

# ST CHRISTOPHER'S NEWSLETTER

## CHRISTMAS SPECIAL



Many thanks to those who have contributed this is special Christmas communication. We hope you enjoy it.

Our next newsletter after this will be on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021.

Happy Christmas.

### AIDEN DELIVERS!



Hi I am Aidan,

I deliver the church newsletters around my local area Lea. I volunteered to deliver the newsletters at the strictest lockdown during the COVID crisis. To deliver my newsletters I ride on my bike and use a satnav my dad bought me I travel from the closest to furthest addresses when I go on my journey. When I deliver the letters, I bring my friend John who lives on my street.

I hope me delivering the letters keeps people updated in what is going on at church if they cannot visit for whatever reason. What I enjoy most about delivering letters is people smiling and waving at me. When they smile and wave at me it makes my day and I hope it makes there day too.

Keep safe

Aidan Moffatt





## BERYL'S CHRISTMAS QUIZ

### WELL-KNOWN CHRISTMAS SONGS AND PHRASES

(e.g., J.B.J.B.A.T.W. = Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle all the Way)



1. R.T. R-N. R.-----
2. S. C.I. C. T. T.-----
3. L.I.S. L.I.S. L.I.S. -----
4. L.D. -----
5. M.B.C. -----
6. I.B.T.L. A. L. L. C. -----
7. I. D. O. A. W. C. -----
8. I. W. I. C. B. C. E. D. -----
9. W.A. C. I. B. -----
10. W.W. Y. A. M. C.- -----
11. C. R. B. A. O. F. -----
12. A. I. W. F. C. I. Y. -----



You've read the cracker jokes now it's time to test those brain cells!!!

All done? Well, now indulge in a CHOCOLATE QUIZ!!

(all your favourites: number in brackets = number of letters in answer))

- (a) Cinderella's friend (7) .....
- (b) 100 AU (3,4) .....
- (c) 9,10,11 (5,5) .....
- (d)  $2 - 0 + 9$  (4) .....
- (e) Lots of Parties (12) .....

### A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM GEORGE KNOWLES

“-----Following Yonder Star”



As we take our regular “exercise walks”,

we like the Wise Men of Old, are seeing “signs.” Twinkling lights, decorations, trees decked with baubles – a sure sign that Christmas is coming. Then only the other day we saw a bright red flash in a window. It was of course the bright red bracts of a poinsettia, a plant that has become synonymous with this time of year.

Since Christmas is a time when families share and pass on traditions, there is a little story that “tells” why this plant has become a “regular” feature. The story goes like this:

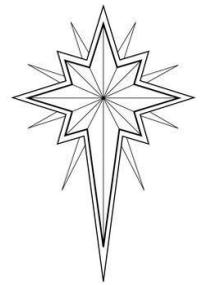


“Many years ago, in a remote Mexican village, there was a tradition that, at Christmas, the village children would walk in procession to the crib in the Church and each child would present a bouquet of flowers. One child from a very poor family

was very upset because her family could not afford to buy any flowers. She said her prayers and an angel told her not to worry. She was told to join the procession, and, on the way, she should gather a bouquet of wildflowers to present at the crib. This she did, and lo and behold, as she presented her flowers, they miraculously turned into a lovely plant with blood red bracts at its top.”

The point of the story has, of course, nothing to do with plants and flowers but is about praying and having faith that God will answer our prayers.

So, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, I pray that the time when we can celebrate a traditional family Christmas will soon be with us.



Have a happy and blessed Christmas

George Knowles

### A CHRISTMAS ACROSTIC – BY GEORGE GOVER

Christ will come, risen again

*H*orizons red, like our sins, will be cleansed by God’s Son

*R*ighting our wrongs, he was sacrificed to save our sins

*I*nternationally loved and hated across his world, he loves us still much more

Stars once lead to his birth and they twinkle bright to remind us

*T*wo thousand and twenty years ago was his birth prophesied

*M*erry Christmas rings around the world like bells from the church

*A*lleluia! Say the people, alleluia the world rejoices

Singing choirs tell the story of his birth and of his glory

