can use."  
C. "Come back later and I should have some vacancies."  
D. Both A and B E. None of the above
- 3. A manger is a...**  
A. Stable for domestic animals B. Wooden hay storage bin  
C. Feeding trough D. Barn
- 4. Which animals does the Bible say were present at Jesus' birth?**  
A. Cows, sheep, goats B. Cows, donkeys, goats  
C. Sheep and goats only D. Miscellaneous barnyard animals  
E. None of the above
- 5. Who saw the star in the east?**  
A. Shepherds B. Mary and Joseph C. Three kings  
D. Both A and C E. None of the above
- 6. According to the Bible, how did Mary and Joseph get to Bethlehem?**  
A. Camel B. Donkey C. Walked  
D. Joseph walked, Mary rode a donkey E. Not Sure?
- 7. How many angels spoke to the shepherds? ([Luke 2:10](#))**  
A. One B. Three C. Multitude D. None of the above
- 8. What did the angels say/sing? ([Luke 2:14](#))**  
A. "Glory to God in the highest, etc." B. "Alleluia"  
C. "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given"  
D. "Joy the world, the Lord is come"  
E. "Glory to the newborn King"
- 9. What is a heavenly host?**  
A. The angel at the gate of heaven  
B. The angel who serves refreshments in heaven  
C. An angel choir D. An angel army  
E. None of the above
- 10. There was snow that first Christmas...**  
A. Only in Bethlehem B. All over Israel C. Nowhere in Israel  
D. Somewhere in Israel
- 11. What is frankincense?**  
A. A precious metal B. A precious fabric  
C. A precious perfume D. None of the above
- 12. In Matthew, what does "wise men" or "Magi" refer to?**  
A. Men of the educated class B. Eastern kings  
C. Men who studied the stars D. Sages
- 13. What is myrrh?**  
A. Middle Eastern money B. A drink C. An easily shaped metal  
D. A spice used for burying people E. None of the above

14. **How many wise men came to see Jesus?**  
 A. 3 B. 6 C. 9 D. 12 E. We don't know.
15. **Where did the wise men find Jesus? ([Matthew 2:11](#))**  
 A. In a manger B. In a stable C. In Nazareth  
 D. In Saudi Arabia E. In a house F. None of the above
16. **When the wise men found Jesus he was... ([Matthew 2:11](#))**  
 A. A babe wrapped in swaddling clothes B. A young child  
 C. A boy in the temple D. A grown man
17. **The "star in the east" that the wise men followed... ([Matthew 2:9](#))**  
 A. Stayed in the same place their entire journey  
 B. Disappeared and reappeared  
 C. Moved ahead of them and stopped over the place where Jesus was  
 D. Was just a mirage E. None of the above
18. **The wise men stopped in Jerusalem... ([Matthew 2:2](#))**  
 A. To inform Herod about Jesus B. To find out where Jesus was  
 C. To ask about the star D. To buy presents E. None of the above
19. **Where do we find the Christmas story?**  
 A. Matthew B. Mark C. Luke D. John E. All of the above  
 F. Only A and B G. Only A and C H. Only A, B and C
20. **When Joseph found Mary was pregnant, what happened?**  
 A. They got married B. Joseph wanted to break the engagement  
 C. Mary left town for three months D. A and B E. B and C
21. **Who told (made) Mary and Joseph go to Bethlehem? ([Luke 2:1-5](#))**  
 A. The angel chorus B. Mary's mother C. Herod  
 D. The shepherds E. Caesar Augustus

*Answers after kids page*

## Flower List

- 2<sup>ND</sup> DEC Aileen Anderson  
 9<sup>TH</sup> DEC Isobel Tennant  
 16<sup>TH</sup> DEC Jan Bateman  
 23<sup>RD</sup> DEC Sandra Allan  
 30<sup>TH</sup> DEC Margaret Brown  
 6<sup>TH</sup> JAN Boys Brigade  
 13<sup>TH</sup> JAN Jean Ewen  
 20<sup>TH</sup> JAN Jean Chalmers  
 27<sup>TH</sup> JAN Helen Shaw



## Prayer Afternoon

As has become the custom in recent years, we hope to repeat the annual "PRAYER AFTERNOON" on the second Sunday in January – the 13<sup>th</sup>.

During this time, we will be committing all the work of the church to God, acknowledging that it is by His help and guidance alone that this work will continue and flourish. The afternoon will be divided into short sections as we concentrate on particular areas of activity - For example we will begin by thanking God for his blessing and then go on to pray for the Jam Club. The G.B. and the B.B. and other work among the young. From there we will pass onto pray for all the other groups and organisations connected to our church. Finally we will turn our eyes outward and remember other local churches with whom we co-operate and onto the work in the world's mission fields. A leaflet giving an outline time-table will be given out at church and lots of topics will be suggested in the sheet handed out on the day. This makes it easier to pray about particular topics and helps to ensure that a wide range of themes is covered.

It is always good to have people present while the group or organisation that they are most involved with is being prayed for. It is quite acceptable to bring prepared prayers if that is what you are comfortable with. It is also fine for people to stay for a short time only and we will give lots of opportunities for that to happen.

The afternoon usually begins with soup in the hall. It finishes in time for attendance at the evening service.

Hope you can manage even for a short time. It is very stimulating.





# Kilsyth Community Food Bank

We are still accepting non-perishable donations and have a box out in the vestibule or goods can be handed in at the drop-in on a Friday You can find out more about their organisation on their Facebook page where you can share their news.

## CHRISTMAS APPEAL

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**CHRISTMAS HAMPER & GIFT APPEAL 2018**  
**MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER – MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

Donations can be made at The Lighthouse Shop, Café Refresh, KCC Kids Club, Or direct to KCFB  
Alternatively you contact us to arrange a collection

• SALMON	• CRACKERS & CHEESE
• TUNA	• FRUIT JUICE
• HAM	• CHOCOLATES
• EGGS	• FRESH MEATS

**YOU CAN SPONSOR A HAMPER FROM £10 & A GIFT FROM £5**

FINANCIAL DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED.  
PLEASE CONTACT US FOR DETAILS: TELEPHONE: 01236 829872

*Can you help with any of the items listed?*

## Our Family

Deaths:

9<sup>th</sup> November: Margaret Nolan, Manse Road

22<sup>nd</sup> November: Donald Smith, Market Place



## With Thanks

David and I wish to thank all our friends in the family of the Anderson Church for the lovely flowers received this week. This is a kind and thoughtful gesture at this particular time and is much appreciated. Also sincere thanks to Charlie and Margaret for delivering the flowers. Sincerely

**Mae and David Shaw**

Thank you for the beautiful flowers you sent us. I'm sorry to have missed Margaret & Charlie, hope you are both recovering. Sincere thanks

**Lilian & Duncan Thomson**

I would like to thank Anderson Church very much for the lovely bouquet of flowers you sent me. Also, to Molly for kindly delivering them. I appreciate your kindness very much.

**Jessie Cleland**

We would like to thank the church praise group and church family for the flowers, cards, gifts and love shown (Campbell loves his hugs!) It has not been a good year for us and your support has helped enormously. We would like to thank the readers in reading God's word over the past 10 years. We have passed this duty onto Margaret Martin & Jean Chalmers and we hope you will give them the same support you have given Margaret and myself. Hugs & Kisses

**Campbell & Margaret Sturrock**

**If I have forgotten any thank you, please let me know  
and it will be included in the next magazine**

**Helen**



# Church Diary

Sunday:	<b><u>Morning worship</u></b>	11.00am
	<b><u>Evening worship</u></b>	6.30pm
	(fellowship after both services)	
	Time for prayer      Wyper Hall	6.00pm
Monday:	<b><u>Ladies Bowling</u></b>	10.30am
	<b><u>The Guild</u></b>	7.30pm
Tuesday:	<b><u>Girls Brigade:</u></b>	
	Explorers (P1-P3)	6.00pm
	Juniors & Brigaders (P4 +)	7.00pm
Wednesday:	<b><u>Bible &amp; A Blether</u></b> (Wyper Hall)	2.00pm-3.00pm
	<b><u>Manse Discussion Group</u></b>	7.30pm-9.00pm
	<b><u>Praise Group</u></b>	7.30pm
	<b><u>Boys Brigade:</u></b>	
	Anchor Boys (P1 -P3)	5.45pm
	Junior Section (P4 -P6)	6.30pm
	Company Section (P7 + Secondary)	7.30pm
Thursday:	<b><u>Mid-week Fellowship</u></b>	
	Wyper Hall	7.00pm
Friday:	<b><u>'Drop in Café</u></b>	
	Wyper Hall	10.00am-noon

Check intimations for when groups start back

**Contact for urgent Pastoral Care**

**Minister: Rev Dr Allan Vint**

**Session Clerk: Mrs Elizabeth Strang**



# Dates For Your Diary

Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	Sanctuary Development Group	7.30pm
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	Parish Grouping Carol Singing (Outside Cant's, Main Street)	11.00am
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	Festive Concert in <b><u>Burns &amp; Old</u></b> Columban Singers featuring Balmalloch Primary School Choir	7.00pm
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	Rotary Christmas Carol Concert Bandstand, Burngreen	7.20pm
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec:	Jam Club Nativity	11.00am
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	Christmas Eve Service	6.30pm
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	Christmas Eve Service in <b><u>Burns &amp; Old</u></b>	11.15pm
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	Christmas Day Service in <b><u>Burns &amp; Old</u></b>	11.00am
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan:	Rev Ronnie Craig	11.00am
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan:	Pulpit Exchange: Mr Gordon McInally	11.00am
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan:	Finance Group Meeting	7.30pm
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan:	Managers Meeting (Church)	7.00pm

DATE	DOOR DUTY	INTIMATIONS
<b>2<sup>ND</sup> DEC</b>	MRS M COWIE/MISS R DAWSON/MRS W LEISHMAN	MR J WEIR
<b>9<sup>TH</sup> DEC</b>	MISS E GRAHAM/MISS O BRITTIAN/MRS C BRYDEN	MRS D BARROWMAN
<b>16<sup>TH</sup> DEC</b>	MRS A ANDERSON/MR T ANDERSON/MRS M STURROCK	MRS M BROWN
<b>23<sup>RD</sup> DEC</b>	MRS L ANDERSON /MR D ANDERSON /MRS B KENNEDY	MISS C JOHNSTON
<b>30<sup>TH</sup> DEC</b>	MRS M WADDELL /MR C WADDELL /MRS L GRANT	MISS O BRITTIAN
<b>6<sup>TH</sup> JAN</b>	MRS C McILWAIN /MR W McILWAIN / MRS B REYNOLDS	MR D ANDERSON
<b>13<sup>TH</sup> JAN</b>	MRS I TENNANT / MRS M BROWN / MRS A SNEDDON	MRS C McILWAIN
<b>20<sup>TH</sup> JAN</b>	MR B SMITH / MISS C JOHNSTON / MRS B SMITH	MR B SMITH
<b>27<sup>TH</sup> JAN</b>	MR H SMITH / MRS D BARROWMAN / MRS W LEISHMAN	MR W SHAW

Therefore the Lord himself shall give  
 you a sign; *Behold,*  
 a virgin shall conceive, and bear a  
 son, and shall call his name  
*Immanuel.*

Isaiah 7, verse 14

Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

# Winter Anagram

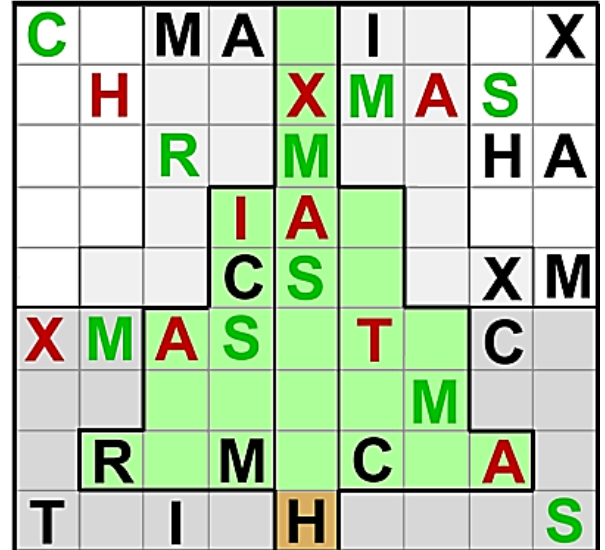
Hidden Word (circled letters):



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- m e n s i t t \_\_\_\_\_
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- t s o r f \_\_\_\_\_
- a t e k s s \_\_\_\_\_
- e g i s h \_\_\_\_\_
- i n n u p e g \_\_\_\_\_
- c l o d \_\_\_\_\_
- s i r c p \_\_\_\_\_



## SEASON'S GREETINGS



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Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

## Christmas Word Search

Level 3



R N A M W O N S Y Q I D  
 E C Y J N E F L U N E S  
 E H B E T H L E H E M T  
 D R A S Z O K V O M G O  
 N I L U H R C G E E I C  
 I S Y S E V A T Y S F K  
 E T E G H A N B R I T I  
 R M N B T T D A K W S N  
 M A H O M N Y S C L T G  
 M S Y W C A R O L S A O  
 A S O S U S X E E E R T  
 H G I E L S B I J W P O



1. Bells
2. Bethlehem
3. Bows
4. Candy
5. Carols
6. Christmas
7. Elves
8. Gifts
9. Holly
10. Jesus
11. Manger
12. Reindeer
13. Santa
14. Sleigh
15. Snowman
16. Star
17. Stocking
18. Toys
19. Tree
20. Wisemen

## Nativity Word Search

C A N O I T A V L A S D N S H S  
 Q S H E P H E R D S R F A L L U  
 R A T S A M T S I R H C T E J S  
 N E M E S I W S H E E P I G O E  
 J G N I K M A R Y G I U V N S J  
 M O S Y I H X Q U R Q W I A E T  
 D O N K E Y R E G N A M T D P M  
 Z I L I N N K E E P E R Y O H F



- angels
- Christmas
- donkey
- innkeeper
- Jesus
- Joseph
- king
- manger
- Mary
- nativity
- salvation
- sheep
- shepherds
- star
- wisemen

## QUIZ ANSWERS

1. He worked and lived in Nazareth, but he was returning to Bethlehem - "his own city" (See **Luke 2:3**).
2. E. The innkeeper didn't "say" anything (See **Luke 2:7**). The Bible doesn't even mention an "innkeeper" because the "inn" was probably more like a guest room in a house.
3. C. Feeding trough - Interestingly enough, most mangers in New Testament times were made of stone.
4. E. The Bible doesn't say, we just assume that since Jesus was born in a stable that there were various barnyard animals present. .
5. E. This is a "trick" question. The "magi" saw the star. However, the Bible doesn't say how many there were and they were not kings, but astronomers (see answer 14).
6. F. Although the modern "pictures" in my Children's Bible show Mary on a donkey with Joseph beside her, the Bible doesn't say!
7. A. **Luke 2:10**. A semi-trick question because verses 13-14 record what the angel company said as they praised God together. However, only one angel spoke directly to the shepherds.
8. A. **Luke 2:14**.
9. D. The word means "army" - literally thousands. Now, since there was a "multitude" of the heavenly army" (hosts), there could easily have been from 10,000 - 100,000 angels there that night! No wonder the shepherds were "sore afraid"!
10. D. Another trick question. There is always snow on Mt. Hermon.
11. C. Frankincense was used in the temple worship of the Lord. It represents his deity because he is truly God born in human flesh.
12. C. The word "Magi" literally means "star-gazers". Although there is no Biblical record of exactly who they were or their point of origin. including the birth of the Saviour of the world But A or D would work also. Who were the magi? They were the professors and philosophers of their day. They were trained in history, religion, prophecy and astronomy. They were also trained in what we would call astrology.
13. D. Myrrh is a spice used when burying people.
14. E. We don't know. They were magi, not wise men - but the Bible doesn't give the number. Many people assume that there were three because of the three gifts. However, in ancient times these men usually travelled in caravans of ten to twelve, along with a full entourage for protection.
15. E. Read **Matthew 2:11** (see next answer)
16. B. Read **Matthew 2:11** When the Shepherds found Jesus (**Luke 2**), he was a "babe" in a manger. The Greek word used in **Luke 2** is for a "newborn baby". However, by the time the Magi appeared, Jesus had been moved from the manger to a house (verse 11) and the Greek word used in Matthew is for "toddler or young child". He was probably somewhere between 12-24 months old.
17. C. Read **Matthew 2:9** The star did not stay stationary over the manger or the house. This verse makes it clear that the star moved "in front" of the magi and guided them till it "stood over where the young child was."
18. B. Read **Matthew 2:2**. They assumed Herod would know.
19. G. Isn't it amazing how God divinely inspired these two gospel writers to write His exact words, but he used their interests and professions to recall different aspects of Jesus' birth. Matthew, a tax collector, records the genealogy of Jesus (used for taxation) and the "magi" - men of means from a foreign country. Luke, a physician, records the pregnancy and birth.
20. E. Joseph wants to "put her away" secretly and Mary left town to see her cousin. **Matthew 1:19** and **Luke 1:39**, 56 This question is really asking what happened first because A, B and C all happened eventually. The correct order is probably C, B, A, but if you prefer C, that works too.
21. E. "There went out a decree from Caesar Augustus... everyone into his own city..."



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If you wish to listen to the morning service again, it can be found on the church website

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A copy of the morning service can be provided.  
Please speak to your Pastoral Care visitor  
who can arrange for a copy

Items of news, special occasions, etc. for the next  
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Helen Shaw by Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2019

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