

13 So that he could worship the child. But we know that his intentions were far from worship. Matthew 2:11-18.

14 It is certain that Jesus was somewhere between a month old and a couple of years old. The wise men saw His star at his birth and began following it. If the journey was 500 miles from Persia and Mesopotamia (around modern day Iraq) then it would have taken at least a month. By the time they arrived Jesus and His family had moved into a house. Later in the story Herod ordered all the children aged 2 years and younger to be killed. Therefore, Jesus was at least a month old and not yet 2 years old. Matthew 2:9-18.

15 Gold, frankincense and myrrh. Matthew 2:11.

16 This was Herod. He ordered all the children in Bethlehem and the outlying areas who were 2 years old and younger to be killed. However, Jesus and His family had already moved to Egypt (Matthew 2:13).

17 In the New Testament accounts of Christ's birth there is no mention of any animals. However, Isaiah 1:3 could be a prophecy talking about at least a donkey seeing the crib of his Master (God). It could allude to the fact that an ox was there too. If a bunch of shepherds were there, one would assume sheep would have been present. But there is no definite list of animals mentioned in the Bible.

18 The Bible does not say. Nor does it even say that they were inhospitably turned away from an inn. It just says there was not room in the inn at Bethlehem. There may have been many hundreds of people camping in the streets and countryside during the mandatory census. Luke 2:7.

19 Simeon. Luke 2:25, 26.

20 Neither Mark or John tell the story of the birth of Christ.

I know some of these answers were tricky. However, I hope they caused you to think. In fact, one of the answers is based on a very educated guess and may not be completely true. I challenge you to figure out which one that is and come up with a better answer

Thank you to everyone who contributed towards the Christmas Hampers for the two needy families. We had an excellent response.

We always welcome volunteers to help on our rotas. There are always spaces to fill to reduce the pressure on those already involved. Why not start the new year with an offer to take on one of the many tasks required to keep the church running. Maybe the coffee rota or cleaning, or reading lessons, or helping with the Grantham Close run.. Please let us know if you can contribute. Thank you!

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NEWS IN THE PEWS

Welcome Happy New Year to you all

SUNDAY 1st January 2017

Liturgical Year A

PRIEST IN CHARGE ..

Revd John Miller-Maskell

Second Sunday of CHRISTMAS



Today's Readings

8am

Hebrews 2: 10—end

Page 1202 of your pew bible

Matthew 2: 13—end

Page 966 of your pew bible

10.00am

Isaiah 63: 7-9

Page 750 of your pew bible

Hebrews 2: 10—end

Page 1202 of your pew bible

Matthew 2: 13—end

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Today's Carols

1st Carol 23

Good Christian men rejoice

2nd Carol 17

See amid the winter snow

3rd Carol 7

As with gladness men of old

4th Carol 8

O come all ye faithful

The funeral service for Iris Hobby will take place at St Peter's, on Thursday 5th January at 11am.

NEXT WEEKS SERVICES

8th January

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am All age family service

LADIES PRAYER GROUP meets Tuesdays at 10am
3rd January...*Brenda Martin, Northfields, North Chailey*
10th January...*Paula Fanthorpe, The Timbers, South Chailey*
17th January...*Monica Todd, 36 High Hurst Close, Newick*
24th January...*Janet Barnes, Ty Gwyn, Lower Station Road*
31st January...*Margaret Smith, Ferndale, North Chailey*
7th February...*Olga Jeffs, 8 Newlands Park Way, Newick*
We will take a break and resume on 3rd January.

For more information call Teresa on 01825 722586

We would welcome some new faces at our group. Our meetings are informal and prayers are based on those known to us, who need our prayers and support. These names are strictly confidential. We have had many occasions when our prayers have been answered. We finish our meetings with refreshments at approx 11.30am. If you have any prayer requests please write them on a fish and leave on the net at the back of church.



In your prayers this week please remember those who are ill especially
Amy Luddington, Stephen & Julie, William Hobday, Troy, Jenny Barbour, Olive Milam, Vera Yeowart, Brenda Ford, Stephen Fowler, Kerry Dean, Lou Pike and Gemma Peacock.

We pray too for the recently departed, and for all those whose anniversaries fall at this time, may they rest in peace and rise in glory.

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Answers TO THE CHRISTMAS QUIZ:

1 Caesar Augustus. He ordered the people to go back to the city of their forefathers. Joseph's family was from Bethlehem. Luke 2:1.

2 False. As in the previous answer, they went not because an angel told them or because a star led them. They were obedient to the established governmental authority.

3 The Bible does not say how they went from Galilee to Bethlehem. It was an 80 mile trip for them. It is likely that they rode some type of animal, but the Bible gives no details. It is commonly depicted that Mary rode a donkey while Joseph walked along side. But that is simply an artistic depiction. We don't really know.

4 The book of Isaiah has much to say about the birth of the Saviour. If you have ever heard the oratorio by George Handel called The Messiah, you have heard many direct quotes from the book of Isaiah concerning the birth of Christ.

5 At least 3 angelic announcements for the birth of Christ and 1 for the birth of John. For Christ an angel appeared before Mary and Joseph individually and a multitude of angels spoke to the shepherds. For John's birth announcement in Luke 1 Gabriel appeared before John's father to announce the birth of John the Baptist. Matthew 1:20-24; Luke 1:11-20; Luke 1:26-38; Luke 2:9-15.

6 An angel in Matthew 1:21. The Bible does not say that this was Gabriel; however, it is assumed to be him since he was the one specifically mentioned as the messenger to Mary and Zacharias in Luke 1.

7 Jesus, Emmanuel, the Christ, Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6; Matthew 1:21, 23.

8 Jesus means Saviour and Emmanuel means God with us. Jesus is the same name as the Old Testament name Joshua which also means Saviour. Matthew 1:21, 23.

9 The shepherds followed the instructions of the angels in Luke 2:9-15. The wise men followed the star to find the place where Jesus was. Matthew 2:1, 2.

10 Technically angels are never said to "sing" in the Bible. Each time they appear they only speak. However, to answer the question, the angels praised God with these words: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Luke 2:14.

11 A baby, wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. Luke 2:12.

12 The Bible does not say how many wise men there were. Tradition says there were three because of the three gifts. There are even names given to the three wise men in different countries and cultures, but we don't really know their names. It is also very likely there were many more than just three.