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**Wishing you a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year**

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Hello,

Following on from the positive response to last years Advent magazine, which we circulated around the village rather than a card, we have decided to do it again. I hope it finds you and your loved ones well and coping with the preparations for Christmas. As the cards come in remember that we are still collecting used stamps, they can be dropped off at the Church door or put through the Hall letter box. The funds raised this year are going to pastors in Syria and Lebanon as they support their communities. Thank you for all donations so far.

On the opposite page you will see our contact details. I have added a few more to the list. If you find you have some spare time and would like to help the Church with your gifts and talents please do get in touch with Andy or Rab. To give financial support contact Tim. However if getting to know some new faces and making some new friends is your hope for the year ahead, then please speak to Gail or Doris about the Fellowship Group or Guild.

The Fellowship group as well as providing teas after Church each Sunday, host a number of events throughout the year, the next one planned is a Scot's Night on Friday 10th February. Keep an eye out for posters nearer the time. The Guild meet the second Tuesday of each month at 2pm in the Church Hall. The 13th December is a Christmas get together and then on the 10th January Duncan Smedley will give a talk on Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance. All are most welcome.

Talking of events, this December sees the start of a new Club after school on Wednesdays for P3—P7 children. Through games and crafts they will discover the story behind the Christmas preparations and presents.

Over the page Wayne shares with you the changes ahead for our congregation and then there are a couple of puzzles for all the family and a delicious recipe to try from my Mum's recipe book.

On the back cover you will find our Christmas Services list. A warm welcome awaits you and I did hear murmurings that mince pies have made a return! If you are unable to join us and have access to the internet we continue to record our services. They are available on the website or through the Facebook page.

Christmas although a time of much joy and happiness can be a time of sadness and loneliness too made more difficult with rising costs and gloomy weather. If we can be of any help to you on your Christmas journey please reach out to us.

Wishing you joy and peace this Christmas.

Judith Hay

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The Light of the World

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12).



During the Sundays in the Advent Season leading up to Christmas, we in turn light four candles symbolising hope, love, joy, and peace. These graces are God's gift to us in his only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, whose birth we celebrate on Christmas Day. Jesus is the Light of the world, and we will light the central candle on Christmas Day to commemorate and celebrate the good news that he has come into our world to dispel darkness and despair and grant us light. We similarly adorn our homes, church buildings, and civic spaces with lights in honour of the light of life.

God has come in the person of Jesus that we might have life, enjoy it abundantly, and have the guarantee of it everlasting. He is our blessed hope in the present and for the future. He is love, and in him, we are rooted and built up in love. He is our joy unspeakable and full of glory. And he is the Prince of Peace who gives us a peace that surpasses all understanding. Jesus is the reason for the season. And so, it is our chief delight to commend him to you and yours. We also warmly invite you to join us for our Christmas Services.

New Year will mark the dawn of a new chapter in the history of Edzell Parish Church which will be enlarged by the inclusion of the congregation of Fern, Careston, and Menmuir, presently in linkage but from 1 January in union with Edzell, Glenesk, and Glen Lethnot. All regular worship services will be held in the Edzell Church from that date onwards.

While all the services in Advent will have a Christmas flavour, I wish to take this opportunity to draw your attention to the Careston Carol Service at 6.30pm on Sunday 11 December. We will welcome the Brechin Community (Brass) Band, and this will mark the final regular worship service in the Careston Church. Similarly, the Christmas Eve Carol Service in the Maule Church will be held at 6pm this year and will be our farewell service in that building. We have enjoyed large turnouts for both of these services in the past and anticipate a sizeable congregation for these historic acts of worship.

The Edzell Church will also host a Christmas Eve Carol Service but this year it will take place at 8pm to allow the minister, session clerk, and others to attend the final service at the Maule. There will also be Christmas Day services at Fern at 9.30am and Edzell at 11am. The Fern service will be the last regular service in the Fern Church.

This season of joy is therefore understandably tinged with sadness for some on account of the closures of the Careston, Fern, and Maule church buildings, which have served our surrounding parishes well for centuries. We remember them in prayer and Christian love but nevertheless, look favourably to our union and go forward into the future together by faith, trusting in God's Christ who was born at Christmas and is the source of our enduring hope, love, joy, and peace. He is our Light and Life. He is our Basis of Union. May he richly bless you and yours this Christmas Season, and always.

Wishing you a merry Christmas.

With love in Jesus Christ,

Wayne



An azure sky,
All star bestrewn.
A lowly crib,
A hushed room,
An open door,
A hill afar,

Where little lambs
And shepherds are.
To such a world, on such a night,
Came Jesus—
Little Lord of Light.

Mary I. Osborn

Word search

Can you find these Christmas words?

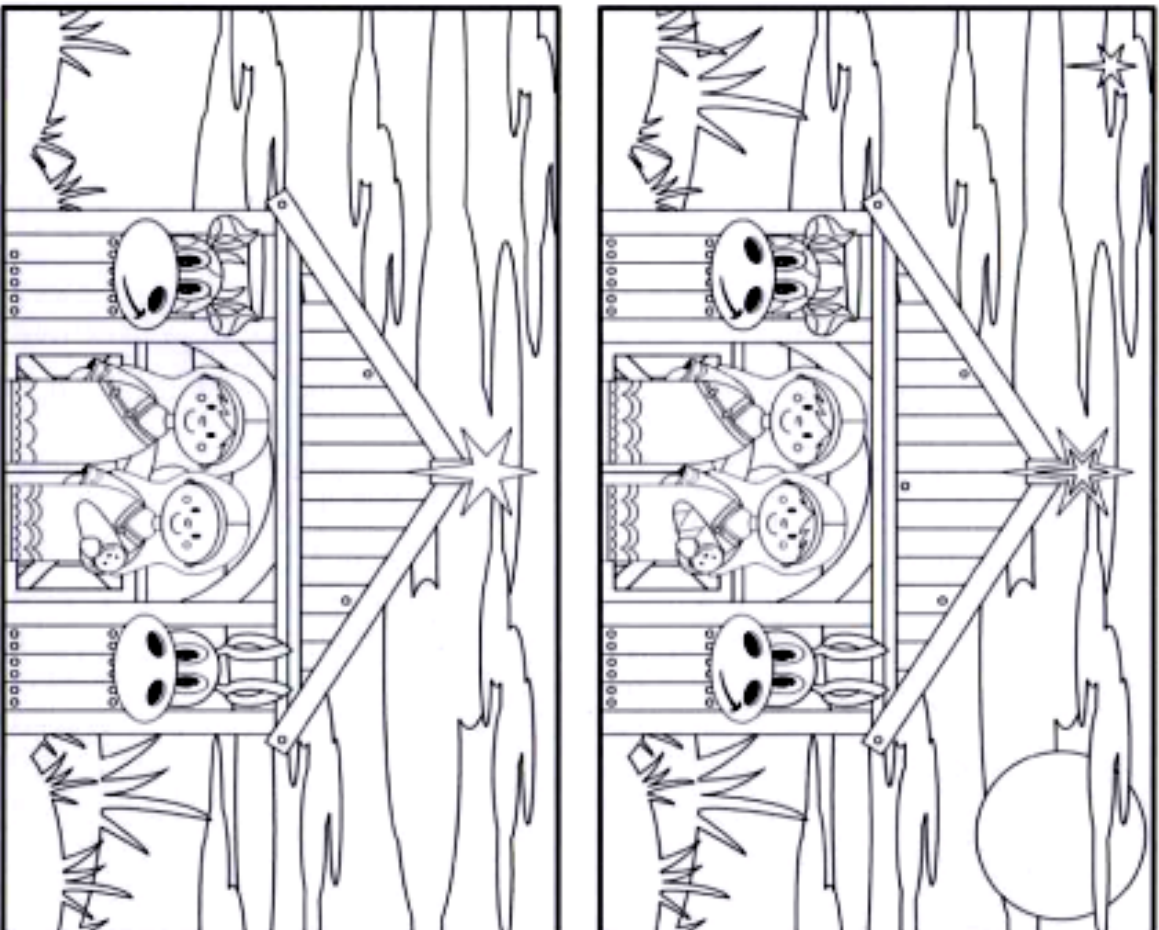
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| MARY | MYRRH | TREE | DONKEY |

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Here's a little Christmas fun for all the family from Embrace the Middle East who produce the Bethlehem Carol Sheet that we use at our Christmas Eve Carol Services.

Spot the difference

Can you spot 11 differences between the pictures?



A celebration needs cake so here's a quick and easy tray bake a great alternative to Christmas cake. They are in our family recipe book as Bridal Slices so great for special occasions.

1/2 lb Short Crust Pastry
2oz Margarine
4oz Sugar
1lb Currants
2 Eggs
4oz Chopped cherries
6Tbsp Crushed Rich Tea Biscuit
1 tsp Mixed spice

1/2 lb Marzipan
Jam
Royal or Glacé Icing

Line a large Swiss roll tin with the pastry. Then cream together the margarine and sugar. Add the currants, eggs, cherries mixed spice and biscuits. Mix well. Press into the lined tin and bake for 3/4 an hour at 180 degrees Celsius. When cold spread thinly with jam, cover with marzipan and icing of your choice.

Doris Alston

A Prayer for Comfort and Joy

Adapted from Embrace the Middle East Christmas resource.

Wherever there is busyness, distraction or struggle this Christmas,

Lord Jesus, bring your comfort and joy

Wherever there is fear, grief or anxiety in our homes and hearts this year,

Lord Jesus, bring your comfort and joy.

Wherever there are refugees living far from home, in danger, uncertainty or need,

Lord Jesus, bring your comfort and joy.

Wherever a parent is waiting for the generosity necessary for their children to be warm and full,

Lord Jesus, bring your comfort and joy.

Across Europe, the Middle East and all continents where we long to see peace restored

Lord Jesus, bring your comfort and joy.

And everywhere we, Embrace and many others are seeking to reach out with your love,

Lord Jesus, bring your comfort and joy.

Amen.

CHRISTMAS 2022 SERVICES

Sunday 4th December (Advent 2)

Service of Worship, Edzell @ 11am

Sunday 11th December (Advent 3)

Service of Worship, Edzell @ 11am

Carol Service, Careston @ 6.30pm.

Sunday 18th December (Advent 4)

Service of Worship, Edzell @ 11am

Saturday 24th December

Christmas Eve.

Family Carol Service, Glenesk @ 6pm

Family Carol Service, Edzell @ 8pm

Sunday 25th December

Christmas Day.

Service of Worship, Fern @ 9.30am

Service of Worship, Edzell @ 11.00am

A WARM WELCOME TO YOU ALL.

