

# JANUARY



What has  
come  
into being  
in him  
was life  
and the life  
was the light  
of all people

John 1: 3b-4

**CLARENCE PARK BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Walliscote Road, Weston-super-Mare.  
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## **PUTTING OURSELVES INTO THE HAND OF GOD**

Looking back how was 2018 for you?

The start of a new year gives everyone of us an opportunity to stop and to not just look back at the year gone by and to see how God has been with us through both the joys and the sorrows, but it also gives us the chance to look ahead and to prepare for the journey ahead?

Yet the truth is none of us know exactly what the future holds, but what we do know is true is that God will be with us through whatever we face, and our motto text for 2019 comes from the book of Isaiah and reminds us of that.

Originally the words of God were spoken to the prophet to share with a people who as they dwelt in the promised land faced invasion from their enemies around them, words which they would read and find comfort from when they were taken into exile and so faced dark and difficult times. But these words were not just spoken to the people of God in the Old Testament, they are also a promise to us, that even in our darkest moments as well as our joys we can know God is not just watching over us, but walking with us.

In our first service of the year we will be exploring the significance of why God talks about the “right” hand, and we will think about what it means to walk whilst being held by God - so if you are unable to be at the service please try to get hold of the recording.

However today I want to draw your eyes to the words “Do Not Fear”. In scripture we are told that perfect love casts out all fear, and since God is perfect love, if we are to be a people who walk without fear we need to be a people who walk in God’s love, we need to be a people who walk in relationship with God, trusting God and submitting to God and his will and his purposes in our lives.

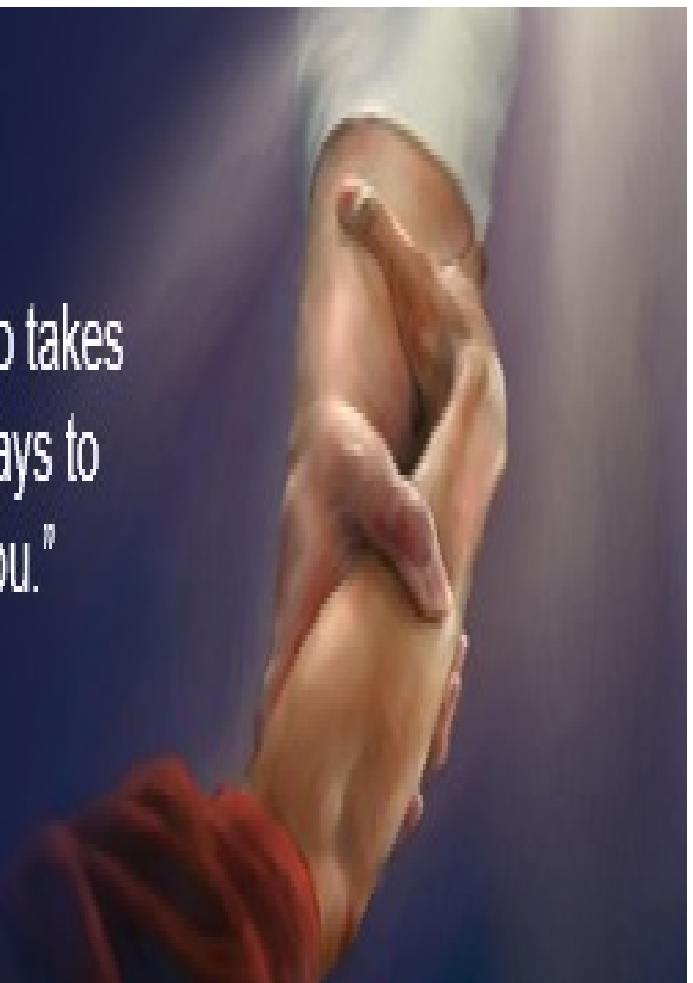
So can I encourage you for 2019, to take the words of this promise, and to walk throughout the year close to God, and as you do so – no matter what the year may bring - may you know his peace, his love , his grace and his mercy in your life.



## CPBC Motto Text 2019

"I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you."

Isaiah 41:13 (NIV)



## FROM THE TREASURER



Firstly a happy new year .

Ann & I have now taken over the Treasurer's role and will be working as part of a financial team. We both have a financial background which no doubt will influence our thinking over the Church's finance.

As I am writing this Peter is finishing off the December & years accounts which he will pass over to us in the next few days .

We would like to thank him for all the work he has put into the role over the last few years.

Richard Loynes

A little boy wanted £100 badly and prayed for one week but nothing happened. Then he decided to write God a letter requesting £100. When the postal authorities received the letter addressed to GOD UK, they decided to send it to the Prime Minister.

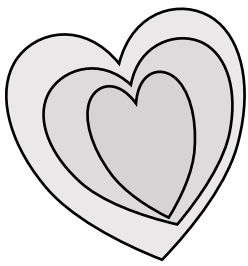
The Prime Minister was so impressed, touched and amused that he instructed his secretary to send the little boy a £5 note. The Prime Minister thought this would appear to be a lot of money to a little boy.

The boy was delighted with the £5 and sat down to write a thank you note to God, which read:

*Dear God,*

*Thank you very much for sending the money. However, I noticed that for some reason you had to send it through 10 Downing Street and, as usual, they took most of it.*

From a Bucket of Surprises, J. John and Mark Stibbe,  
Monarch Books.



# PASTORAL NEWS

The preparations for Christmas begin early.

For us at Clarence, Advent starts the excitement, so we congratulate **Jayne Goodwin** who celebrated a big “60” Birthday 2nd December.

**Joyce Cooksley** has moved into our Abbey Gate Home, and is very happy there.

Others we know and care about may not have had the Christmas they were used to, missing the presence of a loved one.

Both **Alex McIntosh** and **Joyce Brownnett** have suffered sore heads for a time. Alex had rather a shock when a whiteboard she was using at work fell off the wall. It hit her on the head giving her a time of mild concussion. Joyce Brownnett also suffered mild concussion after she fell at home and hit her head. The bump came up like an egg, and a little blood went a long way!! **Maureen Tubb** unfortunately fell just before Christmas breaking a bone in her foot.

Unfortunately after returning home from respite in late November, **Jim Wilson** found it difficult to stand and walk, so was taken to Southmead. Fortunately he is now in Clevedon Cottage Hospital where he spent Christmas, and is being encouraged in his walking.

We have also heard that **Jean Evans** who had been recovering in hospital from the effects of a stroke is not so well again.

**Zillah and Gordon Long** would appreciate our prayers for their eldest daughter who is not at all well. Also please hold in your prayers, our former church minister, **Don Bridle** who is far from well. Our thoughts are with him and Gill.

The Winter weather has not set in hard yet, so we trust you can keep the coughs colds and flu at bay.

May the coming New Year bring you Joy to share, Happiness to shine, and Peace in your Hearts.



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The Magi brought three gifts to Jesus: gold, frankincense and myrrh. Gold was a gift that would have been given to a king. Frankincense was brought by priests as they worshipped God in the Temple. Myrrh was a spice that the ancients used in preparing bodies for burial.



So you could say that the Wise Men, in choosing their gifts, honoured Jesus with gold be-

cause He was King of the Jews, with frankincense because He was to be worshipped as divine; and with myrrh, because He would also become a sacrifice and die for His people.

The Wise Men were the very first gentiles ever to worship Jesus. What faith they had! They never saw any evidence of Jesus' kingship, His divinity or His sacrificial death. They simply worshipped Him through faith in God's promises alone.

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# Letters

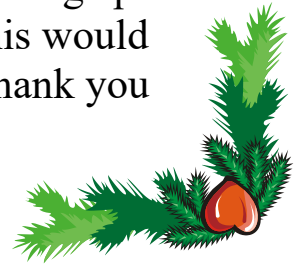
A Happy New Year to you all, and thanks for all your kind Christmas Greetings.



Thanks also to the musicians and singers for their support and especially to Steve for his very careful preparations and ministry.

Pat Ullyott.

Sian and Cerys would like to pass on their thanks to everyone at Clarence Park Baptist Church for their help and support following the death of their father Peter Lea. It was requested that donations be made to Children's Hospice South West and at the time of printing a total of £800 has been given. Sian has been in touch with the Hospice and they have agreed to put a large portion of the donation towards music therapy at Charlton Farm. This would have meant so much to Peter and Sian and Cerys would like to thank you for your generosity and kindness at this difficult time.



Sincere thanks must go to Pat Ullyott and the musicians and singers for their contribution to the Christmas Music and to all those that took part in the Candlelight Carol Service and other services over the festive period - not forgetting Steve. All these efforts are much appreciated and do so much to the real enjoyment of the Christmas Season. So thank you all!

## A promise for 2019.

My child, leave in My hand each coming morrow,  
No anxious thought need ever thee distress,  
Commit thy way - remember I have promised  
And with Me is all power - all faithfulness;  
Trust in my love, so shall thy way be lightened,  
So shall faith banish fear, and doubtings flee,  
And peace - My wondrous peace - dispel all darkness  
For each tomorrow will be met with Me.

*[Take no thought for the morrow. Matthew 6:34]*



## MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group begin the year with a Prayer Breakfast on 12<sup>th</sup> January followed by time of prayer led by Peter Price.

On January 22<sup>nd</sup> 7 pm for 7.15 pm there will be a talk from Melvyn Wood about the lost rivers of Bristol. The venue will be the Weston-super-Mare Football Club Boardroom.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL.

from Alan Loveridge.



# BAPTIST WORLD MISSION STAMPS, POSTCARDS COINS and OTHER COLLECTABLES



Since my reminder in the December Newsletter, I have received an email regarding the boxes of stamps, coins and postcards I sent to Baptist World Mission. The email thanks us for our contribution and says that up to the year ending October 2018, £17,500 has been raised. Isn't it wonderful to be part of that great amount.

Can I say welcome to new folk who are finding out who I am and bringing me stamps. Why not join them?

Once again I remind you to save your stamps and let me have them. Please leave plenty of paper around the stamps as if the corners are missing they are of no use. If you have postcards, please do not cut the stamps off but give them in tact along with any British and Foreign coins you have.

Thank you in anticipation of your response.

Ann Palmer



## QUOTES:

*Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends will leave footprints in your heart.*

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*If you ever think you are too small to be effective, you've never been in bed with a mosquito.*

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*Beautiful young people are accidents of nature, but beautiful old people are works of art.*

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*To handle yourself, use your head, to handle others, use your heart.*

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# A BLESSED NEW YEAR

by Ann Palmer

Reading: Matthew 2: 1-12.

Christmas is a time for giving and receiving gifts. Whether they are what we want or not, they are given with love and have been bought with care.

To me, even more precious than gifts are the greetings we receive. Some in the form of text messages, emails, telephone calls and CARDS. I wonder what you do with the cards after the Festive Season is over. Many of us reuse them by making cards for next year and others give them to worthy causes to be recycled.

Friends of mine wrote in their Christmas letter of a lovely idea. They keep the cards and each week [or maybe each day] put one on display. On that occasion they remember and pray for that person or that family. I think it is something to consider.

But the Wise Men in our reading brought gifts to the Christ Child. Very costly gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. These gifts had very special meaning.

**Gold, the gift for a King.** Gold is the King of metals and is a fitting gift for the King of Kings.

**Frankincense, the gift for a priest.** It was in the Temple worship and in the Temple Sacrifices that the sweet perfume was used. The function of the priest is to open the way to God for men and women. Jesus is the perfect and great High Priest.

**Myrrh, the gift for one who is to die.** Myrrh was used to embalm bodies of the dead. Jesus came into the world to die as a sacrifice for all humankind. The Saviour of the world.

But what of the gifts we have received this Christmas. Are they special to us? What is our response to the gift of Jesus to us? Do we respond with gladness and gratitude? Or as the years have gone by, has the true meaning of the coming of Jesus to earth as baby become dimmed?

What is the gift that we bring to the Christ Child at Christmas and now on into 2019.

Christina Rossetti 1830-94 wrote four Christmas poems of which 'In the Bleak Mid Winter' is one. Christina was a member of a famous artist family and was a model for her brother Dante's painting of the Virgin Mary. Her mother kept a school at which Christina taught.

She was deeply religious and ardently evangelical breaking off her engagement because her fiancé became a Roman Catholic, and years later refused to become engaged to another man whom she deeply loved, because he was an agnostic.

She was of frail health and, in the words of her biographer, "her days were spent as quietly as the noiseless and secluded days of a nun within the cloister walls." She gave much time to poor children attached to a church in Regents Park where she worshipped.

So our gift to Jesus? The last verse of 'In the Bleak Mid Winter'

What can I give Him,  
Poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd,  
I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;  
Yet what I can I give Him,  
Give my heart.



God loves you so much that  
He'll accept you just the way  
you are - but He loves you  
too much to leave you that  
way.





## **HELP FIGHT CHILD ABUSE IN UGANDAN SCHOOLS.**

Imagine a classroom with 100 or more primary age school children in it. Put aside how crammed it might be and concentrate on this: more than two thirds of the children in front of you have been sexually abused by a male teacher, according to a Unicef survey. The percentage of children who have been caned is even higher, yet their abusers get away with the abuse, free to inflict suffering on a child in a place every child should feel safe: School.

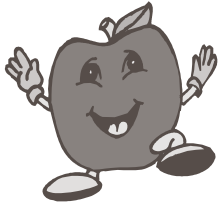
The survey on the prevalence of abuse in Ugandan schools shows that people are aware of the abuse - but it still continues. Do not think it is going completely unchallenged though. Ugandan officials are making strides, and, with your support, BMS World Mission lawyer Linda Darby is working tirelessly in Gulu, northern Uganda, to change attitudes towards child protection in schools.

Backed by local government, Linda has so far taken 21 schools through training on how abuse can be identified, reported and prevented. And the message of protecting children from sexual and physical abuse is not restricted to the school environment. Community leaders also attend the training, alongside the school's senior staff - and ends with a school developing a child protection policy.

With your prayers, we hope even more schools in Gulu will develop more effective child protection approaches.



We're helping teachers and community leaders in Gulu, Uganda, identify signs of child abuse



## **Morning Tea**

A vicar in a small country church was looking forward to an important visit from his bishop, which would involve the bishop staying overnight at the vicarage after the service. His young son became very excited, as he had never spoken to a bishop before.

The vicar decided that his young son should be allowed to knock on the bishop's door in the morning and take him in his morning tea. His father gave him instructions: "First, knock on the door of the bishop's room and then say loud and clear: "It's the boy, my Lord, it's time to get up."

The young son was very excited and rehearsed his lines, repeating them over and over. Finally, the bishop came and spent the night. Next morning the young lad went to the door and knocked. He cried loudly: "It's the Lord, my boy, and your time is up!"

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Did you hear about the thief who stole a calendar and got twelve months?

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## **Let Sleeping Dogs Lie**

An old, tired-looking dog wandered into my house. Slowly he walked into the sitting room and fell asleep on the rug for an hour. The next day he was back for another nap. This daily visit and snooze continued for several weeks. Curious, I finally pinned a note to his collar: 'Are you are aware that your sweet dog comes to my house each day for a nap?'

The next day he arrived with a different note pinned to his collar: "He lives in a home with six children - he's trying to catch up on his sleep. Can I come with him tomorrow?"

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## **Flies**

A woman walked into the kitchen to find her husband stalking around with a folded newspaper. 'I'm hunting flies,' he muttered. 'So far I've got three males and two females.'

Intrigued, the woman asked how he could tell them apart. Her husband replied: 'Easy. Three were on my tin of beer, and two were on the phone.'



# 2019

## Flower Rota

### January



6<sup>th</sup> Mr. & Mrs. David Chinn celebrating brithdays and  
Wedding Anniversary.

13<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Joan Crook and Peter Merret, remembering parents  
Bill and Flo Merret

20<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Pat Chipperfield, celebrating birthday today.

27<sup>th</sup> Miss. Margaret Chant

### February

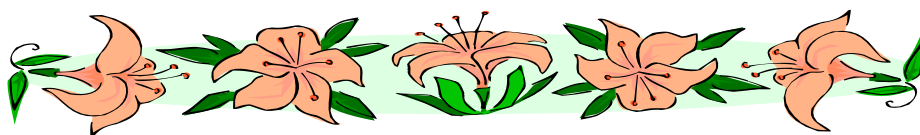
3<sup>rd</sup> Mrs. Jenny Collins remembering Roy.

10<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Ann Palmer.



There are many dates to fill on the new Flower Calendar. Do let me know if you have a special event that you would like to share by providing flowers for a certain Sunday. It would be good to add them to the Calendar before it is put in the vestibule.

Many thanks to you who faithfully fill the spaces each year, as the flowers bring comfort and joy to those who receive them.



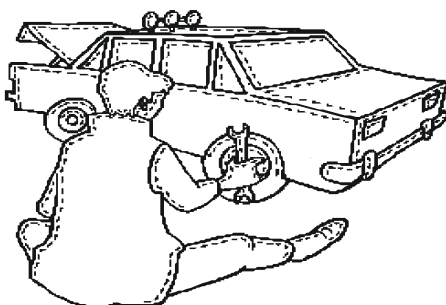
## Those Potholes of January

In winter when I drive my car  
I all too often feel a jar –  
That awful, cracking, grinding jolt  
Which brings my vehicle to a halt.  
I sit, and try to comprehend  
What's brought my journey to an end?  
Then words and phrases can't console –  
For I have gone and hit a hole!

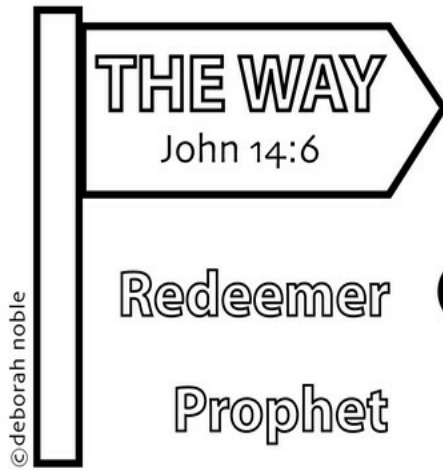
A hole I didn't see or seek  
It wasn't there at all last week!  
It's full of water, just a puddle  
But now it's caused an awful muddle.  
I've bust an axle, blown a tyre  
Such menaces as do conspire  
To leave us drivers sad and lost  
They're all the work of Mister Frost!

He comes by dark – he works at night  
His wicked deeds are out of sight.  
He works those tricks which drivers dread  
When we are all asleep in bed,  
All snuggled in against the cold,  
While he's about dark deeds untold.  
So hearken to my dismal ode –  
Jack's made a pothole in the road!

*by Nigel Beeton*



# COLOURING IN PAGE



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Messiah

Lord

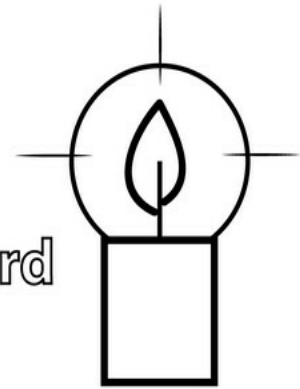
Redeemer

Prophet

Son of God



Revelation  
17:14



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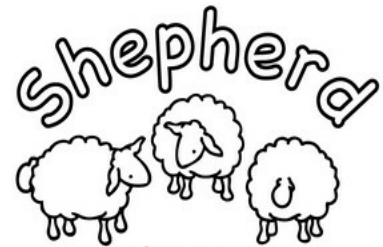
John 8:12



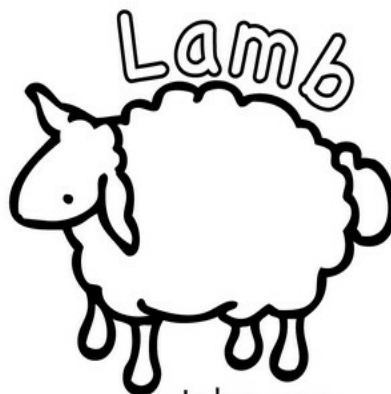
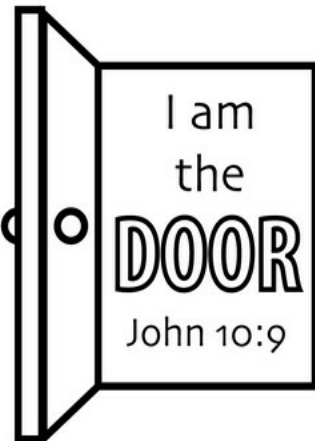
John 6:35

Son of man

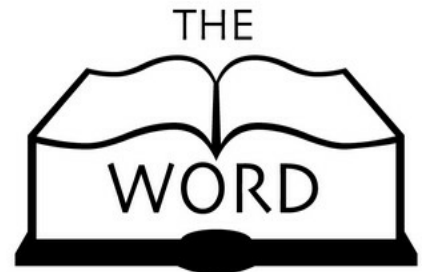
## Names of JESUS



John 10:11



John 1:29



John 1:1-5



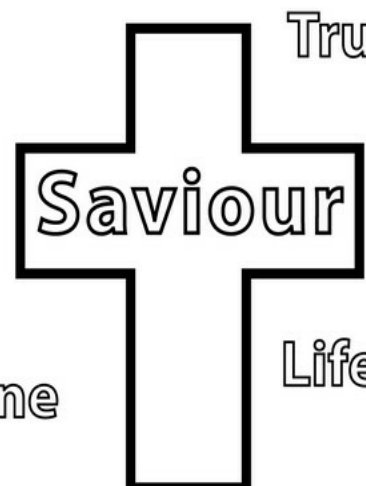
JOHN 15:1

Mediator

Cornerstone

Judge

Alpha and Omega



Truth

Life

Luke 2:11

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# *Birthday Scheme*

For the medical work of the Society.

January

11<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Sue Ullyott

16<sup>th</sup> Mr. Andrew Ullyott

20<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Pat Chipperfield

28<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Elisabeth Speakman

February

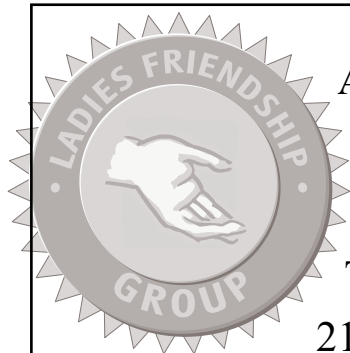
4<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Maureen Price

5<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Margaret Fleming

8<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Ann Palmer

9<sup>th</sup> Mr. James Ullyott

11<sup>th</sup> Mr. Don Glen



**ALL LADIES** are invited to join us on Monday evenings  
from 7.45pm to approximately 8.45pm.

The first meeting in 2019 will be:

21<sup>st</sup> January - American Supper and Quiz  
and on

28<sup>th</sup> January - Locking Parklands Outreach - Claire Roberts.

4<sup>th</sup> February - Musical Evening with Pat Ullyott.

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## EVENTS

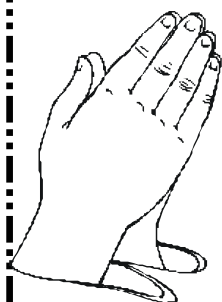
All Sunday Services led by our Minister Rev. S. Christian -  
[unless otherwise stated]

Every Wednesday at 10.00 am Holy Communion & Prayer - followed by coffee

Every Thursday morning - 10 am to 12 noon Community Coffee Morning

Worship Jam 4 - 6 pm - [Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in month]

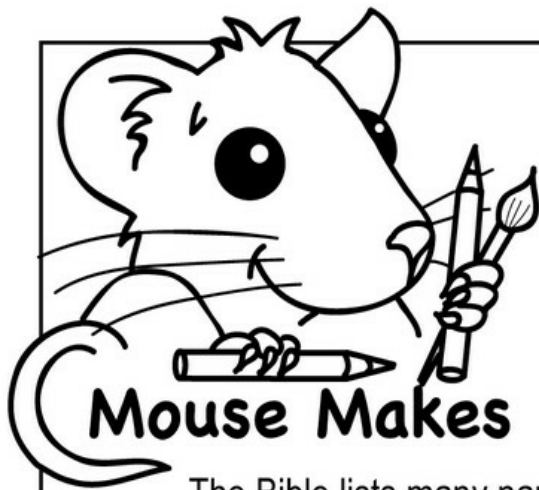
### A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR



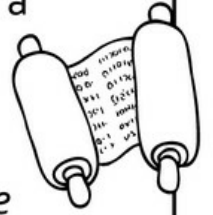
What better time  
And what better season  
What greater occasion  
Or more wonderful reason  
To kneel down in prayer  
And lift our hands high  
To the God of creation,  
Who made land and sky.....  
And, oh, what a privilege,  
As the new year begins  
To ask God to wipe out  
Our errors and sins...  
And to know when we ask,  
If we are sincere,  
He will wipe our slate clean  
As we start a new year  
So at this glad season  
When joy's everywhere,  
Let us meet our Redeemer  
At the altar of prayer.

by Helen Steiner Rice





Eight days after their baby had been born,  
Mary and Joseph named him with the  
name the angel Gabriel had given them  
long before he had been born.  
It was a very special name for a  
very special baby...  
the name **JESUS** which  
means **GOD IS SAVIOUR**.



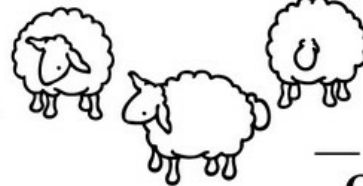
*"You are to give him the name  
JESUS because he will save  
his people from their sins."*

Read Luke 2:21-38

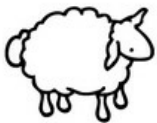
The Bible lists many names  
and titles that were given to Jesus.  
There are 28 to find in the wordsearch,  
most are listed below but for some you  
will have to look up the Bible verses!

THE \_\_\_\_\_  
John 14:6

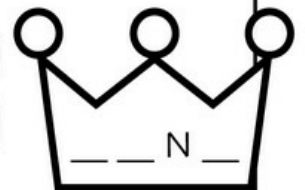
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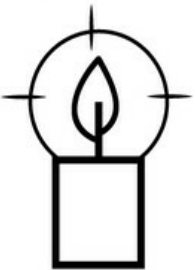
OF GOD  
John 1:29



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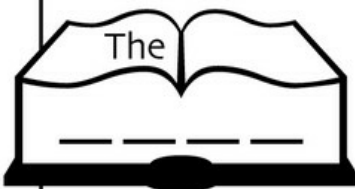
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John 8:12

I am the

John  
10:9



John 6:35



John 1:1-5

ALPHA • LORD • JESUS • MESSIAH • LIFE  
TRUTH • PROPHET • PRINCE • JUDGE  
SON OF GOD • SON OF MAN • CHRIST  
VINE • ROCK • REDEEMER • MEDIATOR  
CORNERSTONE • EMMANUEL • OMEGA



Luke 2:11

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