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January 2021

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## ***The Rector's letter***

31 December 2020

The Rectory  
45 Lime Tree Avenue

Dear friends,

As we start a new year it is good to look back and reflect on the one past and to look forward in faith to the one to come. 2020 came with such promise and hope, I am sure that we all had plans, things we wanted to accomplish: and instead we found ourselves in a strange reality. The global pandemic of disaster movies became a reality, and we had to change our plans and the way we interacted with each other. This was a year when we began to see what was important to us, and a year in which many had to encounter and live with loss. We all have learnt new skills and have needed to find new and imaginative ways of operating. We have discovered resilience from within ourselves and from the communities we have built. We have encountered God in new ways, praying in our own homes and out in the beauty of creation. We have realised that God does walk alongside us and does give us strength for the journey, however weary we might feel.

Now, as we enter a new year, we do so with the resilience and strength of the one past. We also look forward to a world where vaccinations may diminish the power of this virus to disrupt and wreck lives. What else this year will bring is beyond our knowing, but we can enter it with hope and joy because of the light in the world, the light that came into the world that first Christmas, a light that darkness cannot overcome. Through God we will prevail, and we will be able to bring about a world born out of the lessons we have learnt. We pray that 2021 may not only be a year when health returns, but one when our relationships are truly worthy of time and effort, when we can enjoy the human touch. May it be a year when all people are given respect, regardless of colour, gender, sexual orientation or age. May it be a year when we begin to rebuild a future together, one with God at the heart of it, one of love, justice, peace, hope and joy.

Does this seem a pipe dream? Everything is possible with God. Let us build together the community, the world which we long to inhabit together, step by step.

With every blessing for a healthy, faithful and hope-filled New Year.

Rachel

**PS: Listen to our online services on the usual phone line: 01572 497004**

### *Our Parish Posada figures...*

Mary and Joseph were offered hospitality at people's houses over the Advent season.

And as Christmas approached,



they found lodging and a manger for their child in the comfort of the South porch...

January 2021

*Epiphany*

**Every Sunday:**

**10am.**

**Eucharist (short Choral)**

**11am**

**Service of the Word**

Eucharist will be celebrated in the pews, and the service lasts about 40 minutes. The Service of the Word will be shorter, round about 30 minutes.

We hope to hold **Choral Evensong** at 6pm on **Sunday 24 January** – a live service, with choir occupying the Nave and members of the congregation seated in the North aisle and the chancel. Sadly, there will be no congregational hymns.

At the Sunday morning services on **31 January**, we will celebrate **Candlemas**.

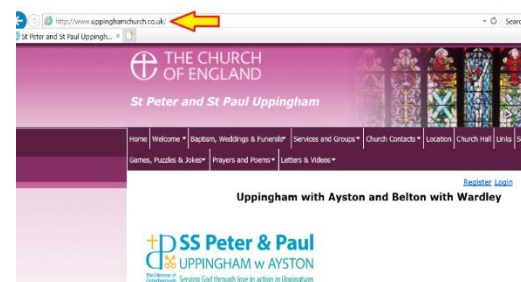
The church will also be open for private prayer, **each Wednesday, 2-4pm**.

As new information becomes available we will publish it on the website, through our mailing and on Nextdoor at Uppingham.

**You are welcome to join us on Sundays for parish worship online**  
*(check the website for details)*

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## Uppingham Christmas Meal 2020

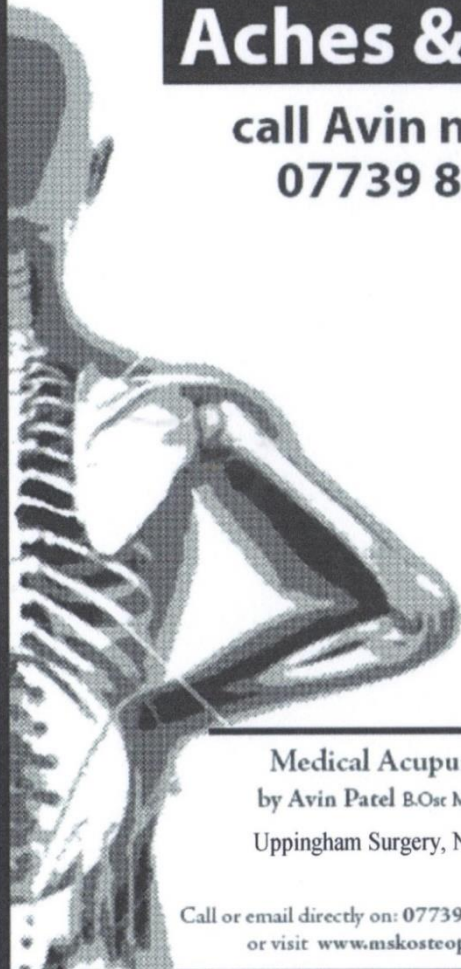
As a church community, we strive to ensure that everyone is looked after and cared for, especially at this time of year when many people feel the hardship of providing for their loved ones.

I would like to express a huge thank you to those who supported this new charitable activity providing support to some of the young families in our area. 100% funded by donations made for this purpose and the ability to claim gift aid has enabled us to provide a Christmas meal along with all the trimmings from 'Cooks' and added Christmas pudding & custard, Christmas cake, mince pies, chocolates and handmade gifts for their children, taking one burden off them this Christmas.

This year we have helped 22 people, and maintained total confidentiality for both donors and recipients. Delivering these meals door to door was incredibly rewarding as these families were very grateful for the support of this gift of friendship to them. It has also been of particular interest to members of our community who we don't see in church.

I know some of you offered to help financially, but I kept the scale limited to ensure we made this a success in its first year. If you might be interested in supporting this programme next year, whether financially or providing temporary freezer space please let me know. Watch out for communications about next year's programme in September.

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Happy New Year everyone. I can't believe it is 2021 already. I'm sure we are all hoping for a better year than 2020 - a difficult year for us all, a terrible year for some and it has put many under financial pressures, including our own church. For example, we had no physical services for much of the year, and limited attendance at services has meant our plate collections are down £4000 and white-envelope donations are down £1000. At the same time, costs are going up. This is bound to have an impact on us this year.

If you feel you can help by making a one-off payment to the church, you can still do this the "old-fashioned" way by cheque payable to *Uppingham Parish Church* and posting it to me (address below). Or you can donate by internet banking, or by going onto our website and clicking the donations link. If you want help making a donation please call me and ask about the easiest way to do this.

I wish you a very happy and rewarding 2021.

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## *The Crystal Ball*

*Music for January 2021*

Certainty being at present hard to come by, I must warn my readers that all the following must be taken with the traditional pinch of salt; but we hope to do as much of it as possible.

'The old year now away is fled'; and we begin the new year with the feast of the Epiphany, observed on 3 January, for which we have two items: first, the *St Day Carol* ('Now the holly bears a berry')<sup>1</sup> in a lively arrangement by William Llewellyn which you may have heard us sing in our recorded carol service, and then the familiar setting of *The Kings* by Peter Cornelius, in which the chorale 'How brightly shines the morning star' acts as an accompaniment to the soloist telling the story of the Magi.

I need say little about the anthem on 10 January or the introit on 17 January; the two short anthems (*O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace* and *O come, ye servants of the Lord*) manufactured from Tye's *Actes of the Apostles* have appeared many times in our service lists. But our anthem on the latter Sunday is more substantial, consisting of music from the beginning of the unfinished oratorio *Christus* by Mendelssohn: a vigorous full chorus ('There shall a star'), ending with 'How brightly shines'. This is always a pleasure to sing, and we hope you enjoy hearing it.

On 24 January we shall sing Vaughan Williams's miniature *O taste and see* in the morning (which was the last anthem we sang before lockdown in March); in the evening we hope to put on a live Choral Evensong, with the possibility of a small congregation being allowed to attend. If this goes ahead, we shall be able to give the first performance of a set of canticles written specially for us by our friend Geoff Weaver; the other music will include Tavener's *The Lamb*, Elgar's *The Spirit of the Lord* and the 'Dresden' responses by John Sanders, all favourites of ours.

And that brings us to 31 January, which we shall observe as Candlemas and mark with *O nata lux*, the small-scale but powerful setting by Thomas Tallis of a hymn for the Transfiguration; the almost whispered final phrase, with its poignant 'false relation', never fails to move me.

In addition to all this, there will be further outings for movements from Palestrina's *Missa Aeterna Christi Munera*. If you attended the 8 pm service on Christmas Eve, you will have heard us singing both the Gloria and the Sanctus from this, as well as the Agnus Dei, which has been part of our repertoire for some years now; and we hope to repeat them during January.

*Succentor*

<sup>1</sup> Popularly, but incorrectly, known as the *Sans Day Carol*.



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As I write on New Year's Day, I am conscious of my feelings being pulled in two directions – the sense of 'New Year, new beginning' and the pervading gloom engendered by the epidemic.

If we are able to look beyond our present difficulties, we know that with God's care and the ingenuity of humankind we shall get through it all. Some things may have changed, perhaps for the better – e.g., more virtual meetings, less travel, therefore less CO2 emissions – but however things turn out, I pray that the greater awareness of community spirit much in evidence now may continue once the immediate need has passed.

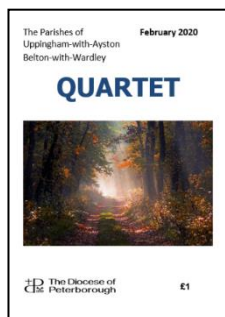
I am delighted (and relieved!) that our church remains open for worship, and that we can therefore plan to hold a meeting on **Tuesday January 12th** at 10.00am. This will be a Eucharist, followed by a 'mini Annual General Meeting' – 10 minutes to squeeze in those things which we need to share. Sadly, no coffee afterwards!

I look forward to seeing many of you in person at our gathering.

God bless.

Janet

## Quartet in 2021



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**Thank you!**

## QUICK QUIZ, 2020

The old year is past, but here are the answers to the puzzles in the final round we published last month.

### Final Round Answers Anagrams (TV and radio programmes)

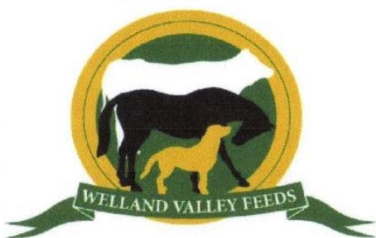
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| <b>1</b> SEED ASTERN (10)<br><i>Eastenders</i>                                      | <b>11</b> SENT TO TRACE ORION (10,6)<br><i>Coronation Street</i>                         |
| <b>2</b> OUR MAN SHOW (6,4)<br><i>Woman's Hour</i>                                  | <b>12</b> CRINGE, DIM SCANTY COLT (8,4,7)<br><i>Strictly Come Dancing</i>                |
| <b>3</b> THRESH ACRE (3,7)<br><i>The Archers</i>                                    | <b>13</b> TWO WOKE UP A NAG (4,2,2,5)<br><i>Wake Up To Wogan</i>                         |
| <b>4</b> QUOTE ANY SINS (3,9)<br><i>Any Questions?</i>                              | <b>14</b> TO DEATH FOR THY HUG (7,3,3,3)<br><i>Thought For The Day</i>                   |
| <b>5</b> LORD GREENSWARD (9,5)<br><i>Gardeners' World</i>                           | <b>15</b> CALL EVERYTHING IN USE (10,9)<br><i>University Challenge</i>                   |
| <b>6</b> SET YOUR LIVE CHAIRMAN (2,5,1,6,1,4)<br><i>I'm Sorry, I Haven't A Clue</i> | <b>16</b> FAINT BAR IN BIRO (5,2,7)<br><i>Brain Of Britain</i>                           |
| <b>7</b> NOVEL RAG CHOSEN (6,8)<br><i>Choral Evensong</i>                           | <b>17</b> SID SENDS CRATE'S LID (6,6,5)<br><i>Desert Island Discs</i>                    |
| <b>8</b> SAD ROSE? HOW QUAIN! (8,8)<br><i>Antiques Roadshow</i>                     | <b>18</b> MIGHTY FAST CUR IS IN HIDING (6,5,2,5,5)<br><i>Friday Night Is Music Night</i> |
| <b>9</b> OH WOE TO NAVY FIGURES (4,1,3,4,3,3)<br><i>Have I Got News For You</i>     | <b>19</b> BID ME TAKE BOOT (4,2,7)<br><i>Book At Bedtime</i>                             |
| <b>10</b> CAN'T JOIN LUTE (4,8)<br><i>Late Junction</i>                             | <b>20</b> ROB THE BRIG (3,7)<br><i>Big Brother</i>                                       |

### ...and the 'bonus' answers:

- 21** 1260
- 22** Chocolate
- 23** Polyvinyl chloride
- 24** Mulligatawny soup

- The Government in Egypt has instructed taxicabs to drive round Cairo sounding their horns. It is hoped that a return to familiar city sounds will help restore calm following the pandemic. *Operation Toot 'n calm 'em* will last all next week.

Bob Atkinson



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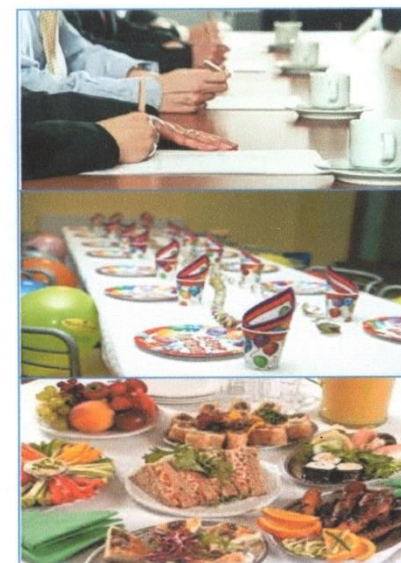
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# St. Peter's Church Belton w Wardley



## Christmas Celebrations 2020

Christmas 2020 terminated a year with a difference, with the church closed for 5 months, sitting forbidden near our friends or neighbours, and singing in church banned. We did manage some celebrations....

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec. Carol Service

This was held outside in the Secret Garden, with over 60 in attendance. It was wonderful to be able to sing out loud those carols which we know so well and which herald the true meaning of Christmas for us all.

### Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec. Carols by tractors



Despite the rain and flooding, we enjoyed meeting at the Lychgate for carol singing and went round with 3 tractors around the village streets, some riding on the trailer and some walking behind. It was such fun bringing cheer and carols to all – congratulations to all those who braved the elements to join in, and to those who encouraged us with their waves and smiles!

### Lychgate Nativity

For a few days only, we have converted our lychgate into The Bethlehem Stable, complete with Mary Joseph, a shepherd, some sheep; and from Christmas Day, baby Jesus. Thank you to the scenery and character makers and painters



## Christmas Day

Our Christmas services welcomed visitors and regulars alike and we were glad to be able to celebrate Christmas, despite the restrictions. We look forward to the New Year with hope.

## Services and Events in January

**Note:** *All services are subject to current Covid-19 restrictions*

Date	Location	Time	Details
3 <sup>rd</sup> January <b>Epiphany</b>	St. Peter's Church	9:00 am	Holy Communion (bcp)
10 <sup>th</sup> January <b>Baptism of Christ</b>	St. Peter's Church	9:00 am	Holy Communion (cw)
17 <sup>th</sup> January <b>Second Sunday of Epiphany</b>	St. Peter's Church	9:00 am	Holy Communion (bcp)
24 <sup>th</sup> January <b>Third Sunday of Epiphany</b>	St. Peter's Church	9:00 am	Holy Communion (cw)
31 <sup>st</sup> January <b>Fourth Sunday of Epiphany</b>	St. Peter's Church	9:00 am	Holy Communion (cw)
7 <sup>th</sup> February <b>Second Sunday before Lent</b>	St. Peter's Church	9:00 am	Holy Communion (bcp)
<i>Wednesday Morning Prayers are suspended until further notice</i>			
<i>All Care Home services are suspended until further notice</i>			
<i>Please check with "Parish Notes" for any late changes</i>			

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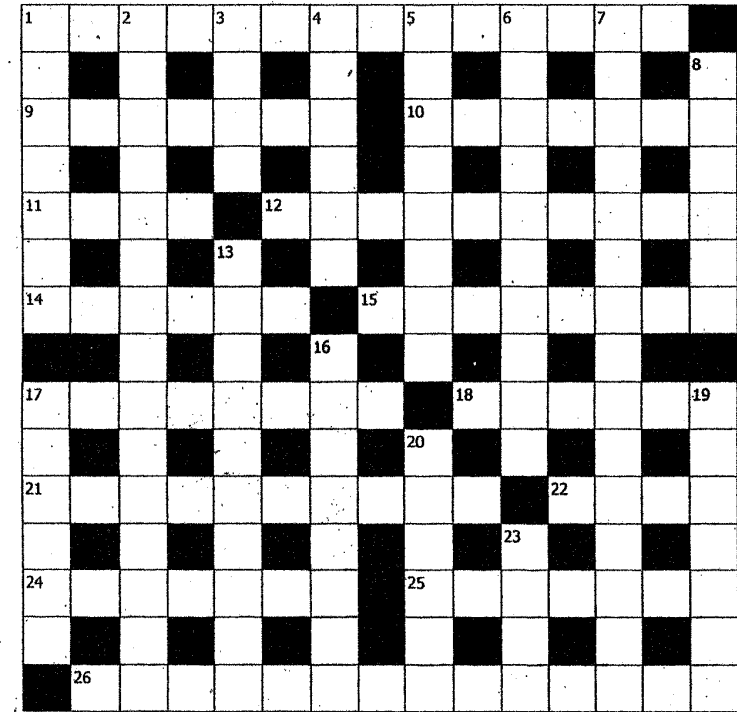
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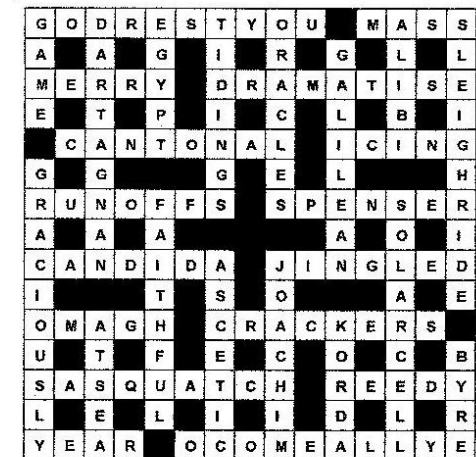
- 1 Where the community keeps its military supplies – and *Quartet*? (6,8)
- 9 Dean's notes on waterway (7)
- 10 22 perhaps has job in drink (7)
- 11 Captain of the rescue vessel? (4)
- 12 Noble artist (RA) involved with company (10)
- 14 Fake article on tribal holy man (6)
- 15 Rejoicing about vessel left inside, in a good-humoured way (8)
- 17 Skittles, a cube and casks (8)
- 18 Wood and meat produced by county town (6)
- 21 Teach panel to construct part of church (10)
- 22 Augustus the artist, a Biblical character (4)
- 24 INASE? That's stupid (7)
- 25 Type of lute featured in cautionary Greek myth (7)
- 26 Not a plain way of doing things, in architectural terms (9,5)

## Down

- 1 Precisions include edition of Dante in supplementary material (7)
- 2 British versus the enemy (the Brexit talks, maybe?) (4,7,4)
- 3 Chinese dynasty celebrated in music (4)
- 4 Line missing from morally dubious chronicler (6)
- 5 Attachment to hold cuttings, might one say? (5,3)
- 6 Animal display is rationally organised about study of living creatures (10)
- 7 Revelation not included in this religious discourse (7,8)
- 8 Harvest rye in church room? Quite the reverse (6)
- 13 Cold cuppa sent back with counterfeit coin – frothy coffee required (10)
- 16 Location of film made secretly (2,6)
- 17 Antelopes in the city? What a pity! (6)
- 19 Order friend to go round as well (7)
- 20 Archbishop in a place of worship (6)
- 23 One has directions for pubs (4)



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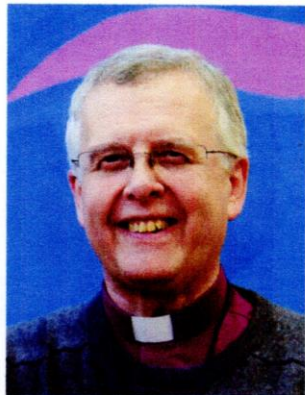
## New Year – New Hope

I am writing this on Advent Sunday, such is the way of deadlines. I want to suggest that at New Year, we should be looking forward rather than back, but I've already fallen into the trap of checking to see what I wrote this time last year – so there goes my first resolution, more than a month before January!

I'm glad, though, to see that, in innocence and ignorance of all things covid, I wrote (in capital letters, which I usually resist) **GOD CAN BE TRUSTED**. That will certainly be worth remembering in 2021 as well.

By the time you read this, we will or won't have trade and other agreements with the EU; Parliament will or won't have agreed to the strict new three-tier coronavirus regulations; the first vaccines will or won't have been approved and rolled out for use; England will or won't have won the first Autumn Nations Cup rugby championship, and the one-day cricket series against South Africa; Donald Trump will or won't have accepted defeat ... a lot can happen in a month.

And if a lot can happen in a month, what about a whole year? Who could have predicted so many aspects of our lives being overturned in 2020? (There I go, looking back again. That's two forfeits so far.) So, how can we look forward into a new year, when it could be overwhelmingly



good, or equally bad, or just not very memorable at all? We can probably rule that third option out, but the question remains: How can we look forward?

The answer, of course, is by looking to Jesus: Jesus the King of kings and Lord of lords, the Lord of the years, the Lord of the future; Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith (I hope you can join in my course of Bible studies on Hebrews this spring); Jesus our hope.

We have very little idea of what is in store for us in this new year. But it is still the Year of our Lord 2021, so we enter it with hope in him.

With best wishes  
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