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Our Local Magazine



Rubbish Dates

All Bins: 7th & 21st December

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1st—World AIDS Day

2nd—Small Business Saturday—get shopping!

2nd—Didmarton Christmas Fair—see above!

3rd—Leighterton Christmas Fair—see above!

7th Hanukkah

9th—The Muppet Christmas Carol p.

13th—WOW at the Kings Arms

17th—Carol Service p.

21st—Winter Sol

25th—IT'S CHRISTMAS!!!

27th—WOW at the Kings Arms



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The November draw took place on November 4th at the Bonfire Night held at The Village Hall. The prize winners were:-

1st Prize £20 Ruth Carnaby 2nd Prize £15 Kevin & Helen Ball

3rd Prize £10 Evie & Sam Jones 4th Prize £10 Pat Ind

Sue and Sue

MERRY CHRISTMAS

As someone who very firmly believes that Christmas has no business rearing its' head in November, writing this on the 15th of the month is most disconcerting—but I've tried to get into the Christmas spirit, which explains the headache at least!

Have a fabulous Festive Feast Day, don't stress, it's just a Sunday Dinner in a posh frock!

All contributions should be sent before the 15th of each month, email preferred —anyone can offer a contribution, go on, express your inner writer even more on online:-

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Festive Fact

Did you know that not all Christians celebrate Christmas on the same day? In countries with large populations of Orthodox Christians, such as Russia, the Ukraine and Romania, Christmas Day falls on 7 January. Some Greek Orthodox Christians celebrate Christmas on 7 January, too.

Krampus Night

If you're ever wondering where the grinchy or scary side of Christmas comes from, then look no further than the tradition of Krampus Night in Klagenfurt, Austria. Fairytales come to life on the 5th of December when Santa's (evil) assistant called "Krampus" parades the streets, looking for children that have not been good. Legend has it that the Krampus will beat you with a stick and stuff you into a sack if you haven't been good enough to receive presents from good old St Nicholas.

Fairytales or nightmare? You decide, but know, it's all in good fun as this tradition has been reignited in recent years. Teams of young males, from teenagers up to adults have been getting together, dressing up and creating their own hand carved masks to parade in Klagenfurt's square on the traditional night before Christmas in Austria.

Thank You!



Bonfire Night

The Annual Bonfire night was, yet again, an amazing success with so many people coming to support it. The weather turned out to be kinder to us than we could possibly have hoped for and the firework display was one of our best, thanks to the wonderful guys of 1016 who light the fireworks.

Thank you to all the army of volunteers who help to make it such a wonderful event, there are too many to mention by name but I would like to say how much I appreciate all your hard work. Of course, we mustn't forget to mention the bonfire builders, David Russell and Josh Tuck and special thanks also to Sally Hewlett has been a very challenging year with so much fly tipping and then to cap it all, to find a huge pile of asbestos buried in the bonfire. How on earth they got the fire to burn after so much rain but they did and it was quite a spectacle!

A very big thank you to James Pope who cuts the bank in the village hall car park each year, it really makes a difference and looks neat and tidy.

Helen and David Russell would like to wish all our friends and neighbours a very happy Christmas and New Year. May it be a healthy and prosperous 2024 for you all.

We will be donating to our favourite charity instead of sending cards.

Poppy Collection

Thank you so much Helen and Steph for helping me with the poppy collection , we collected £237.81.

A big thank you to all that gave again this year.

Lynda x

Church Path Improvements

The PCC would like to say thank you to everyone who donated or attended a fund-raising event to raise money for the church path improvements.

The uneven gravel path has been completely relaid and is now firm and even underfoot and suitable for pushchairs, wheelchairs and anyone who has difficulty with mobility. There is a ramp available for those who need step-free access.

SPEED WATCH NEEDS YOU

We know from conversations and the Didmarton WhatsApp and Facebook sites that many people in the village are concerned about the speed of traffic on the main road through the village.

So if you would like to do something positive to help improve this please consider joining our Speed watch team.

Our sessions are usually planned over a six-week cycle and during the target week volunteers can do however many days that they feel able to do, so that they can fit in with other commitments, with three volunteers involved for each morning or afternoon session which usually lasts just 30 minutes.

If you would like more details then please get in touch (tel 238373) and we can discuss options and arrange for you to do a 'taster session' in January.

Sue Hammond

How Does Santa get to Everyone?

Science! Santa, his reindeer and sleigh can sit in a small bubble of the space-time fabric. They use the reindeers' antlers to create and keep the bubble going. Of course, the elves' wormhole technology also means Santa can use cosmic short-cuts (that means time-travel).

How Long Would it Really Take?

But Santa is undaunted by the monumental task before him. With 500 million households to visit and **42 hours** to do it in, that means Santa has a total of just 300 microseconds (0.0003 seconds) to accomplish everything he needs to accomplish per household.



Alert— Calling all Children & Grown Ups!

Please can you make, using our imagination, for the church—Yuletide / Christmas Logs or a piece of decorated wood, maybe the odd Rudolph.

A gift will be given for each entry.

An idea for the materials you could use:

Log (s) / Candles / Fir cones / Acorns / Beech Husks / Holly / Ribbon / Any dried material / Moss / Snow paint or Baubles / Robins / Snowmen / Angels

To be placed in the church porch by December 14th. Please include your name so we can return them after the Carol Service on the 17th December (6.30pm)

Let's have an amazing display!



Ha Ha!

How did Joseph and Mary weigh baby Jesus at birth?

They had a weigh in the manger.

Why does Scrooge love Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer?

Because every buck is dear to him!

What did Adam say on the day before Christmas? I

t's Christmas, Eve!

Why did the scarecrow get a big Christmas bonus?

Because he was outstanding in his field.

Didmarton Village Hall

Presents

A **FREE** showing of



On Saturday 9th December

Doors open at 2.30pm for a 3.30pm start

Bring your own Christmas/ cinema snacks

(Donations welcome)

TETBURY GOODS SHED

ARTS CENTRE

HIGHLIGHTS FOR DECEMBER AT TETBURY GOODS SHED



December 2/3 **Craft Fair:** Two-day Christmas Craft Fair at Tetbury Goods Shed
Open to the public 10.30am to 5.00pm

December 8 **All On A Winter's Night,** Johnny Coppin - one of England's finest singer/songwriters- presents another feast of traditional carols, new songs, stories, folklore and superstitions. Tickets £20/£10 under 25. 7.30-9.45

December 9 **The Bon Jovi Experience:** The official tribute band to Bon Jovi, endorsed by the man himself, fronted by a lead singer so familiar, you won't believe he's not the real deal! 7.30 – 10.00 Tickets £20

December 15 **Comedy Club:** Come and enjoy to festive fun at the Goods-Shed in the company of these comedy Christmas Crackers Tom Glover, Samantha Day and Morgan Rees! 8-10. Tickets £12.50/£10 under 25

December 16 **Jack and the Bean Stalk:** Join Jack on his GIANT adventure as he climbs the beanstalk to an enchanted land to rescue his friends and family from one very hungry giant! 2 -4.15. Tickets £12 adults, £9 under 14, £35 family ticket for 4.

For details of our films, talks and other events and to book tickets visit our website:

www.shed-arts.co.uk

Holiday Eating Tips

1. Avoid carrot sticks. Anyone who puts carrots on a holiday buffet table knows nothing of the Holiday spirit. In fact, if you see carrots, leave immediately. Go next door, where they're serving rum balls.
2. Drink as much eggnog as you can. And quickly, it's rare. You cannot find it any other time of year but now. So drink up! Who cares that it has 10,000 calories in every sip? It's not as if you're going to turn into an eggnog-alcoholic or something. It's a treat. Enjoy it. Have one for me. Have two. It's later than you think. It's Christmas!
3. If something comes with gravy, use it. That's the whole point of gravy. Gravy does not stand alone. Pour it on. Make a volcano out of your mashed potatoes. Fill it with gravy. Eat the volcano. Repeat.
4. As for mashed potatoes, always ask if they're made with skinned milk or whole milk. If it's skinned, pass. Why bother? It's like buying a sports car with an automatic transmission.
5. Do not have a snack before going to a party in an effort to control your eating. The whole point of going to a Holiday party is to eat other people's food for free. Lots of it.
6. Under no circumstances should you exercise between now and New Year's. You can do that in January when you have nothing else to do. This is the time for long naps, which you'll need after circling the buffet table while carrying a 10-pound plate of food and that vat of eggnog.
7. If you come across something really good at a buffet table, like frosted Christmas cookies in the shape and size of Santa position yourself near them and don't budge. Have as many as you can before becoming the centre of attention. They're like a beautiful pair of shoes. If you leave them behind, you're never going to see them again.
8. Same for pies. Mincemeat, pork, apple. Have a slice of each. Or if you don't like mincemeat, have two apples. When else do you get to have more than one pud?
9. Did someone mention Christmas Cake?
10. One final tip: If you don't feel terrible when you leave the party or get up from the table, you haven't been paying attention. Re-read tips; start over, but hurry, January is just around the corner.

Merry Christmas

January—ignore all above and follow a healthy eating and exercise plan – implement Pareto's Law 80:20. If you are good 80% of the time you can be naughty 20% of the time!

CHRISTMAS CRACKERS

Snowball

Shel Silverstein

I made myself a snowball,
As perfect as could be,
I thought I'd keep it as a pet,
And let it sleep with me.



I made it some pajamas,
And a pillow for its head,
Then last night it ran away,
But first - it wet the bed!

The Four Stages of Life

You believe in Santa Claus

You don't believe in Santa Claus

You are Santa Claus

You look like Santa Claus

On the 13th Day of Christmas my True Love Phoned...

Dave Calder

Well, I suppose I should be grateful, you've obviously gone to a lot of trouble and expense – or maybe off your head. Yes, I did like the birds – the small ones anyway were fun if rather messy, but now the hens have roosted on my bed and the rest are nested on the wardrobe. It's hard to sleep with all that cooing, let alone the cackling of the geese whose eggs are everywhere, but mostly in a broken smelly heap on the sofa. No, why should I mind? I can't get any peaceanywhere – the lounge is full of drummers thumping tom-toms and sprawling lords crashed out from manic leaping. The kitchen is crammed with cows and milkmaids and smells of a million stink-bombs and enough sour milk to last a year. The pipers? I'd forgotten them – they were no trouble, I paid them and they went. But I can't get rid of these young ladies. They won't stop dancing or turn the music down and they're always in the bathroom, squealing as they skidacross the flooded floor. No, I don't need a plumber round, it's just the swans – where else can they swim? Poor things, I think they're going mad, like me. When I went to wash my hands one ate the soap, another swallowed the gold rings. And the pear tree died. Too dry. So thanks for nothing, love. Goodbye!



LEIGHTERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

At Leighterton Primary School we love taking part in activities, working with children from other schools. We have participated in sporting events and workshops.

Recently, the girls in Years 3 and 4 took part in the Lionesses Football Tournament at SWR. There were three matches and we played in two of them. Our first match was against the girls from Avening School. We played really well and we were able to attack during both the first and the second halves resulting in a fabulous goal scored by Izzy. The second match was against St Mary's and we were in good form again. The team worked well together and there were lots of goals. We felt proud that we won this match and we came second overall.

By Erin and Arabella

On Saturday 21st October, we took part in a cross-country event at Dursley RFC. It was very muddy and there were lots of people there but it was great fun. I got off to a great start and ran near the front. I ran just under 1000 metres and was very pleased with my result. I came fifth in my age group out of many, many runners.

By Emmeline

Children in Ridge Class participated in a Football Festival at SWR. There were three teams including us, and we played matches against St Mary's and Avening Schools. The first match was against St Mary's. Everyone worked well as a team and Nathan played particularly well in defence. He prevented a lot of shots from scoring goals and Isaac created some amazing chances.

In the second match against Avening, teamwork strengthened and there were more chances to score goals. Everyone was very supportive of each other and we were a brilliant team.

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By Stanley and Isaac

Year 5 and 6 attended a Sports Hall Athletics event recently. In pairs and threes, we competed against each other in a series of activities, including speed bounce, standing long jump and an obstacle course. At the end, we were split into teams, and we took part in a relay race against other teams from our school. We all had lots of fun and Mrs Ward, our teacher, said that our behaviour was exemplary, as always.

By Edward

Some of the Year 5 children were invited to an Earth and Space workshop. The focus was on science, and we learned about gases. The first gas we discussed was carbon dioxide. When this is in a solid state, it makes dry ice. We shook up dry ice inside a balloon and it expanded as the dry ice produced gas and the balloon went up.

We also found out about methane. When this is mixed with water, it makes the water bubble. We added oxygen to the methane and lit it. There was a massive whoosh of flames, and we were all shocked.

We also learned about craters and how these are formed from meteors and asteroids hitting the surface of the planets. We had a go at making our own by using balls drooping on to sand and measuring the diameter of the craters we made. We also tried on space suits and looked at canned food which is taken into space. It was a very interesting day.

By Ada

We do have some spaces in some of our year groups and if you would like to find out more, please have a look at our website at: www.leighterton.com or contact Claire, in our school office (01666 890273), to arrange a convenient time to come and look round.



Year 5 wore space outfits during their workshop.

YOUR MIND & BODY MATTERS

With this year drawing to a close, Christmas and the New Year will shortly be upon us so I wanted to get you thinking about what you want for next year. If like me you don't make resolutions, as I'm a great believer in manifestation and the Law of Attraction.

Tara Swat is a neuroscientist and a Doctor and she has researched how we can manifest what we want by making pin boards using pictures of what we would really want, such as a holiday, the sea, sand, beautiful accommodation, views, food etc. and using gratitude in our lives daily we start laying down neuropathways in our brain to that starts activating what we want, so we see this particular holiday in various magazines, or on the tv but likewise if we don't do this and keep repeating to ourselves, that we don't deserve this or I'll never afford it or I will never be lucky enough to go then again our we lay down negative neuropathways. So we need to train our brain to manifest what we want.

So thinking about making changes Tara also advises rather than change 1 things 10% change one thing 10 things 1%.

So if you have a goal, start the the manifestation and see it evolve.

Merry Christmas and happy new year

Ruth x

(If you are interested in manifestation then listen to Tara Swat on various podcasts).

Hawkesbury Youth Club

Tuesday Evenings (7pm to 8.30pm)
at Hawkesbury Village Hall.
For young people aged 11 to 18, The first session is free!
then £2 per session afterwards



There's everything from board games, darts, arts and crafts, to basketball, badminton and pool.

Listen to music! Relax and chat with friends.

Enjoy sweet treats and cold drinks from our tuck shop.

Decembers Dates:
12th & 19th

[Facebook](#) [HawkesburyYouthGroup](#) [Instagram](#) [hawkesburyyouthclub](#)



SHERSTON GARDENING CLUB

Next Meeting

Tuesday 5th December 2023:

Floral Decorations for Christmas—
demonstration and workshop with

Julia Armstrong

Cuttings

November's meeting was an enjoyable and lively talk about garden design. Swindon-based Laura Holmes described how she approached a client brief and she gave us some tantalizing glimpses of garden spaces she had created. She fielded several questions before we allowed her a cup of tea!

Our December meeting will be a relaxed, sociable evening watching Julia Armstrong create beautiful floral decorations with a Christmas theme. Numbers and space permitting, there will be an opportunity for members to have a go too! Mince pies, mulled wine and a non-alcoholic apple juice version should jolly things along. A seasonal gardening quiz will test your knowledge if there's time.

Club meetings will remain throughout 2024 on the first Tuesday of each month at the British School Room, Cliff Road, 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Refreshments, plant ID, plant sales, raffle, gardeners' question time, and jobs to do for the month (in case you're not busy enough....)

New members from Sherston and surrounding villages are always welcome. The cost remains the same as last year: £15 single, £25 joint, U18's free. For membership form and full programme contact our Secretary: sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com

Connections

Check out the SGC Facebook group for photos, questions, answers (where possible!) and news of meetings and events. You can post photos of your own garden or a favourite one visited.

Blooming Sherston - still awaiting the village gates so nothing new to report.
Watch this space for action next year!

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Calendar 2024 (subject to revision)

2nd January 'No dig polyculture in your garden' with Nicola Hope

6th February Piers Lavan of Hortico TBD.

5th March 'Rosemary Verey, her legacy to C20th gardening' with Margie Hoffnung

2nd April 'Four Seasons Cotswold Style' with Mandy Bradshaw

7th May 'Stumperies, Ferns and Shady Friends' with Andrew Tolman

4th June 'Growing Clematis and other Climbers' with Andrew Jeanes

5th July (Friday) Summer Social at The Garden House (thanks again to Clare & James!)

August No meeting but there will be a trip TBC

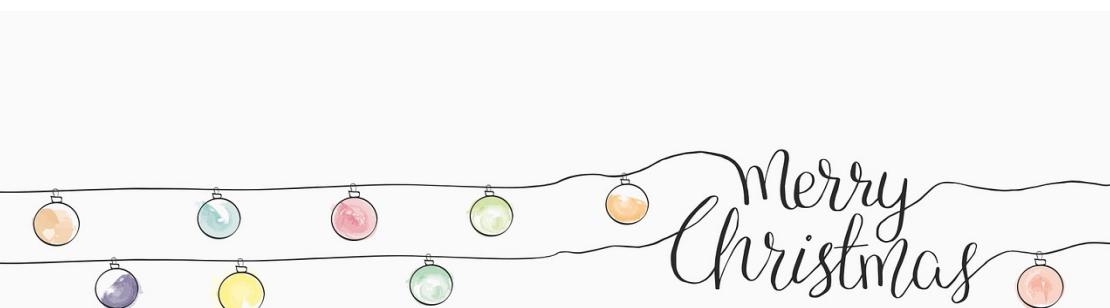
3rd September 'Garden Design for Nature and Wellbeing' with Rachel Emous-Austin

1st October 'Growing a Cut Flower Garden' with Rachel Golding Barrett

3rd December 'The Victorian Gardener' (a Christmas theme) with Francis Burroughes

Visits to Highgrove, Lackham Campus of Wiltshire College and RHS Hampton Court are under discussion as well as NGS garden visits. More details to follow.

Concluding: The Committee wishes all members of Sherston Gardening Club (present and future!) Festive Greetings and all the Best for a Happy New Gardening Year!



J.J's Gardening Blog

What a strange time it has been in the garden. So mild, that some plants have done their best to keep flowering, while others look decidedly soggy and might give up altogether. However trees and shrubs that produce berries have been spectacular. Berberis, Rowan, Cotoneaster, Malus, Skimmia. But it is also the time for topiary to be enjoyed, particularly if frost adorns the outline of a spiral yew, box ball, evergreen archway or lollipop holly. Topiary decorated in small Christmas lights also furnishes the garden. Grasses can also be attractive, such as Panicum, a peachy froth of a mound.

It's the moment for evergreen trees to show off. They come in a range of colours, sizes and shapes. Going to a specialist nursery will provide you with much more choice and informed information. One to look out for is *Abies nordmanniana 'Golden Spreader'*, with as its name suggests golden needles. Another more unusual one is *Abies Korean 'Ice Breaker'* with silver reverse to the needles and fir cones. Do find out from the nursery what the final height will be. All trees continue to grow in height, just some really slowly which are classed as miniature. Do be aware some trees can reach 20 metres and will not be a good idea in most gardens.

One other point, if you plant a conifer, they don't tell you that they want water until it's too late, so be sure to keep them well watered for at least a year.

All the usual advice applies, a nice well drained soil with sunshine which shows off the colour of the needles. And a mulch of bark chippings or good rotted compost to finish. A nursery you could click on is limecross.co.uk in Sussex.



SUDOKU by Neil Fozard

For the uninitiated

Each row, column and 3x3 box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9

EASY !!

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NOT SO EASY !!

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	3					1		
6	5				8	4		

Answers to the November quizzes:

'Easy'

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8	5	6	9	1	2	3	4	7
4	7	3	5	6	8	1	9	2
9	2	1	4	7	3	6	8	5
6	3	2	8	4	9	7	5	1
7	9	4	2	5	1	8	3	6
1	8	5	6	3	7	4	2	9

'Not so Easy'

9	2	8	1	5	6	4	3	7
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6	4	5	7	2	3	9	8	1
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7	8	2	6	1	9	3	5	4
2	5	3	9	6	1	7	4	8
8	9	1	3	4	7	5	6	2
4	7	6	5	8	2	1	9	3



VICAR'S LETTER December 2023

Dear Parishioners,

It was my assembly on the day closest to All Saints Day (Nov 1st), on Wednesday and I was asking the children in school if anyone knew of any saints. You can not imagine my delight when dozens of hands went up and we had St Matthew, St David, St George and few more famous saints, then there was a lull, and I asked if anyone could think of any more, when a little arm went up, and the small voice said St Nicholas. When I asked the child what he could tell me about St Nicholas, he said, that he gives presents to children.

I know that we have to be very careful about what we say about a certain elf, so I cautiously said that of course there was a link between St Nicholas and Santa Claus, (the clue is in the sounds), and that it is true, St Nicholas is indeed remembered for giving children presents, and that in parts of Northern Europe, they still celebrate this saint on 6th December with gifts for children.

As we walk towards Christmas, children are often at the heart of our thoughts. And we watch on the news children who are suffering with bombs falling and homes that have been reduced to a simple mat with canvas covering. Our joy at the birth of Christ is mingled with our prayers for such children in a mysterious and painful way. Not that different from the birth of Our Lord, who was very nearly killed by the wicked Herod, and became a refugee in Egypt.

Bearing the pain as well the joy, of Christmas is important. And our prayers for children suffering, matter. As we enjoy the squeals and happiness of our children around the Christmas tree, may our prayers never be very far from those other children who are living amidst the trauma and horror of military devastation.

Have a Happy Christmas,

Richard

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CHURCH OF ENGLAND BADMINTON BENEFICE

Dec-23 Church services www.badmintonbenefice.com

Date	Time	Parish	Service	Minister
3rd December	9.30am	Lasborough	Matins	Churchwarden led
	1115am	Didmarton	Matins	Rev R Thomson
	3pm	Acton Turville	Evensong	Rev R Thomson
	5pm	Hawkesbury	Advent service	Rev R Thomson
10th December	9.30am	Lasborough	Holy Communion BCP	P Cheeseman
	11am	Leighterton	Holy Communion 1928	Rev R Thomson
	11am	Little Badminton	Matins	Rev R Thomson
	5pm	Hawkesbury	Evensong	Rev R Thomson
17th December	1115am	Sopworth	Matins + HC	Rev R Thomson
	6pm	Acton Turville	Carol service	Rev R Thomson
	5pm	Hawkesbury	Carol service	Rev J Wilson
	6.30pm	Didmarton	Carol service	Rev P Maslen
	6pm	Westonbirt	Carol service	Rev P Cheeseman
24th December	1115	Little Badminton	Matins + HC	Rev R Thomson
Christmas Eve	4pm	Hawkesbury	Nativity service	Rev R Thomson
	4.30pm	Acton Turville	Christingle service	Mr M Butler
	6pm	Lasborough	Carol service	Churchwarden led
	6pm	Sopworth	Carol service	Rev R Thomson
	11.30pm	Didmarton	Midnight Mass BCP	Rev R Thomson
25th December	9.30am	Lasborough	Holy Communion CW	Rev R Thomson
Christmas Day	1115 am	Great Badminton	Christmas Day service	Rev R Thomson
31st Dec	1115	Leighterton	Matins+ HC	Rev R Thomson
1st Sunday after Christmas				

Matins on line 9.30am Thursdays: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86463304014?pwd=QIJxMWNpelArMUDjV242cUpnV3Nydz09>

Happy Christmas



Christmas is a wonderful time of celebration of the good news today as much as it was 2000 years ago when it was first announced from heaven by God's messenger the angel. It is a message from God to all people on Earth:- "Fear not, I bring you God's tidings of great joy; for to you is born a Saviour who is Christ the Lord".

There can be no greater reason for celebration than this, over which the host of Heaven rejoiced filling the air with praise to God, saying "Glory to God in the highest and on Earth peace, goodwill to men".

In the coming of Jesus into the world, God was himself coming to us as he promised he would through the prophets of old who forecast the miracle of his birth by a virgin, by the power of God's spirit and the name by which he would be called "Immanuel" (meaning God with us).

This message from heaven had a profound effect on the first recipients of it, for it is so important that they forsake everything and went to seek and find the saviour for themselves.

What effect is Jesus Christ having today on your life and Christmas celebrations? Jesus himself said "I am come to seek and to save those who are lost" and right relationship with God the Father that includes each one of us, for we all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God! He came to save us from aimless wondering through life seeking short term gains and ultimately heading for disaster. Many this Christmas will be seeking to cover up their true condition by the lights and festivities of Christmas, not realising the peace and joy of soul that is lost in their lives.

Jesus is seeking for those today who will respond to his call, believing he is alive and that he went to the cross to die, bearing the sins of many to bring us into a right relationship with God the Father.

Will you welcome Jesus into your heart by repenting of sin and turning in the faith to him this Christmas, giving you the true reason for celebration? I pray that you will, giving you a Happy Christmas!

Royston Pick



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