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**11th January**  
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**26th January**  
 Conversion of Paul



**Because of Jesus.....**  
 we have hope for tomorrow,  
 confidence in the future,  
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 victory in each trial,  
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 and love for a lifetime.

Jesus came to pay a debt  
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**In a Bethlehem stable.....**  
 Out of the silence - music,  
 out of the darkness - light,  
 out of uncertainty – promise.  
 Hope was born that night.

*Source unknown*





**Part of Christ's family, welcoming  
everyone, sharing God's love  
and being a voice of hope**

## From the Editor

Some people make a lasting impression on the community in which they live. Revd Robert Way was one such person and this month we have devoted two pages to his memory (pages 16 and 17). I knew Robert in the years when he used to write the articles entitled 'Words from Pilgrim'. From the beginning he said he did not want his own name to appear. If you would like to read any of his pieces, please look at the archived magazines on the church website, at any of the months in 2020 and 2021. Since we are now in Advent you might like to read his article in the December 2020/January 2021 edition. In fact, the whole of that magazine makes interesting reading, given what a difficult year it was.

That particular edition of Adel Bells reminds us of the different ways we found of providing much-needed services, asking our congregation to

watch and pray with Alison on the screens of whichever devices we had. She was in an empty church or sometimes in the Rectory and it brought us so much closer to her and to all others who would be watching. It was at that time that we began to make more of our beautiful churchyard. From that time we have retained the outside Crib Service which continues to attract the more hardy folk of Adel and allows us to reach out to more people.

Sue Pagdin is the artist who designed our church Christmas card this year. It was not the first time we have used one of her paintings. But did you know she is a woman of many talents? She is known among her friends as the person who will shorten trousers or alter dresses. I went to her house to learn about her sewing skills and discovered much more besides, including a resilience and determination which we can all learn from. (See page 14)

Happy Christmas to all our readers!

**Marjorie**

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## RECTOR ALISON'S LETTER

If someone asked you 'when does the year begin?' most of you would probably say January 1<sup>st</sup>. If, like me, you have worked in schools, you might feel the year begins in September. For the church though, the year begins on Advent Sunday, which this year falls on November 30<sup>th</sup>.

This means we start our year with a time of anticipation and preparation. The word 'Advent' means coming. During advent we prepare for the coming of Christ. But this is a very different preparation to the rush of shopping, cooking, practising plays and carols, attending Christmas parties and all the other things we try to fit in before December 25<sup>th</sup>.

Advent in the church is a much quieter affair. It can slip by unnoticed, since what we appear to do is light candles, and wait!

The candles are on our advent wreath, a tradition which originated in the German Lutheran church in 1839. The children in a mission school would ask daily, and impatiently, if Christmas had arrived, so the minister decorated a cart wheel with 24 small red candles and 4 large white ones. They lit a red candle daily, and a large white one each Sunday and could see the approach of Christmas. Modern day Advent calendars perhaps fulfill a similar purpose.

Church advent wreaths are now reduced to four Sunday candles with an extra for Christmas morning, but the time they measure is far more than a lesson in patience. For Christians it is an acknowledgement that our lives might need a bit of preparation before we welcome the Christ child.

There are various suggestions as to what each candle might signify. They can be for the Patriarchs, Prophets, John the Baptist and Mary. This means we think about those who prepared for Christ's coming from the Old Testament onwards. Alternatively, they are labelled hope, peace, joy and love, as we think about how **we** should anticipate the coming of Jesus.

What really matters is that we find some space amongst the physical preparation to be still, pray and think. I need Advent. I need the chance to ponder God's love for us, shown in his coming as a vulnerable human baby, and how my life might reflect that love. Whatever Christmas means to each of us, it is no bad thing to make time to take stock not just of our store cupboards, but also our lives; to find a bit of stillness in the busyness of life.

We love welcoming many from our community to our Christmas services...from the quiet of our 'Blue Christmas', via the joy of Crib

services to the awe and wonder of Midnight Mass. But if you have never thought about Advent, beyond its Advent Calendars, you might like to join us as we make time to stop and think. Everyone is welcome.

However you observe Advent and celebrate Christmas, I pray that you will know the love of God and the peace of the Christ child in your homes and lives.

With love and prayers  
**Alison**

**GAUDE!**  
**Songs of JOY**  
**for CHRISTMASTIDE**

**Sunday 7th December**  
**3pm**

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**of Singers**

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## Beat the Blues

with  
a bacon butty  
and more besides

on  
**Saturday 24th January**  
**at 11.00am**  
in  
the Old Stables



£6 per person

Tea and freshly-filtered  
coffee with free refills

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event

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Also in December & January . . .

**Bible Study**  
**10 am in the Stables**  
Thursday 11th December  
Thursday 8th January  
Thursday 22nd January

**Beat the Blues**  
**with a bacon butty**  
**Saturday 24th January**  
in the Old Stables, 11am  
See page 7

**Prayer Meetings**  
**10am every Wednesday**  
**In church or at home**

Praying for:  
ACE groups  
Church sitters  
Pew sheet team

## REV'D IAN REFLECTS

### The benefits of faith

*"I've got a lot of faith. It's all I've got."*

This is another quotation from my holiday reading, this time from the novel *The Mandelbaum Gate* by Muriel Spark, the character speaking for Spark herself. Spark was a convert to Catholicism. Brought up in Presbyterian Edinburgh (thus *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie*), she found in faith meaning in the world around her.

This is one benefit of our faith that we perhaps do not highlight enough. Coming to faith is to discover how to make sense of the world. Our faith provides a coherent way of seeing the world. I have a friend and we talk each week. Recently he said to me, "Given the state of the world, if I didn't have faith I think I should despair." Not that there aren't many things we don't understand, but we have a framework of understanding and a trust in that understanding based on our trust in God.

There are so many benefits from faith. To mention a few more. Faith also gives us an understanding of ourselves and our place in the world. We are transformed for the better by faith. This isn't surprising when we come to see that love is what we seek to be the basis of all relationships. Coming to faith means living a life committed to loving one another, responding to

Jesus' command that we love one another as he loved us.

Other benefits include being embraced by a loving community, something that sustains us and builds harmony. Of course, we cannot kid ourselves that this means that life will be plain sailing, far from it. But another significant benefit is the comfort we receive in difficult times; my friend found not just understanding but comfort.

In times when people find it difficult to make sense of the world and struggle with understanding themselves, these benefits can be transformative. When asked in a survey what initiated people's journey of faith, 37% of participants said it was because they wanted help with life, 34% were searching for meaning.

I believe we should speak more about this. We don't believe because of the truth of our faith or because of the benefits but because it is true. But these benefits are hugely life-enhancing and attractive. Speaking about them can be a way of attracting people towards that truth and to knowing Jesus.

**Ian Johnston**

## IN BRIEF

### Reading online

*A small number of readers pay an annual subscription and choose to have an electronic version sent straight to their inbox. This is the reply I received from one such reader when she received the November magazine.*

I have just enjoyed a peaceful afternoon reading every word. I doubt that I will ever get to revisit Adel so spending a whole afternoon being there in thought and enjoying revisiting the memories of the fifty four years I lived and worked there and in the neighbouring parishes has been most pleasurable. I regarded Adel as my church from the beginning.'

### 100 Club—October Draw

|                 |        |
|-----------------|--------|
| Melvyn Reaville | £80.00 |
| Terrence Hunt   | £40.00 |
| Carol Butler    | £30.00 |

### Time for a smile

A little girl asked her daddy where she came from and he told her that God made Adam and Eve and they had children, so that was the start of how we were made. Later, the girl asked her mummy the same question. She explained that many years ago we all developed from monkeys. The poor girl was confused, so she said to her daddy "How is it that you told me we all came from Adam and Eve, but

mummy told me we came from monkeys?" Her daddy replied "Oh, that's quite simple; you see I was talking about my side of the family."

### December 25th in History

#### 25th December, 336

The first recorded celebration of Christmas took place under the first Christian emperor, Constantine I. The date coincided with the pagan festival of Saturnalia, where, paying tribute to Saturn, the Romans would take time off work, exchange gifts, and light candles. The traditions and celebrations of Saturnalia were upheld when the Roman Empire began to embrace Christianity.

#### 25th December, 1914

During the First World War, when British soldiers heard German troops in the trenches opposite singing carols on Christmas Eve, a World War I Christmas truce was reached. British and German soldiers met in no man's land; they exchanged gifts, took photographs, and played impromptu football games. Both sides also took time to bury casualties and repair trenches. The truce wasn't observed everywhere along the Western Front. After Boxing Day, the friendly meetings in no man's land ended and the war continued.

*Christmas - the story of God's love; of God becoming one of us, to share the joys and sorrows of human life. Everyone is invited to be part of this story and we hope you will find something to suit you.*

*With our love and prayers, Rector Alison and all at Adel Parish Church*

## **Christmas 2025**

### **Sunday 7th December, Concert at 3pm**

The Leeds Guild of Singers returns for an enchanting concert, followed by seasonal refreshments. Tickets £15 (students & under 18s free)  
All places must be pre-booked with [leedsguildofsingers.org.uk](http://leedsguildofsingers.org.uk)  
or to pay cash please email [adelparishchurch@gmail.com](mailto:adelparishchurch@gmail.com)

### **Sunday 21st December**

6.30pm Community Carol Service followed by wine and mince pies

### **Monday 22nd December**

7pm Blue Christmas, a short, peaceful service for those who find Christmas hard

### **Wednesday 24th December**

3pm Crib Service in Church with Readings and Carols

5pm Outside Crib Service with Carols by Candlelight  
(You could bring a chair and your own candle in a jam jar lantern)

11.30pm Midnight Mass in Church

### **Thursday 25th December**

10am Parish Communion (Sung)

You are invited to come to the churchyard throughout December and see how we are preparing for Christmas

## **Advent Windows**

Each week in Advent we are putting on a different display in the small doorway of the church. As you walk through the churchyard, do pause a while, be still and give some thought to what it might mean to you.

## **LETTER FROM LILY**

Hi Everyone!

OK, who switched the sun off early at the end of October? Come on, it must have been one of you – it couldn't be me: I haven't got a thumb! It's cold, damp but if I say anything my Mum will put my coat on. Not an option! I'll let her know *if* or *when*.

Change. I'm learning quickly that I must be adoptable, or is it adaptable – your words do get me foxed. See, there we go again! Why *foxed*? My favourite toy is Foxy (please don't tell my Meerkat) and we have a fox which comes quite frequently into the garden when he thinks I'm not looking! Ha! He'll have to be much smarter to get one over on me. Where was I? Oh yes, 'change.' I just get used to the heat, and it goes cold. I get used to daylight, and it goes dark. I get used to being with my friend Elvis, then I have to go home and so it goes on and on. It's very confusing for me.

The one thing about the change in daylight and everything going dark is that Christmas is coming! I love Christmas. We see our family lots, have lovely things to eat, there's loads of paper in great need of tearing up, friends come to see me and play, I get new toys, preferably with a good loud squeak – a dog can never have enough.

As you all know if you read my letters, I'm only young and learning new things

every day, so I thought I'd share my latest discovery with you.

The interesting thing is that at the time of this incident, very few people realised what happened or understood that it would bring the biggest change to the world – not just then, but over hundreds of years . . . and it's still going on! Who would have thought that a birth, in an insignificant place at an insignificant time to seemingly insignificant people would be life-changing for millions of people, and still counting. Unbeknown to people at the time, except for those involved, this was to be a life-changing coming together of the eternal plan God has had in place since the start of time – part of God's great plan for humankind. God loves everyone but He doesn't love the bad things everyone thinks, says and does, so He sent His son Jesus, to be born as a baby in that stable in Bethlehem. The messages Jesus left help us to live our lives by learning from His example so we can be closer to God. So we see in this joyous season that the birth of the baby in Bethlehem gives Christians so much more to celebrate and be thankful for as we celebrate His birth **and** look forward to the second coming of Christ and the Kingdom of God.

Wishing you all a very blessed Christmas with woofs & lix,  
**Lily xxx**

## ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

### Quiz Time

Let's round up the news this year with a quiz.

1. Once, we thought we had it in abundance. Coal led the way for cheap, mass-produced electricity. But now we know what harm it can cause when burning it on a massive industrial scale. In what year did the last coal-fired power plant in the UK close down?  
2004, 2015, 2020, 2024

2. The higher than average temperature this year made headlines when a glacier collapsed and wiped out a town. Which country did this happen in?  
Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Italy

3. In October, due to rising sea temperatures, "Melissa" was a cluster of storms that developed in West Africa and strengthened as it crossed the Atlantic. By the time it reached Jamaica it was a category 5 hurricane. What speed did the winds reach?  
110mph, 125mph, 150mph, 185mph

4. If all the sea ice melts, how much would the sea level rise?  
30 metres, 60 metres, 90 metres, 120 metres

5. According to the UK Government, at this time of year, we generate

around 30% more waste. This includes how many Christmas cards that are thrown away?

10 billion, 1 billion, 500 million, 100 million

6. We prefer a real tree at Christmas, but the convenience, price, and not having to clean up when needles drop are a big draw. How many years must you use an artificial tree for, before it has less impact on the environment than a real tree?

1 year, 5 years, 10 years, 15 years

7. In the Pacific Ocean, the ocean current traps things we discard and allow to make their way out to sea. The trash "island" is mainly made of microplastics. It is estimated that this area covers 1.6 million square kilometres. This is roughly how many times the size of France?

1 times, 2 times, 3 times, 4 times

8. The success of the world working together in banning ozone-destroying gases has resulted in the Ozone layer healing. The last hole over the Antarctic is on track to make a full recovery by when?

2066, 2055, 2044, 2033

**Answers on page 36**

## EVERYONE CAN HAVE A GO

*Recently Revd Ian Johnston reminded us that we all have talents and it is up to us to use ours for the good of others. I interviewed Sue Pagdin as we at church have often benefitted from her many talents. You probably know her as a painter, and this year's Church Christmas card carries an example of her work, but it seems she can stretch her hand to anything. I think we can all learn something from her example.*

*What was the first useful thing you did?*  
I have to say, it was learning to sew. I guess I must have started to sew when I was about 11. I made my school uniform, with the help of my mother, I'm sure. It was a tunic. I remember too at school being given a square of material and we had to make an apron out of it. Mine was yellow and I wore it for all my cookery classes. Later in life I used to make clothes for all the family. I would go to Chesterfield market to buy material and found that I could make lovely dresses for my daughters at a cost of only 20p each. They didn't always think they were lovely. I even made trousers for my husband.

*What was your most ambitious task?*  
My most ambitious task which my mother thought foolish of me to even consider was to upholster my three-piece suite! 21 yards of material. It took me quite a while. It was a big thing to take on but my children were

at school so I had the time. I taught myself. I used the material that I took off as a template. I've always made things ever since. I see it as a challenge. I just have a go.

*Did your daughters always appreciate what you made for them?*  
Perhaps not when they were little, but I'm sure they appreciated the wedding dresses I made for them. The dress my elder daughter wanted in 1989 was too expensive to buy. It cost me £400 to make it. It was very scary making that first cut in the silk and then in the beautiful lace. You can imagine how nervous I was.

### I'm a have a go girl really

*Did you use patterns?*  
In the beginning I did, but I remember an occasion a couple of years ago when I decided to cut up some skirts that were too long for me and using an old blouse as a template I created some new blouses. I don't like to waste anything. I'm a have a go girl, really.

*Would you literally have a go at anything?*  
I remember a washing machine that broke down and I was determined to see if I could mend it myself. I couldn't afford to pay people to do jobs, so I turned it upside down, removed the

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### A cake decorated for a very special birthday

motor and went down to Reagan's in Leeds and bought a new motor. I fitted it and it worked. That was a real yippee job!

### It gives other People pleasure

*But sewing isn't by far your only talent, you also bake and decorate cakes, as we have discovered in church.*

I started when my granddaughter wanted a birthday cake. She wanted a spider and a spider's web with sweets in it. So I put a spider on top of the cake, together with sweets, and since it was close to Valentine's Day I gave the spider a heart-shaped mouth. "Grandma, it's just what I wanted" were her words when she saw the finished result. So that was how I started. I made a wedding cake for a

friend, three square cakes set at an angle on top of each other. I put models of the bride and groom on top, replicating exactly what they would be wearing at the wedding. I put helmets on them as the wedding took place in a slate mine in Wales. The top of the helmets came off and I put light bulbs inside them as a surprise for them. A lot of my work is not only to satisfy me; it gives other people pleasure. In return, that's rewarding for me/

*Do you enter your cakes in competitions?*  
I once entered a competition held by the WI. I made a chocolate cake and was announced as the winner but then the judge asked, "Did you use a tablespoon of cocoa?" and when I said I hadn't because I didn't have one they disqualified me. So that was a bad memory!

*What message would you like to give people?*  
You can have a go because you never know what you can achieve until you try. I like to have something to aim for and if I manage to do it, I get a great deal of satisfaction. If I can do it anybody can do it.

*Interview conducted by Marjorie Cole*

A bad attitude is like a flat tyre –  
you'll get nowhere until you change it.

## A PASTOR OF HIGH DISTINCTION

*We said goodbye to Revd Robert Way in November. Read what several members of our congregation remember about him.*

### A personal remembrance

My earliest memory of Robert was at my very first Evensong in Adel when I came here as Curate. The text I had to preach on was from Isaiah, about which, to be honest, I knew not a great deal at the time. And the one thing I had been told about Robert was that he was an Old Testament scholar, conversant with the original Hebrew.

And there was Robert in the congregation. He was looking at me, no, smiling at me, and expectantly listening to what I had to say. Now, I was used to public speaking but not where the audience knew so much more about the subject than I did. Yet Robert was thoughtful and generous in his response. I chose the same reading for his funeral as my way of giving thanks for who Robert was for me.

Robert was someone who shared his learning freely. I was to come across members of another congregation where I worked who were keen to hear about him as he had taught them Hebrew.

Robert also had a deep engagement with Orthodox Jewish understanding

of the Hebrew scriptures. Again, when I was a Curate, each Advent I was able to join a seminar he organised at St Columba United Reform Church, where he had been a Minister. He invited the Rabbi of the Orthodox Synagogue to share with us his reading of the prophets we would be reading during Advent. It was always illuminating and expanded everyone's engagement with scripture.

Robert told me that as a URC Minister, he had held evangelical services he thought preferable to Anglican liturgy! Until, on retirement, he came to worship at Adel and grew to appreciate that, every week, our liturgy ensures we say to God what we need to say to him.

I preached many times with Robert in the congregation and we had many thoughtful conversations as a result. I believe he saw in me someone he wanted to nurture. In later years I was to miss this relationship, but I took from him his generous attitude and his respect for Jewish readings of our shared scriptures.

Robert was someone whose love of and trust in God never wavered, whatever the circumstances; he was someone in whom the light of Christ clearly shone - he was in this an example to us all.  
**Ian Johnston**

Robert was one of my dearest and closest friends. On daily walks I often called in at his house and on numerous occasions he and Stella came to celebrations at my home, after which Robert thanked me in the form of a beautiful handwritten letter he posted through my mailbox; several of these I have retained since their thoughtful content is remarkable. He wrote, for example, 'As for my debt to you for your company, your endless good humour and for your friendship, that is not a debt which can be settled' and 'I may be a Minister, but for you our house is declared a Proverbs (25:17) free zone', and when I was undergoing cancer treatment, 'So May it be that these coming uncertain weeks give you new insight into life and living and loving, and the added years in which to enjoy what you discover.'

When Robert moved into a Care Home, I lost all these valuable connections, but he was warmly remembered in my thoughts and prayers, and whenever I saw Stella.  
**Mark Seaward**

Robert was such a quiet, caring clergyman - it was a great surprise, when Adel folk gave a fund-raising concert (on a dark evening) in Church - and Robert gave a very loud and lively performance of Lewis Carroll's 'Jabberwocky' - which was quite scary!

**Val Crompton**

There was something ascetic about him, saintly even; a notion which the man himself would have dismissed. No one who met Robert Way could fail to be impressed by his kindness, accessibility, unfeigned interest in others and anxiety to help. Those qualities made him a pastor of high distinction. But there was more to it than that. The sermons which he would sometimes deliver at Evensong in our church reflected profound faith, deep learning lightly worn, a capacity to waylay the unexpected word or phrase, an ability to light upon telling connections of place or thought. Almost more remarkable, his hearers knew by instinct that he had devoted the same care to the preparation and delivery of these addresses, for a congregation of twenty, as he would have done for an assembly of two hundred or indeed two thousand; in sum, that he was conferring on us a privilege to be treasured.

**Jill and David Dilks**

Despite his busy schedule Robert managed to find time to come to a regular political discussion group, but unlike many of the participants he was unbiassed on political matters. Members of the group knew that they were actually being advised by a superior intellect, whilst still enjoying his acute sense of humour, kindness and profound understanding of the human condition.

**A friend**

## WORDS FROM JOYCE HILL

### The Feast of Stephen

The title of this month's article, as I'm sure everyone will recognise, is from the opening of a popular Christmas carol: *Good King Wenceslas looked out on the Feast of Stephen*. Wenceslas was Prince and Duke of Bohemia from 931 to probably 935, when he was assassinated by his younger brother. Almost immediately he was held up as a heroic ruler of great virtue, whose death was regarded as a martyrdom. The story familiar to us captures his determination, piety, kindness and generosity. It has its origins in the words of the chronicler Cosmas of Prague who, in c. 1119, wrote, 'no one doubts that, rising every night from this noble bed, with bare feet and only one chamberlain, he went around to God's churches and gave alms generously to widows, orphans, those in prison and afflicted by every difficulty, so much so that he was considered, not a prince, but the father of all the wretched'. The words of the carol were published by an American, John Mason Neale, in 1853. It's wholly imaginative, but its vivid details capture the essence of Wenceslas's virtue as a ruler, for which he is venerated in the Czech Republic.

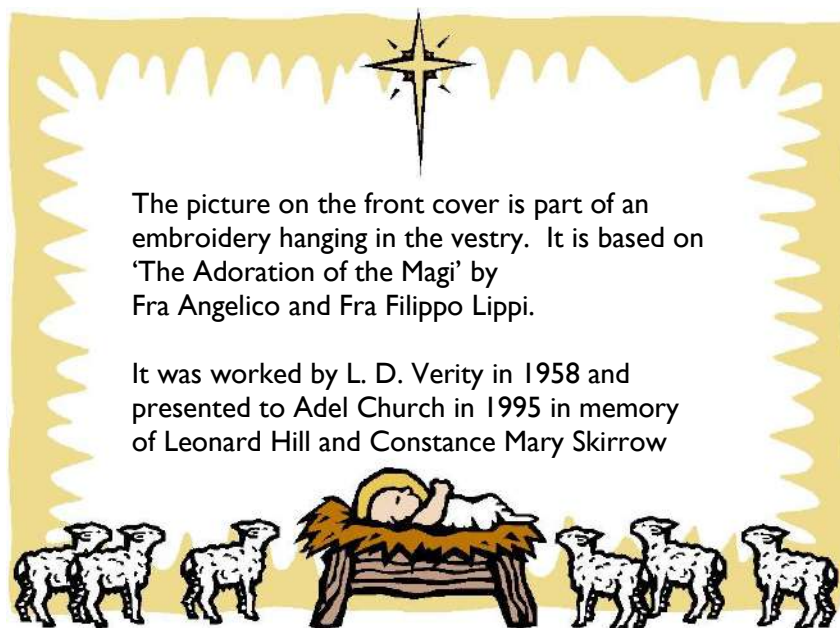
Mason's poem presents a scene that takes place in the depths of winter, 'on the feast of Stephen', celebrated on 26 December. Stephen is the

church's protomartyr, or first martyr (Greek πρῶτος, *prōtos*, 'first'). Our only information about him is in the Acts of the Apostles, chapters 6-8. There we learn that Hellenistic (Greek-speaking) Jews who were following the new teachings of Christ began to grumble that the widows of their community were doing less well from the daily distribution of food than those of the Hebraic Jews. So the twelve Apostles proposed that the growing number of those who were busy with this distribution should appoint seven men 'full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom' who could be relied upon to oversee fair distribution. Stephen was one of these: his Greek name suggests that he was himself a member of the Hellenistic community. The seven were then blessed by the Apostles in an act that later came to be understood as ordaining them as deacons, and so they began their work. Stephen is singled out as being a miracle-worker, full of faith and inspired by the Holy Spirit. But there were members of certain synagogues who challenged Stephen's new Christian teaching. When it proved impossible to defeat him in debate, they orchestrated more hostility against him, made use of false testimony, and had him seized and brought before the Sanhedrin on a charge of blasphemy against Moses. Most of Acts chapter 7 is taken up

with Stephen's defence, strongly supporting the ministry of Jesus as a fulfilment of Jewish history and teaching, not a destruction of it. He concludes with a rousing condemnation of the Jews for resisting the Holy Spirit in a manner he describes as 'stiff-necked'. This angered the crowd even more, and so they took him outside the city and stoned him to death, with Stephen committing himself to God as he died,

and begging God to forgive them for what they were doing. A young man, by the name of Saul, stood and watched, looking after the cloaks of those doing the stoning. At the time, he was a vigorous persecutor of those who followed the new faith. But he later underwent a dramatic conversion and, as Paul, became one of the great leaders of the early church.

## WORDS OF EXPLANATION



## PUZZLES

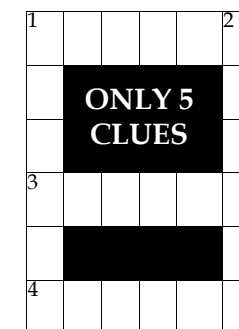
### GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CLUES

#### ACROSS

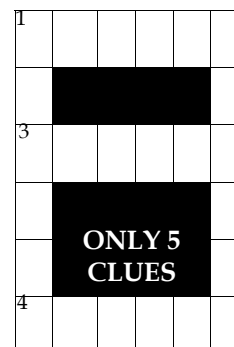
1. Sheepdog breed
3. Unpleasant person
4. (wine) flask

#### DOWN

1. Eg priest
2. One living abroad



### CRYPTIC CLUES



#### Across

1. Sound of sheep right round a Zulu market
3. Oppressor's extremely tacky tirade
4. Reportedly inexperienced novelist

#### Down

1. Very cold, as a vicious dog might be!
2. Stop working and hit the sack

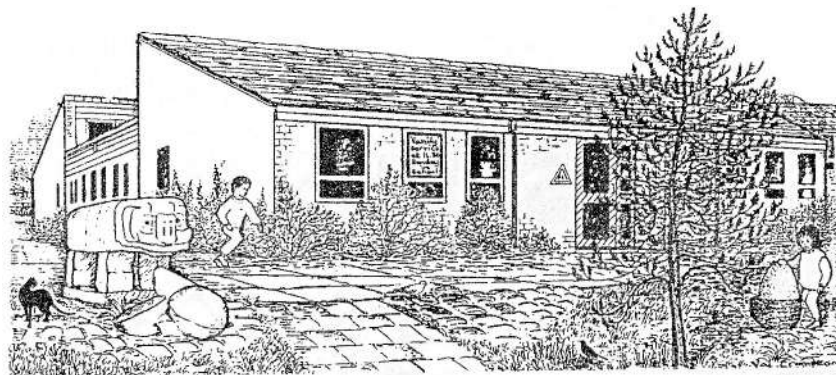
## CHRISTMAS QUIZ



1. What was the name of the angel who told Mary she would have a child?
2. Who was the Roman ruler when Jesus was born?
3. Where does the Bible say Jesus was born - in a stable, in hay or in a manger?
4. According to the Bible which animals were mentioned as being present at Jesus' birth - a donkey, a sheep, a cow or none?
5. In which direction did the wise men travel- northward, southward, eastward or westward?
6. Name the gifts the wise men brought Jesus - can you spell them correctly?
7. What does Jesus' other name "Immanuel" mean - God with us, Son of God, He who is God or Chosen One?
8. How many days after the birth of Christ did Joseph and Mary give him the name Jesus?
9. What is the City of David also known as in the Bible?
10. Which of the gospels tells the story of the Nativity?

**Answers on page 36**

## ADEL SCHOOLS HISTORY



**Adel St John the Baptist C of E Primary School, Long Causeway**

**The Stone Melon Hog**, in the playground, was carved in 1977, from an old stone gatepost, by Denis Mason Jones, the school architect. The 1875 Carved Stone Acorn (on the right) was once the headpiece on the gable of a mill on Whitehall Road, Leeds.

Adel School records go back to 1625. In 1792, a new School House was built on the corner of Holt Lane and Otley Road. By 1833, 75 pupils (boys & girls) were attending Adel School. This school site is now M & S.

In the 1870s, Adel School needed replacing and a new School and Headmaster's House was built on Church Lane.

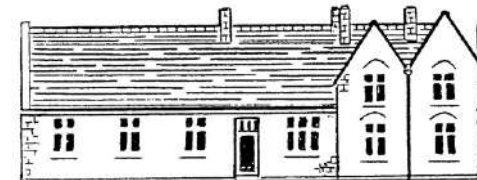
It opened in October 1875. The Church Lane School is now private housing and part of Adel Conservation Area.

Headmaster (WWI Soldier & Postcard artist,) Mr Sternberg is remembered by older people in Adel Parish. He died in

1954. He is buried in Adel Churchyard, close to the seat round the old tree stump, in the grave of his grandfather, Vincent Thomas Sternberg, whose ghost haunts Leeds Library.

In 1992, a second Primary School was needed in Adel. Adel Primary School was built on Tile Lane.

**Val Crompton**



**Adel School, 1875,  
and Master's House  
Vincent Sternberg, Headmaster  
1926-51**

## IN YOUR GARDEN

*“What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness”*

**John Steinbeck**

**N**ow is the time to enjoy the glories of the imagined garden – those you remember, those you like and those you might have. So sit back and let the weather do what it will, whilst you recall all the treasures from the last year, all the gaps that need filling and remember the plants that may have succumbed during the year and the opportunities these now provide. Then there is the leisurely deliberation, aided by mulled wine and mince pies, over what to do about it all! Take your time. It could be weeks before you get out again!

The internet is now full of places to view plants, planting schemes, plug plants, seeds and spring and summer bulbs and places to buy them, so in that sense it has never been easier to get hold of whatever it is you would like. Seed and plant catalogues also abound. Reputable suppliers will always give you advice on when and where to plant your choices. It might be an opportunity to suggest to any family or friends who enquire about suitable Christmas presents to have a list ready!

If you really want to get out into your garden then how about putting out

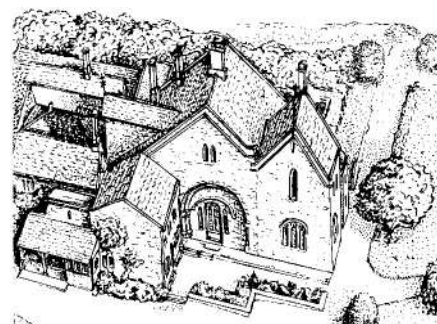
food for the birds? With such short days our birds need to take advantage of all the available daylight to feed as efficiently as they can. As our winter progresses their natural food supplies diminish so any supplements will be gratefully and greedily received. After an awesome fruiting year in the hedgerows keep your eyes open for those regular winter visitors from Scandinavia, the redwing and the fieldfare, and if we are very lucky a few waxwings may join the party. Equally fascinating are the hordes of blackbirds, robins and goldcrests that also travel across from the continent to supplement our resident populations, exploiting the food supplies and warmer weather they would otherwise have to endure.

I always give my greenhouse a proper clear out at this time of year, followed by a thorough wash with warm soapy water to get the glass nice and clean again, ready to let maximum light through. Most years I will also dig in a few wheelbarrows full of well-rotted compost from my compost heaps to keep the soil as fertile as possible. There is a special pleasure in working in the greenhouse on a foul day, pottering about whilst listening to the rain pelting the glass, and its always a little bit warmer in there!

**George Turnbull**

enquiries@adelgardencare.co.uk  
www.adelgardencare.co.uk

## HISTORY GROUPS



### Abbey House Museum

#### Throwback Thursdays

This is a free adult drop in event! you can come at 2pm and join in discussions and share your memories of our topic of the month, over a cup of tea.

Contact Patrick Bourne  
for more details

**Wednesday 17th Dec**  
**10.30 am - 11.30 am**

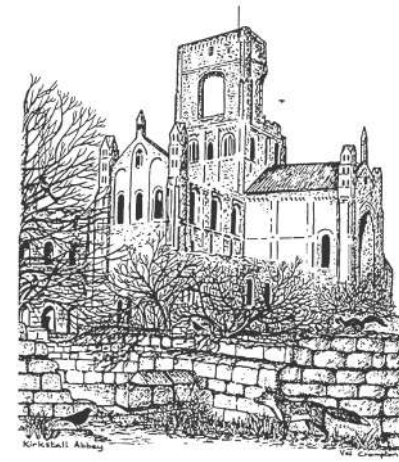
**Enjoy a reflective walk around the peaceful Kirkstall Abbey grounds with *Brahma Kumaris*.**

As you walk, discover your qualities of kindness, strength, appreciation and stillness.

Meet at the desk in the **Visitors Centre, Kirkstall Abbey.**

**All welcome, no need to book.**

**Val Crompton**



**The I152 Club meets once a month on Tuesdays, at 10am - 11.15am, during term-time. at Abbey House Museum**

Free parking near Abbey House.  
Patrick Bourne. Kirkstall Abbey, Leeds LS5 3EH  
Kirkstall.abbey@leeds.gov.uk  
For details, **0113 378 4079**

or contact **Val Crompton**

Our next meeting will be on

**Tues 9th Dec at 10am Literature in Leeds: Prose, Poetry & Plays With *Pat Bourne***

This is a free, friendly local history group for adults aged 55+, and includes a hot drink.

## OPAL ACTIVITIES

December is a very busy time at OPAL; alongside all our regular activities we also hold some extra special festive Christmas events.

On **Friday 5th**

**December**

there is our annual Christmas banquet hosted by Ralph Thoresby High School.

This is always a wonderful event full of good food, good friends and lots of fun. A very big thank you to all the staff and children at Ralph Thoresby who give up their time to enable our members to enjoy such a fantastic event.

On **Saturday 6th December, 11am to 2pm**, we are holding our Christmas Fayre, where all the community are invited to come along and get in the Christmas mood with live music, good food and lots of lovely gift ideas from crocheted items to landscape photographs. Father Christmas is on hand to see all the good girls and boys and spread the Christmas cheer. There is something for everyone, plus festive food and drink served in the café.



The community café will be doing a special two course Christmas dinner on **Christmas Eve (12-2pm)** for £18.95 per head and prebooking is required, please call the café on 0113 8800083 to discuss further.

**OPAL will close at 3pm on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December and will reopen at 9am on 5<sup>th</sup> January.**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our fantastic volunteers, who enable OPAL can continue to deliver all our activities. Each and everyone of them are amazing and their continuing support of OPAL is essential to us continuing to support our members.

If you are interested in any of the activities OPAL offers or if you like further information, please contact us on 01132619103, email [admin@opal-project.org.uk](mailto:admin@opal-project.org.uk) or call in to see us at the Welcome In Community Centre (55 Bedford Drive, LS16 6DJ)

Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2026 from all the staff, volunteers and members of OPAL. Shelley

**Shelley Clark** (she/her)  
Project Worker

## PLAY REVIEW

Adel Players' recent production 'The Incident Room' will have awoken strong memories of the murders carried out by Peter Sutcliffe, otherwise known as the Yorkshire Ripper. Theories as to who he was and how he did the murders without being seen, led people to question themselves, could it be someone they knew: a neighbour, a friend, that creepy man in the next street... no woman felt safe.

There were urban myths flying around of people giving lifts to old ladies who were found to have hairy hands and a hammer in their handbag, and others, more plausible, of being spoken to by a man who sent cold shivers down their spine. But all the time, the police had mounted a huge investigation, yet they seemed to be constantly barking up the wrong tree.

This play was centred round the Incident Room at the now demolished Millgarth Police station in central Leeds. The frustrations of those involved in the investigation, were conveyed wonderfully by the whole cast, displaying the attitude of men to women in the workplace, as when the head of Manchester CID swept in, and as he was introduced to Sgt Megan Winterburn, barked out his order for a cup of tea "with three sugars!". She to her credit answered "The kettle's over there!" That captured the feeling of that era, women made the tea, men

solved the crimes.

As the play evolved, we heard the so-called "Ripper Tapes", still guaranteed to shock nearly fifty years on. We heard the letters supposedly sent by the Ripper, red herrings which delayed the investigation greatly, and all the time we felt the frustration of Megan Winterburn and Andy Laptew, as they could see a different side to it, which was brushed aside by the senior officers. And all the time the boxes of files piled up, threatening to take over the office. There was quite a bit of humour too; laughter rang out loud several times during the play.

Every single member of the cast played their parts to perfection, you could really believe in them, but especial mention must be made to Dianne Newby, as she portrayed both Sylvia Swinson and Maureen Long to perfection. The play was fast paced, with excellent lighting changes which added to the dramatic impact, and they made great use of technology with the screens showing footage from news reels of the time. The backdrop and lighting enhanced what was already an amazing drama. Congratulations to all the cast and crew, it was a very slick and professional performance.

**Jenny Jones**

## YORK GATE UPDATE

While I was walking to York Gate a few weeks ago, I could hear the church bells ringing and it came to mind just how familiar the sound of the bells would have been to the Spencers. Over the centuries, church bells have been used as a means of communication for the folk of the parish: the bells called people to prayer and celebrated weddings and festive occasions, whilst the Tolling of the Passing Bell announced a death in the community.

Seeking a subject for the next edition of *Adel Bells*, I was struck (no pun intended) with the idea of writing about bells, and specifically, bells you find in the garden. There are many bells to be discovered in our gardens: bluebells, of course, and numerous different varieties of *Campanula*, including Canterbury Bells, a cottage garden stalwart. Then there are the Bells of Ireland or *Moluccella*, as well as foxgloves and fritillaries, hyacinths and heuchera, which are called Coral Bells, and one of my favourites, the Lily of the Valley or *Convallaria*.

Sybil Spencer grew the Chilean bellflower, *Lapageria rosea*, in her greenhouse and now, perhaps as a nod to this beautiful plant, there is a magnificent Chilean lantern tree *Crinodendron hookerianum* growing against the wall at the entrance to the greenhouse. With its abundance of red lanterns, vivid against a clear blue

sky, it was one of my breathtaking moments in the garden this summer.

Reflecting on the past year in the garden, there are so many memories of leisurely afternoons in the sunshine, watching the changing of the seasons and admiring the work of the garden team. Already there are plans afoot for next year – a garden never stands still.

As the bell-ringers and carol singers herald the coming of Christmas and children eagerly await the sound of Santa's sleigh bells, everyone is preparing for the festivities and looking forward to sharing time with family and friends to celebrate the birth of Christ. The Café and Shop at York Gate will remain open until 21<sup>st</sup> December for you to enjoy festive treats and browse our garden-inspired Christmas gifts and stocking fillers.

On behalf of all the team at York Gate, I wish you a joyful Christmastime and peace and happiness in the coming year.

**Gillian Smith**  
Heritage volunteer.

*Gillian has sent us two stunning photographs of the Chilean lantern tree and you can find them on page 36*

# Christmas at Crag House FARM

### FESTIVE FOOD ORDERS

We are now taking your festive meat orders. Order your turkeys, duck, pheasant, pork, beef, pork pies and don't forget the pigs in blankets! Pick up a food & hamper order form in the Shop. Meat orders to be placed by 8th Dec



### CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEA

**£18.95** Per Person

Enjoy your Afternoon Tea with a Christmas twist. It comes with a selection of Sandwiches, Pastry, Cakes, Scone with Jam & Cream, unlimited Tea or Coffee (Prosecco extra). Pre-booking essential, for 2.15, 2.30 or 2.45pm online at [www.craghousefarm.com](http://www.craghousefarm.com)



### GIFT HAMPERS

Our hampers are filled with luxury food items, many are award-winning artisan Yorkshire products. Choose from 2 pre-made hampers at £35 or £40



### CHRISTMAS WREATHS

Handmade Christmas Wreaths for your home, made in our Garden Nurseries. Plus seasonal plants including Poinsettia and Cyclamen!



### CHRISTMAS TREES FOR CHARITY

On sale 21st November. Choose your top quality Nordmann Fir non-drop Christmas Tree! Cut or potted trees, in a range of sizes and prices.



## Wishing you a Happy 2026!

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## WHAT'S ON

### Headingley Flower Club at Bramhope

**Wednesday 3rd December  
'Mistletoe & Vine'**

7pm Guests are welcome at all meetings. A guest fee will be charged.  
Bramhope Village Hall,  
Old Lane, Bramhope. LS16 9AZ  
Contact Mrs Jean Money  
Tel 01924 468714



### Leeds & District Association of the National Trust

**Tuesday 9th December**

**A light-hearted look at "Victorian Circuses"**

Steve Ward

**Tuesday 13th January**

**"Parlington Hall"**

Brian Hull

All meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month, 10 for 10.30am in St. Chad's Parish Centre, Far Headingley. Easily accessible by Otley Road (A660) buses - nos. 23-28. There is a car park.  
Guests welcome - entrance fee £7.00. Refreshments before the meeting by donation.

Further information:

c.lightman@sky.com (Ann Lightman)



### Adel Gardeners' Club Monday 8th December

Our Christmas meeting with our chairman Martin Walker. We know he is always a wonderful speaker and he'll be entertaining us with another topic from his extensive repertoire!

**Monday 12th January  
'The Great Gardens'**

Doug Stewart vis Zoom link into the church

A whistlestop tour looking at some of the great gardens, telling the stories behind them, including Great Dixter, Kew, Wisley, Sissinghurst, *The Eden Project* and more....

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### Adel Players

**Wednesday to Saturday**

**21st to 24th January, 7.30pm**

**Feelgood**

by Alistair Beaton

Directed by David Pritchard

An outrageously funny satire on modern politics, New Labour and the fine art of spin. Alistair Beaton's hilarious play is set in the plush seaside hotel of a party conference.

To book tickets (£10 per person), please email

[boxoffice@adel-players.org.uk](mailto:boxoffice@adel-players.org.uk).

## Adel Christmas Market

**Sunday 7th December**

**11.30am to 4.00pm**

**at the Adel War Memorial Association,  
Church Lane, Adel**



**This is a Special and Free event in the Bar Lounge and Halls**

Stalls Holders will be offering perfect gifts for you and your loved ones at this Christmas market:

candles, wax melts, knitted baby clothes, crocheted products, crystals, jewellery, Christmas gifts, fabric items, bags, handmade cards, cookie and gingerbread man kits and live Christmas cookie decorating, unicorn gifts, wooden crafts, children's books, biscuits, curds and more.

Also available will be Festive foods, German beers, and mulled drinks.



**No need to book, simply turn up and enjoy.**

## QE CORNER

Here it is again..... QE (Quite Enlightening) Corner. You all know that I like trivial information, so for your enlightenment I am presenting you this month with another miscellany of “facts(?)”

Barn owls don't hoot, they scream. In Irish, they are called scréachóg reilige, literally 'graveyard screamers', and are thought to be the origin of the banshee legend.

Vampire spiders hunt mosquitos that have recently fed so that they can consume human blood.

President Andrew Jackson's pet parrot was thrown out of his funeral for swearing too much.

Where the English might say 'It's the bee's knees', the French say 'C'est le petit Jésus en culotte de velours' (It's the baby Jesus in velvet shorts).

Scarborough Station is home to a Grade II listed bench, said to be the longest railway bench in the world. It seats 239 people.

Horseshoe crabs' bright blue blood is so sensitive to toxins that it's used to test the safety of vaccines.

Elephants in sub-Saharan Africa are being more aggressive towards people and experts believe they might be seeking revenge against humanity.

According to a recent study, exercising outdoors improves your memory and mental sharpness more than using a gym.

The first paperback vending machine was installed at Charing Cross Station in 1937 by Penguin books. They called it the 'Penguincubator'.



If lined up end to end, all the hedges in England would circle the Earth ten times.

In 2019, US supermarkets sold chicken -and-waffle-flavoured breakfast cereal.

Some professional musicians develop an extra fold on their brains. Pianists have one on both hemispheres but violinists have it on the right side only.

*Please note these “Facts(?)” are all from the internet, so don't blame me if they are not correct!*

## WAYLAND CROFT

*In an attempt to give a voice to local groups, I contacted Francis Garbutt to ask about the sheltered housing at Wayland Croft, as many of our readers may not be aware of it. Francis has informed me that it is now known as 'Retirement LIFE.' This is what he had to say about it. Marjorie*

There are 24 one-bedroom flats designed for older residents who need some support to live independently. Retirement LIFE offers independent living options for those aged 60 and over, with support tailored to individual daily needs. It may also be suitable for individuals under 60 who would benefit from additional support. A team of dedicated Support Officers visits residents up to five times per week, Monday to Friday, depending on each resident's preference. They provide advice and can make referrals for further assistance if needed.

Each property has a support charge that allows residents the use of the lounge, kitchen, laundry facilities, and more. Anyone wishing to join this scheme must register with Leeds Homes and complete a social housing application on their website: [www.leedshomes.org.uk](http://www.leedshomes.org.uk).

Retirement LIFE offers residents a vibrant social life, making it easy to meet people and stay connected. Residents organise activities twice weekly: every Monday (except bank holidays) there is a coffee morning from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. Every Thursday at 7:00 pm, residents

host bingo sessions.

Residents at Wayland Croft would gladly welcome others from the nearby community to join them on Mondays for a chat and a coffee, tea, or even breakfast. If you prefer a game of bingo on Thursdays, feel free to come along and play a few games. For some activities, a small contribution may be requested to cover costs.

### **Adel Crag Community Association AGM - All welcome**

Residents and Tenants in the Adel Woods, Wayland Estates are cordially invited to join us at our AGM to be held in **Wayland Croft, Residents Lounge, on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 7:00pm prompt.**

The agenda will include Chair's report on 2025, presentation of accounts, election of Officers and Committee for the coming year, Police Update and questions. The meeting will focus on any concerns you may have about developments around the community.

Cllrs Barry Anderson, Caroline Anderson, Billy Flynn, Housing Leeds, Team Leader, Retirement LIFE and The Police have all been invited to attend to answer any questions residents may have.

**Francis Garbutt**

## BARRY ANDERSON

### De-Leafing Programme

De-Leafing work began on 27<sup>th</sup> October. Cleaner Neighbourhoods' teams will be prioritising de-leafing activities to ensure pathways and public spaces remain safe and accessible.

This year there are 2 leafing teams comprised of 3 mechanical sweepers each supported by staff from contractors Krinkels. Each ward will have a team a minimum of between 1 to 2 times a week, where the priority will be high foot fall areas such as schools, hospitals, doctors' surgeries, high streets, sheltered housing complexes and areas of high leaf fall. All referrals for leaf sweeping will be allocated to the teams when they are in the ward of the referral. Normal business may be affected while they focus resources on this essential seasonal work.

### Leeds Accredited Waste Carriers Scheme

If you need to dispose of unwanted waste of any kind please refer to the Leeds Accredited Waste Carriers Scheme (LAWCS) which helps residents find someone local, legal and responsible to take away their waste. Please also consider giving unwanted stuff a second chance by swapping, selling or donating to charity. Using

unaccredited waste carriers could cost you dearly if they dump your waste illegally and it can be traced back to you.

### Abbey House Museum

You may be pleased to know that Leeds Museums and Galleries have been awarded a total of £952,000 following a successful bid to the Museum Renewal Fund. The funding will support a total of ten inspiring projects being planned by the service, including Abbey House Museum, producing a long-term development plan that will work towards safeguarding the museum's future.

### Leeds's 400 years celebration plans

Next year Leeds will be marking 400 years since it was awarded its first Royal City Charter on 13<sup>th</sup> July 1626. Ironically it was King Charles I who granted the city a Royal Charter, incorporating Leeds as a "free borough" and a "body corporate and politic", the first steps towards self-government and city status. The Leeds 400 Strategic Group, including Leeds Civic Trust, Culture Consortium Leeds, Child Friendly Leeds, Leeds BID, and the Chamber of Commerce organisations and communities, will be working together to celebrate through events, performances,

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activities, artwork, stories, poetry, and music. A formal launch will take place so you will hear a lot more about this.

### Land at the top of Farrar Lane

The Council is marketing the vacant land at the top of Farrar Lane, inviting offers for its purchase for affordable housing development. The site is ring fenced solely for purchase by Registered Social Housing Providers only for the provision of 100% affordable housing with the option to include affordable housing extra care provision. Any proposal will be required to preserve access to the adjacent High Farm public house and also (with some Council retained car parking provision) to the adjacent

tennis courts to the east of the site. For clarity the land in question is the current car park next to the High Farm pub, the derelict area at the rear of Asda (old Ralph Thoresby school) and the land next to the current sheltered housing complex.

### Happy Christmas

Caroline and I would like to wish you all a very Happy and Healthy Christmas and New Year.

### Cllr. Barry Anderson

Adel & Wharfedale Ward  
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## BILLY FLYNN

### Christmas is coming (and so is Winter judging by the temperature)

Hi everyone. As this is the final Adel Bells of 2025, I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

### New road safety measures in Adel

Some months ago, you may remember I mentioned that the council highways department had not finalised the road markings on and adjacent to Sir George Martin Drive near East Moor

Drive and the Waylands estate. This is now being addressed via a consultation on the introduction of Traffic Regulation Orders which are the means by which the changes can be legally enforced. They include, at long last, making the bus turnaround point a formal one-way circuit and a two-hour parking limit on a section north of Wayland Approach. It would seem that the plans to turn the section of Holt Lane running past the golf course into a Greenway are ploughing ahead with a prohibition on all vehicles other than cycles applied for and the speed limit reducing to from 40mph to 30mph on the remaining section which will

remain a highway. There are also plans to improve the footpath at the Cookridge Lane end if funding becomes available.

### Postal voters

With the next local elections due in May the council is asking residents to urgently renew their postal vote details if they have not yet already done so as the deadline nears. All registered postal voters in the city who applied to vote by that method before 30 January 2024 need to renew their details by the end of January 2026 to avoid having their postal vote option cancelled. More information can be found on the council website but if you are in any doubt about what to do, please contact me.

### Ash die back

The gardeners amongst you will be well aware that this is a very serious disease currently affecting many ash trees across the UK. It weakens trees and can lead to safety risks. Leeds City Council is removing severely affected trees from public land, but if residents have ash trees on their property, it is their responsibility to check them and keep them safe. To help residents, the council has created a map showing tree conditions near main roads, and any recommended actions. Once again, please contact me if you have any concerns or wish to know more.

### Collection of garden waste

Please note that the final brown bin collection this year will be on 29th November although bear in mind that your last collection may be the previous week depending on the route you are on. The great leaf clean up by the council began on 27 October but the leaves will continue to fall for some weeks yet. As advised previously, the crew will concentrate on major routes first before moving on to secondary routes. If you have any real problematic leaf fall in your area, please let me know.

**If you would like further information on the items above or have questions about anything else in the ward, please do contact me.**

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### Chilean lantern tree

*Crinodendron Hookerianum*, at York Gate Garden, as mentioned on page 27



### A Christmas Quiz

1. Gabriel
2. Caesar Augustus
3. In a manger
4. None
5. Westward
6. Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh
7. God with us
8. Eight according to the law
9. Bethlehem
10. Matthew and Luke

### Only 5 Clues General Knowledge

- Across**
- 1 COLLIE
  3. RATBAG
  4. CARAFE
- Down**
1. CLERIC
  2. EMIGRE

### Thang's Quiz Answers

- 1 = 2024
- 2 = Switzerland
- 3 = 185mph
- 4 = 60 metres
- 5 = 1 billion
- 6 = 10 years
- 7 = 3 times
- 8 = 2066

### Only 5 Clues Cryptic

- Across**
- 1 BAZAAR
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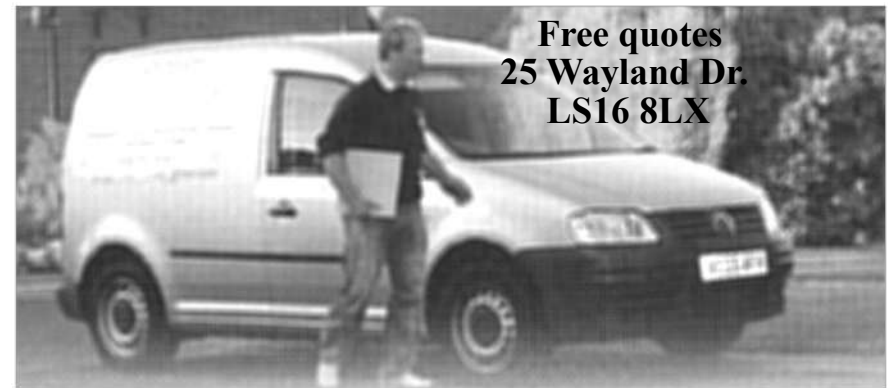
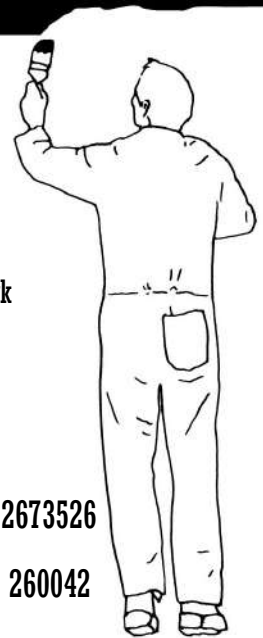
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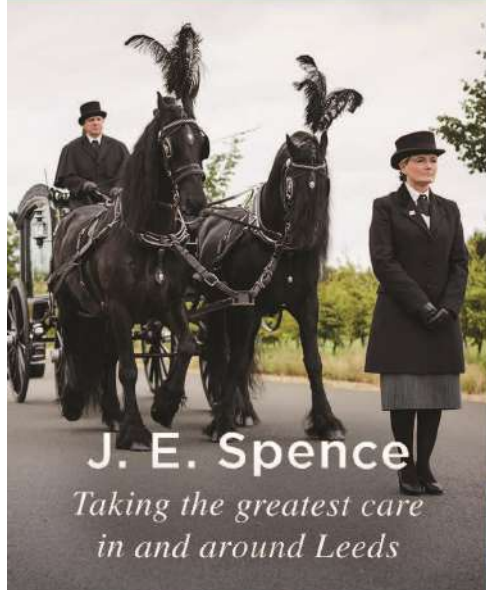
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# Church Services in January

## Sunday 4th Epiphany

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Parish Communion  
6.30pm Evensong

**Wed 7th** 11am Holy Communion followed by coffee & biscuits

**Fri 9th** 1.30pm J Js (for the under sixes)

## Sunday 11th Baptism of Christ

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Parish Communion  
5pm ACE meeting in the Stables

**Wed 14th** 11am Holy Communion

**Thurs 15th** 3.15pm Holy Communion in the Stables, with tea & coffee

## Sunday 18th Second Sunday of Epiphany

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am All Age Service with Communion  
6.30pm Choral Evensong followed by light refreshments

**Wed 21st** 11am Holy Communion

## Sunday 25th Third Sunday of Epiphany

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Parish Communion  
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**Wed 28th** 11am Holy Communion

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# Church Services in December

**Details of Christmas events and services are on p. 11**

**Mon 1st** 7pm Compline

**Wed 3rd** 11am Holy Communion followed by coffee & biscuits

## Sunday 7th Second Sunday of Advent

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Parish Communion  
6.30pm Evensong

**Mon 8th** 7pm Compline

**Wed 10th** 11am Holy Communion

**Fri 12th** 1.30pm J Js (for the under sixes)

## Sunday 14th Third Sunday of advent

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)  
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5pm ACE meeting in the Stables

**Mon 15th** 7pm Compline

**Wed 17th** 11am Holy Communion

**Thurs 18th** 3.15pm Holy Communion in the Stables, with tea & coffee

## Sunday 21st Fourth Sunday of Advent

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am All Age Service with Communion  
6.30pm Community Carol Service followed by refreshments

**There will be no 11am service on Christmas Eve**

## Sunday 28th First Sunday of Christmas

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Parish Communion

**Wed 31st** 11am Holy Communion

For information about **Junior Church** and **ACE** see previous page.