

BRIGHTENING BEETHAM

By now we will all be aware that as for most of this year's events and celebrations, Christmas is going to be slightly different.

So much has had to be cancelled, postponed or re-booked that to plan anything would seem foolhardy. But not so here in Beetham. Very early on, prior to the second wave and consequent lockdown restrictions, the Friends of Beetham Church, those brave and inventive souls(!), began to hatch a plan.

The church really comes alive at this time of the year. Being the heart of the village and its community, at Christmas time it beats joyfully. We have been embracing all manner of technological modes of communication to keep in touch, keep the band playing, the bells ringing and the church services, with choir, all within reach of those who cannot attend.

But Christmas can never be a solely virtual event. So with that in mind we launched into our Brightening Beetham project. It is of course primarily to celebrate the birth of Jesus but equally to acknowledge the support, camaraderie and fellowship that has carried us through these past months. Our aim is to reach out to everyone and shine a little light into dark winter corners.

As with all great ideas it had to start somewhere and that was with trees. Christmas trees in and around the church yard and Beetham itself: wonderfulbut pricey! But fortune favours the brave, and Beetham Nurseries really got the snowball rolling, by offering a very generous discount on their trees. This was followed by another generous company, Lights4fun, also discounting all our electrical lighting needs.



Once more, our lovely talented community came up with an idea: to construct a nativity for outside. The clever craftsmanship of Ian Stirrup, assisted by Ned Rowlands and with the exceptional support and generosity of the Houghton family, have made this a reality. The beautifully sublime figures designed and made by Katriona Field will delight all who see them. This is a new bit of history: "The Nativity made during the pandemic".

During the development of these plans, much to our delight, people came forward in numbers each to sponsor a tree and lights, aware that the church has had no fund raising opportunities this year. Happily, it seems that folk just want to be part of it in any way they are able. Further contributions are still most welcome and we are very appreciative of any help given.

I do not wish to give detailed accounts of where and when – people do not wish to parade their generosity publicly! Surprises are always nice. Suffice to say, the lights will be switched on from the 6th of December, and the Blessing of the Crib will be made into a video for all to see wherever you find yourself.

Beetham and the surrounding community will shine so very brightly both from the illuminated bulbs and from within us all, glowing with the love and support we have offered each other and our community this past year.

Tess Rowlands & The Friends of Beetham Church



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Celebrating Advent and Christmas

Due to the current lockdown restrictions we are unable to hold a service of public worship in church to celebrate the First Sunday of Advent on 29th November

Instead you are invited to join our online service led by the Rev'd Andrew Norman, with music from our organist Geoffrey Field and Beetham Church Virtual Choir, and contributions from members of Beetham and Arnside congregations. To watch the video on YouTube from Sunday 29th November please use the link from our website or search for 'Beetham Church Advent' on YouTube



Beetham Advent Calendar

As part of our 'Brightening Beetham' project for Christmas (see back page), the community has been invited to take part in a virtual Advent Calendar. Each day from 1st-25th December there will be a special video for you to 'open'

The calendar starts with a warm welcome from the Rev'd Andrew Norman and the Beetham Church Virtual Choir on 1st December behind Door 1. On each of the following days there will be a short video of a carol, music, poem or reading to mark our Advent celebrations. A big thank you goes to all who have so enthusiastically made a recording - from talented individuals to groups including Beetham WI, Beetham CE School, the Choir, the Handbellringers, Beetham Band, and Beetham Recorders

Day 20 will reveal a special video of our 'Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols' which we will sadly be unable to hold in church this year but has been recorded by our very busy virtual choir. As we also cannot have our **Christingle Service** in church, there will be a special video for this on **Day 24**, and details of how you can collect and make your own Christingle for the service can be found on page 5

Each YouTube can be found by clicking on the door for that day from our website or by searching on YouTube for 'Beetham Advent Calendar'. We hope that you enjoy discovering what is behind each door!



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Letter from The Revd Andrew Norman



Dear friends

Over recent weeks we've seen a proliferation of quite worrying headlines telling us that somehow this year Christmas will either be 'cancelled' or that its up to our politicians and government to somehow 'save' Christmas so that it can be celebrated in the usual way. They have reminded us, not that we really needed reminding, that the ongoing consequences and effects of the Coronavirus pandemic remain very serious, impacting on so many different aspects of our lives and common well-being and threatening so much of what we hold dear. Throughout the past year, all of us albeit in different ways, have lived through testing, trying and difficult times in ways that we could never have anticipated this time last year; accepting restrictions and limitations in an attempt to protect and preserve those things that matter most to us: our families, friends, relationships and the collective health of our nation and world.

It has be a year of sorrow and heartache, of challenge and adversity, reminding us all of the fragility and vulnerability of life and how so much of what we can usually taken for granted, needs to be both cherished and treasured. I am sure it is the hope of us all that all that we've lived through and experienced in recent months, the sacrifices we've witnessed, the goodness we've glimpsed, the loving charity that has been heard and seen will continue to be lived and put into practice well into the future.

The biblical accounts of the birth of Jesus Christ over two thousand years ago remind us, lest we forget, of the unpredictability and riskiness of what we believe God was doing in deciding to come amongst us as a baby in the poverty and powerlessness of the Bethlehem manger. The scandalous truth of Christmas is that the love of God is so broad, deep, high and long that he chooses to come amongst us not in privilege and power, with status or superiority but in complete helplessness, as a child with no influence or authority who is dependent on the love and care of others for his welfare. It is this child whom angels worshipped, shepherds visited and wise men came to see; believing that in a rather dingy outpost of the Roman Empire two millennia ago, God was defiantly and definitively at work, bringing hope in the midst of overwhelming darkness and shining the brightest of lights into a world subsumed by darkness.

It is here then, in Jesus Christ, that the true and lasting meaning of our Christmas celebrations are found, the reality of love come down amongst us in the God who invites each of us to share his life, the same God who abides us with us still and ever longs to make his home in our hearts and lives. This is a love that doesn't wait for us to make ourselves more lovable or respectable, but appears so that we can find hope and purpose in the God revealed to us by the child of Bethlehem.

Here we find good news for all; a message that can never be cancelled and a loving reality that isn't dependent on us or anything we do or bring. A story that speaks directly into our fears and worries, into the reality of life as we find it now, and assures us that the God we see in Jesus isn't just for us, but with us, who abides amongst us and alongside us not only at Christmas, but everyday of our lives from beginning to end. The undiluted joy of what we prepare for in the days of Advent is that there is not a moment of our lives that lies outside the compassionate gaze and loving embrace of God, whatever life's circumstances, whatever sadnesses or cares weigh us down, Jesus comes to us and promises that he will never leave us.

The poet John Betjeman reminds us of the wonder of all this in his poem 'Christmas', which in recounting the usual busyness and freneticism that surrounds this time of year, asks us to remember what sits at the heart of the Christmas story:

*And is it true, This most tremendous tale of all,
Seen in a stained-glass window's hue, A Baby in an ox's stall?
The Maker of the stars and sea Become a Child on earth for me?*

There is no doubt that all of our celebrations will be different this Christmastime, plans will need to be altered and long established routines changed. It will certainly feel very different, with so much of what usually accompanies this special period put on hold or unable to go ahead in such a time of restriction. This is, undeniably, a reason for sadness, but hopefully too a prompt for us to remember and give thanks for that which matters most; the relationships that offer comfort and constancy, the gifts of God seen in others which bless and enrich our everyday lives with signs and reminders of the hopeful promise that Christmas offers to us all. A prompt for us to consider where we might be able, in changed circumstances, to offer the gift love and kindness in small, yet significant ways to those whom we meet in the days that lie ahead.

Since it is when things seem most uncertain and fragile, when things are far from what would we want them to be, that we see the peace, joy and grace of the baby of Bethlehem afresh. God's love made real and tangible in the greatest gift that could be, and ever has been, given: God with us, forever and always.

With every good wish and prayer
for God's blessing this Advent and Christmas,

post-script:

As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch if the church community can be of any help or comfort to you in the days ahead. I am grateful for the many ways in which people are caring for each other, not less through keeping in touch with friends and neighbours, as well as in other practical and prayerful ways. I hope and pray that this will continue in the coming days and weeks. If you would like a conversation or any pastoral support, please do be in touch with us. We are each given the opportunity by God to be a means by which his love and care for us is made known to others, through our prayers, our efforts to keep in contact with each other, and the support we offer. May the Lord bless us all as we seek to live in faith together.

Churchwardens Installation

Our three churchwardens were installed in post by our Archdeacon, the Ven Vernon Ross, in a very different way this year, by attending a Zoom meeting on Thursday 19th November

Our congratulations and thanks go to Brian Smalley and Ian Stirrup for standing for a further year, and to Dianne Lomax whom we warmly welcome as a new churchwarden this year

Please give them your support and good wishes as they take on this role at such a difficult time



The Church of England
around the Kent Estuary

The churches of the Kent Estuary Mission Community are continuing to meet twice a month (on the second and fourth Tuesdays) at 10.30am for a time of prayer together.

The meetings are via Zoom using the link:
<http://bit.ly/KEMCPrayer>

It is hoped that these gatherings will serve to strengthen our common faith and shared fellowship across the Kent Estuary:

8 December - St Michael and All Angels, Beetham
22 December - Levens Methodist Church

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CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

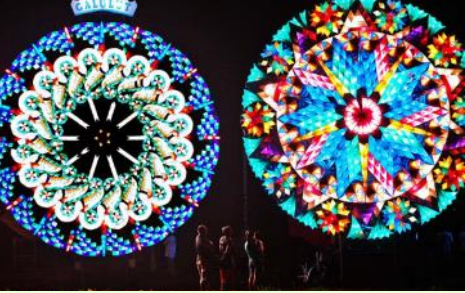
Christmas is fast approaching, the end to an unprecedented year. How we celebrate it may be very different in terms of whom we can share it with, but our traditions are strong and we will find a new way of continuing them. Of course we are not alone in both riding the Covid wave or celebrating Christmas. So I had a little look at what our neighbours would normally be doing. Father Christmas of course remains untouched and I have it on good authority that he and his helpers are busy preparing for his busy time.

In **Sweden**, since 1966 a 13 metre tall Yule Goat has been built in the centre of Gavle's Castle Square for Advent. Strange in itself, but stranger still, it often gets burned down. A somewhat odd 'tradition', the last time this happened was in 2016. I kid you not....

Japan tends towards a quieter Christmas, but in recent years they seem to have embraced Colonel Sanders. It is now quite the thing to eat Kentucky Fried Chicken on Christmas days. Bumper festive chicken buckets. Not a sprout in sight. I expect there may be some jealousy surrounding this. No washing up required! 'KURISUMASU NI WA KENTAKKI'Kentucky for Christmas.....

During the night of the 6th of December in **Germany**, Nikolaus travels by donkey from house to house, leaving chocolate and treats and toys in the shoes of all good little children. This is celebrating St Nicholas day. Nikolaustag. It is important to note that the children must produce very clean shoes or boots should they wish to receive their treats. Father Christmas still visits on Christmas Eve, sporting his own shiny black boots.

Further afield yet in **Norway**, on Christmas Eve everyone hides their brooms. This harks back to a time when Norwegians believed witches and evil spirits came out on Christmas Eve, looking for a suitable broom to ride on. Could it be a ploy to put an end to the tidying frenzy we all adopt at this time. Or would it prompt an upgrade in the vacuum department? (A note of caution here chaps, no one wants a Hoover or broom for Christmas. Believe me, I have witnessed such an event, and it was not awfully festive!)



For a wonderful contrast to this, let us pop over to the **Philippines**. Here is held the Giant Lantern Festival, to symbolize the Star Of Bethlehem. Each dazzling 'parol' consists of thousands of spinning lights. This illuminating tradition has made San Fernando the Christmas capital of the Philippines. Quite the spectacle, and truly welcome at the end of this year.

Before Christianity came to **Denmark**, Christmas Day was a celebration of brighter days - 'jol' - occurring as it did before the winter solstice. Today on Christmas Eve families, if they have the room and the inclination, place their Christmas trees in the middle of the room and dance around it whilst singing carols, no doubt working up

a good appetite for the feasts ahead.

Whilst in **Poland**, again on Christmas Eve, families may share opłatek. This is an unleavened religious wafer. Each person breaks off a piece and wish each other a Merry Christmas. Traditionally dinner may not begin until the first star appears in the sky, and there will always be an extra space set at the table, should someone unexpected arrive. A tradition I find quite heart-warming.

Closer to home, in **Ireland** a tall red candle is left in the front window overnight. This symbolises warmth and shelter for the Christmas season. Sadly as we know this is something in these modern times that seems to be lacking for many. Perhaps we can introduce the tradition of giving a little extra to those who need it, some warmth for the season.

The world is full of unique traditions and this is such a tiny example. Some are homely, some quirky and others a trifle bizarre. But they all add up to coming together to celebrate this special day. However this Christmas evolves for you and yours, "I hope," as John Lennon wrote, "it's a good one"

WISHING YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Tess Rowlands



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Our money systems are finally moving into the 21st century! In the current COVID-led circumstances, we are finding that more and more people want to avoid the use of cash - "filthy lucre" – and instead make payments by card whenever possible.

To assist this, we have acquired a card reader by means of which payments can be made from debit and credit cards. Inserting the card into the reader and using the PIN number is the normal way but also it can be used contactless up to the limit (currently £45). Additionally, a payment may be authorised by telephoning and reading the card number over the phone, as with online or telephone shopping. A receipt can be provided for all such transactions – either a paper copy, or via email or text.



The card reader is dedicated to the Church bank account – PCC of Beetham Sort Code 20-45-28 account number 20160504 which will receive card reader payments within hours.

If you wish to make a donation, or simply to know more, please contact the Treasurer John Lomax on 015395-62648.

Remembrance

The annual commemoration of the signing of the Armistice on November 11th 1918 that marked the end of the First World War had a special poignancy in this pandemic restricted year of 2020. For this year marked the 100th Anniversary of the laying to rest in Westminster Abbey of the body of the Unknown Soldier. Chosen at random to represent the hundreds of thousands of casualties of the 1914 – 1918 conflict who have no known grave, the coffin containing the body of the anonymous soldier was brought from France and interred with full military honours on 11th November 1920 in a prominent position in the nave of the Abbey. A special service of remembrance was held in the Abbey on 11th November this year to mark this significant anniversary.

On the same day, another ceremony was taking place nearer to home. Brigadier General Louis John Wyatt, the officer given the responsibility of selecting at random the serviceman who was to be buried in Westminster Abbey, moved to Kirkby Lonsdale following his retirement and is buried in the graveyard of St Mary's Church. And on 11th November this year, the Rev'd Richard Snow conducted a short service, based on the original order of service from the Westminster Abbey burial of the unknown soldier in 1920, at the graveside of General Wyatt. Owing to the Covid restrictions, attendance at the ceremony was limited to six people, but there are plans to erect a plaque to mark the General's grave and to record his link to the tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Westminster Abbey.



Acts of Remembrance on Armistice Sunday were specifically exempted from the national lockdown regulations, and so we were able to hold our own commemoration at the War Memorial in Beetham. Nearly 40 people attended a short service of prayers and readings led by our licensed Lay Reader, Viv Stirrup. John Lomax read the Roll of Honour, naming the men from Beetham who died in two World Wars, and wreaths were laid by representatives of the armed services, SLDC, and Beetham Parish Council. The haunting strains of the Last Post, played on the trumpet by Phil Marks, led to the observance of the national two minutes silence. Reveille broke the silence, and the words of the Kohima Epitaph, "When you go home tell them of us and say: 'For your tomorrow, we gave our today'", reminded all present of the sacrifices we were there to remember.



And although St Michael & All Angels has remained closed during the lockdown, the poppy arch around the porch marks the way into the church where the ethereal 'There but not there' figures, representing all those who went away to war and who did not return home, maintain their lonely vigil.



Remembrance this year has been necessarily different, but no less memorable or meaningful.

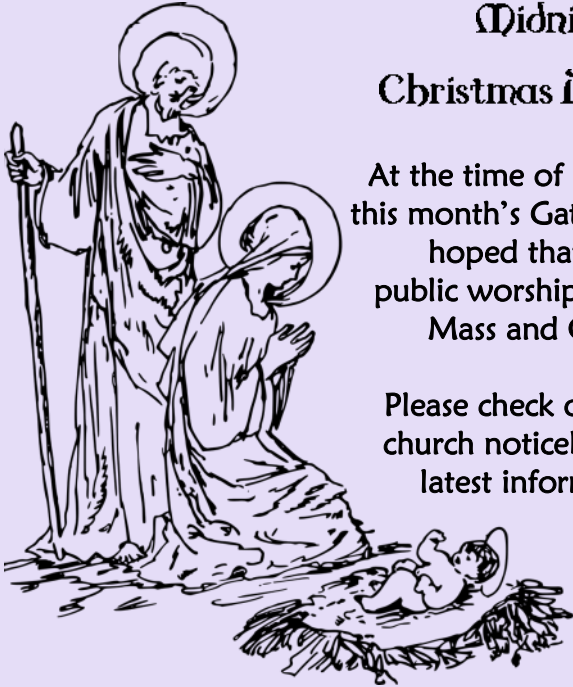
Brian Smalley



As it will not be possible to hold the usual Christingle service in Church on Christmas Eve this year, everyone is invited to make their own

The Beetham School Children will be making their Christingles on 17th December before the end of term Christmas service. If anyone would like to make their own Christingle to light whilst watching the video service on Christmas Eve and give a donation to the Children's Society, you will be able to collect a free Christingle kit bag from the Church porch from the 18th of December.

Thank you, Dianne Lomax



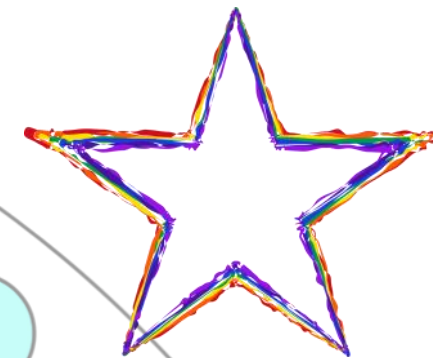
Midnight Mass & Christmas Day Services

At the time of publication of this month's Gateway it is still hoped that we can have public worship for Midnight Mass and Christmas Day

Please check our website or church noticeboards for the latest information during December



School Corner



Our Autumn Term is going really well with lots of exciting learning taking place and the children very happy to be at school with their friends and teachers.

Our new entrance is now complete and is an excellent addition to our school. We are very grateful to Beetham Nurseries for providing plants for all our window boxes and also the lovely colourful pots outside our new entrance.

Our KS2 School Council organised activities for Children in Need - they ran a Pudsey shop, colouring competition, raffle and non-uniform day. We raised £230.10 to support this charity which helps so many young people in a wide variety of ways.

Yr 1 & 2 have been very excited to learn all about the Great Fire of London as part of their history work in their London topic. They have created some beautiful pictures which are now on display.

Nursery & Reception are very busy at the moment looking after some stick insects. They feed them on privet and make sure they are sprayed each day and cleaned out regularly. They have already had babies so this is very exciting!

KS2 are now learning about Vikings and are looking forward to an outdoor history day when they will train to be a Viking warrior, cast a Saxon coin, use a quill and ink and discover how to weave natural wools.

KS2 have been learning about the Solar System in science and have studied the individual planets and produced beautiful pictures using a range of art materials.

In Art the children have been studying the Bayeux Tapestry and are reproducing small sections to put together as a frieze. These are very intricate and the children are really enjoying looking at all the details and making their own sketches which they will then paint using similar colours to the original - they have also 'aged' their paper using teabags!

Over the next few weeks we will be preparing for Christmas at school. It will be different this year as we are unable to put on our usual Nativity in the church. However, we will still be celebrating the Nativity Story with a Carol Service for the children and other fun activities to make this a special time for the children at school.

On behalf of everyone at Beetham CE Primary School, I wish you all a Peaceful and Happy Christmas.

Best Wishes
Wendy Nicholas



Looking forward to brighter times ahead

Like everyone else during this most unusual and restrictive year, members have not been able to meet up as a group since March but still they keep in contact. As well as by telephone and personally delivered communication, social media has proved a useful tool for keeping in touch. As well as our monthly committee meetings, some members joined us for a Zoom chat which worked well so we are going to have our AGM/social in the same format in December and hope more members will join us.



Members have kept busy being creative and, as well as making Christmas gifts, some have been knitting green squares for the Cumbria-Westmorland Federation's Christmas Tree which will be seen in a shop window in Kendal. The squares will eventually be made into blankets or shawls which will be donated to a charity.

Getting involved in Beetham's Advent Calendar and Christmas Trees in the village has also been something members have been pleased to be involved in.

Unfortunately, we won't be able to have our usual pre-Christmas get-together but will look forward to a celebration when we can finally meet together again as a group, hopefully in the Spring.

In the meantime, the Committee wish all our members - and everyone in the community - a Very Happy Christmas and a Hopeful and Healthy New Year.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

SAINT NICHOLAS' DAY, 6th DECEMBER

St. Nicholas, whose Feast Day falls on the 6th December, cannot be proved to have existed by any historical document. Nothing certain is known of his early life. He was probably St Nicholas of Myra, also known as Nicholas of Bari and lived in the 4th century in Asia Minor, now Turkey, during the time of the Roman Empire. According to tradition, he was born in the ancient Lycian seaport city of Patara, and, when young, travelled to Palestine and Egypt. He became Bishop of Myra soon after returning to Lycia. He was imprisoned during the persecution of Christians by the Roman Emperors. St Nicholas was known both for his religious devotion and generosity and many stories exist of his kindness, as well as many miracles, which often appeared in medieval art and liturgical plays.

On his death in about 343 AD he was buried in the church at Myra and by the 6th century his shrine there had become well known. In 1087 Italian sailors or merchants stole his remains from Myra and took them to Bari in Italy; this removal greatly increased the saint's popularity in Europe and Bari became one of the most popular of all pilgrimage sites. In Medieval Times, devotion to St. Nicholas extended to all parts of Europe. He became the patron saint of Russia and Greece, great cities and of many charitable fraternities and guilds, especially related to children and seafarers.

On the 6th December the saint was believed to visit children with gifts, in preparation for the gift of the Christ Child at Christmas. The day was marked with the widespread European custom of 'The Boy Bishops', by which a boy was elected Bishop for the period up to Holy Innocents' Day on 28th December. In Germany and Poland boys dressed as bishops begged for alms for the poor. The spirit of St Nicholas' Day was focused on the less fortunate and on 'giving' rather than 'receiving'.

After the Reformation, devotion to St. Nicholas disappeared in all the Protestant countries of Europe except in Holland, where he was known by the name of 'Sinterklaas'. Dutch colonists took this tradition with them to New Amsterdam, now New York, in the 17th century. 'Sinterklaas' was adopted by the country's English-speaking majority under the name 'Santa Claus', and the legend of a kindly old man was united with old Nordic folk tales of a magician who punished naughty children and rewarded good children with presents. Since the 19th century the image of 'Santa Claus' has encouraged the giving of gifts on Christmas Day, 25th December. In Europe, the figure of 'Santa Claus' was popularised in Victorian times by poems and stories and he was transformed into a similar benevolent gentleman in the Netherlands, Belgium, the United Kingdom and other northern European countries. In the United Kingdom, he is known as Father Christmas.

In the Middle Ages, St Nicholas traditionally wore white, green or blue, so when did Santa become red? In the 20th and 21st centuries, commercialism raised its game; in the United States the image of a white-bearded, red suited, elderly man was used in advertising campaigns. It seems that the 'jolly, red faced, red-suited, old Santa with his "Ho, Ho, Ho!" which is now to be found on Christmas cards and in department stores, was in fact, a 1930s creation of the soft drinks company 'Coca-Cola'!

Perhaps then, amidst all the frantic on-line buying and all the tinsel and the glitter of the season, take a moment to recall St. Nicholas' preparation for Christmas and the greatest gift of all, 'a baby lying in a manger'.

Dianne Lomax



'BLAST THIS CHRISTMAS MUSIC.

ITS JOYFUL AND TRIUMPHANT'

How The Grinch Stole Christmas.

It does not feel like a year ago since my digit connected

with keyboard to write the last band piece of the year. I was reflecting on what a busy time we were having performing and playing Christmas music. How everything was leading up to our contribution to the Christingle service, so loved by so many and a wonderful community gathering. Who could have foreseen how different this year would be. Perhaps we were better off not knowing.

But, apart from public performances and physical band practices being on hold, we have carried on virtually since Lockdown part 1. We all have, and although not perfect, it has kept us together in the way only music can.

So with that in mind, we have been playing our triumphant Christmas music, and despite its best efforts {covid} we are joyful. For that crazy Zoom hour, all is set aside. Truly priceless. As you go through December, I know you will hear us somehow, as we play in our driveways, through windows, online, we will keep that tradition going. We will all keep going, onwards and upwards towards another year.

Perhaps next year you will join us, and experience the fun, fellowship and joy of music.



*'LET US HAVE MUSIC FOR CHRISTMAS.....
SOUND THE TRUMPET OF JOY AND REBIRTH;*

*LET EACH OF US TRY,
WITH A SONG IN OUR HEARTS,
TO BRING PEACE TO MEN ON EARTH'*

Mildred J Jarrel

The Grinch does not stand a chance

**MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE
WITH LOVE FROM
BEETHAM COMMUNITY BAND**



Can you DECIDE WHICH CHRISTMAS CAROLS THE FOLLOWING LINES COME FROM?

1. 'When the snow lay round about, deep and crisp and even'
2. 'God appears on earth to reign.'
3. '...From depths of hell thy people save'
4. 'God is now with man residing'
5. 'Bless all the dear children in thy tender care.'
6. 'To Beth'lem straight the enlightened shepherds ran'
7. 'Now to the Lord sing praises, all people in this place'
8. 'Veiled in flesh the Godhead see'
9. 'What can I give him, poor as I am?'
10. 'O hush the noise ye men of strife, and hear the angels sing'
11. 'He rules the world with truth and grace'
12. 'Herod the king in his raging, charged he hath this day'
13. 'Lo star led chieftain, Magi Christ adoring'
14. 'We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell.
15. 'Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace'
16. 'And our eyes at last shall see him'
17. 'Sing ye heights of heaven his praises'
18. 'Lo within the manger lies he who built the starry skies'
19. 'A Saviour who is Christ the Lord, and this shall be the sign'
20. 'Holy Jesus, every day, keep us in the narrow way,'

Answers will be in January 'Gateway'

Sue Smalley

Milnthorpe Area Food Bank

Christians Together in Milnthorpe and Heversham have been running a food bank since October 2013

The Food Bank will be helping the vulnerable with extra food parcels over the Christmas period and would be glad to accept additional donations during December

If you would like to donate food to the food bank there are permanent collection points at a number of places including

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