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The Recorder

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Trinity - A Family Church

Worshipping together - Caring for one another - Sharing with others

'How do you encourage others?'

Rev. Michael Shrubsole

Minister of Trinity United Reformed Church

How do you affirm and encourage others? We are called to be encouragers, see 1 Thessalonians 5:11–22; Hebrews 3:13.

1. Speaking. Proverbs 16:24 says, "Pleasant words are ... sweet to the soul and healing to the bones." The number of ways we can encourage one another through our speech is almost limitless. One way is to express verbally the positive qualities we see in others' lives.

2. Writing. The letters in the New Testament are proof of the power of written communication. Sometimes a short note to someone who's discouraged can mean so much. Think creatively.

3. Being present. "The Lord is close to the broken-hearted," says Psalm 34:18. Sometimes God asks us simply to be with others in person on his behalf. We don't have to speak much; our listening presence itself can be a deeply encouraging gift.

4. Touching. Jesus often touched people. Scientists are just starting to document the positive effects of touch, which God has known about all along. From a light touch on the forearm to a tight hug, these gestures encourage others wordlessly.

5. Praying. "You help us by your prayers," Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 1:11. Everyone can have this ministry. There is a story about a Christian called Kenneth who was immobilized by a stroke as a young adult and can move nothing but his eyes. Yet he's known as someone who prays for others.

6. Showing hospitality. "Practice hospitality," says Romans 12:13. The Greek word for hospitality denotes "brotherly love of strangers." Practicing hospitality means reaching out to others who need to experience the care and compassion that is expressed by the extra plate on the table, or the bed for the night, or the shared house.

7. Giving. "A generous man will himself be blessed," says Proverbs 22:9. God wants his people to share their lives with others — their time, their money, their possessions. Any of these can be used creatively to encourage others.

8. Helping. Common jobs and chores — housework, gardening, mending, shovelling snow, baby-sitting — all become holy in the ministry of encouragement. "Whatever you do," says Colossians 3:23, "work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men."

As the Christmas season looms I pray that you may find a renewed ability to share the ministry of encouragement with others in whatever way you are best able. Don't just wish people 'Love, Joy and Peace', do something which will really encourage people by making their experience of the love of God real for them at this time of rejoicing and celebration. And then resolve to keep on doing it!

Mike

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December Services

Sunday Morning Worship at 10.30 a.m.

Children of all ages meet for part of morning worship using the SALT material from Scripture Union. Adult worship usually follows the texts of the Revised Common Lectionary.

7th December - Advent 2: Morning Worship with Communion. Luke 3:1-6,
Malachi 3:1-4, Phil 1:3-11

14th December - Advent 3: All-age Gift Service led by Junior Church.
Luke 3:7-18, Zephaniah 3:14-20, Phil 4:4-7

21st December - Advent 4: Morning Worship - Luke 1:39-55, Micah 5:2-5,
Hebrews 10:5-10

28th December - Morning Worship. Come and sing your favourite carols.
Luke 2:41-52, 1 Samuel 2:18-26, Colossians 3:12-17

Evening Worship at 6.30pm.

A quiet monthly communion service. We meet as a small gathering to share bread and wine in a reflective and liturgical atmosphere.

14th December - Evening Communion: A communion liturgy of Advent themes will be used.

See also page 5 for full details of all the Christmas Services.

Rotas for December



December 7th	Daphne Murnane
December 14th	Geilfuss Family
December 21st	Lockhart Family
December 25th	Shrubsole Family
December 28th	Foster Family

December 7th
December 14th
December 21st
December 25th
December 28th

Arthur & Marie Winning
Ian & Maureen Buchanan
Robin & Norma Garden
John & Joy Standfield
Audrey Richardson & Sue Saunders



December 7th	Sarah Mole
December 14th	Joy Standfield
Dec 21st, 25th and 28th	Christmas arrangements

December 7th
December 14th
December 21st
December 28th

Linda Curley
Elsje Hatton
Marian Mole
Marian Mole



December 7th
December 14th
December 21st
December 28th

Barbara Raleigh
Barbara Macleod & Norma Garden
No coffee am. C by C pm. (see page 8)
No one lined up at time of going to press.
Long-life milk in No 11 - anyone to fill in please!

What's on in December



Christmas Dinner

Monday 15th December

The Clayton Arms, Lane End

7pm for 7.30

Please bring along your (wrapped) Christmas Gift.

WOMEN'S MEETING

Tuesday 2nd Dec

Preparations for the Christmas Party

Tuesday 9th Dec

Christmas Party

Tuesday 16th Dec

Louise & Mike Shrubsole invite us to the Manse. See Olive Shepherd about lifts.



The next meeting will be in the New Year

All meetings start at 2.30 in the Lower Schoolroom

Last chance this year

Scrabble

December 12th



CHURCH WALK

Our Chief walker is unable to commit herself to arranging a walk over the holiday period, so invites us to "do our own thing" to work off any consequences of excessive eating!

Not included in this version

Christmas Services for 2003

A full list of all services that are specially organised for Christmas 2003.

14th December - 10.30am - All-age Gift Service. Led by Junior Church. The children share with the adults their Christmas celebrations. We collect gifts to distribute to special causes.

21st December - 4.30pm - Carols by Candlelight. A specially atmospheric service of carols, music and readings, all in a candle-lit church.

24th December - 11.30pm - Watchnight Communion Service. 'Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning!' We welcome in Christmas morning by sharing a Christmas communion liturgy. In the candle-lit church.

25th December - 10.30am - Christmas Day. A short and informal family celebration of the birth of Jesus.

Decorating for Christmas

We will be decorating the church Christmas tree on Saturday morning 13th December and then decorating the church on 20th December for the Carols by Candlelight Service taking place on 21st. If you can spare an hour on either of these Saturday mornings your help would be much appreciated.

If you are available, please see me on Sunday morning in church or ring me on (01494) 863807. Thank you

N H

On the lighter side . . .

Ever wondered where we are headed?... why the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin?
why women can't put on mascara with their mouth closed?
why you don't ever see the headline 'Psychic Wins Lottery'?...
why 'abbreviated' is such a long word? ...
Why doctors call what they do 'practice'? ...
why you have to click on 'Start' to stop Windows 98?...
why lemon juice is made with artificial flavour, while dishwashing liquid is made with real lemons? ...
why the man who invests all your money is called a broker? ...
why there isn't mouse-flavoured cat food?
who tastes dog food when it has a 'new and improved' flavour? ...
why Noah didn't swat those two mosquitoes? ...
why they sterilize the needle for lethal injections?
why they don't make the whole plane out of the material used for the indestructible black box? ...
why sheep don't shrink when it rains? ...
why they are called apartments when they are all stuck together? ...

if con is the opposite of pro, is Congress the opposite of progress? ...
why they call the airport 'the terminal' if flying is so safe?
AND... in case you need further proof that the human race is doomed because of stupidity, here are some actual label instructions on consumer goods. On a Myer hairdryer: do not use while sleeping (dam, that's the only time I have to work on my hair). On a bag of crisps: You could be a winner! No purchase necessary. Details inside (the shoplifter special?)
On a bar of Palmolive soap: 'Directions: Use like regular soap.' (and that would be how???...)
On some frozen dinners: 'Serving suggestion: Defrost' (but that's just a suggestion).
On Nanna's Tiramisu dessert (printed on bottom): 'Do not turn upside down.' (well... duh, a bit late, huh!)
Now that you have smiled at least once, it's your turn to spread the stupidity and show this to someone you want to bring a smile to (maybe even a chuckle)... in other words show it to everyone. We all need to smile once in a while.

Oh dear!

The following have appeared in various Church magazines (but NOT the Recorder!) as genuine items of "news".

The preacher for Sunday next will be found hanging on the notice board in the porch.

"Churchyard maintenance is becoming increasingly difficult and it will be appreciated if parishioners will cut the grass around their own graves".

"During the clergy conference a skeleton staff will be left in each deanery for cemetery duty".

"The Minister is going on holiday next Saturday - could all Missionary Boxes be handed into The Manse by Friday evening at the latest".

"We regret to announce that the 'Ladies Happy Hour' are heavily in debt following their recent 'SPONSORED SILENCE'"

The vicar announced that they would be having an additional font placed in the church so that babies could be baptised at both ends.

The vicar was ill in hospital and was visited by his churchwarden who said "Vicar we had a meeting of the Parochial Church Council last night and a resolution put forward wishing you a speedy recovery was passed by 14 votes to 12".

Parishioner to Vicar's wife: "Did you wake up grumpy this morning?" Vicar's wife: "No, I thought I'd let him sleep on".

Did you hear about the Irishman who took his car in for its first service and ran into the pulpit?

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TERRORIST CELL GROUPS DISCOVERED IN THE CHURCH

By Rev. Dennis Smart, alias Bin Readin
Edited by Carlton Earp, alias Bin Thinkin

Latest news reports are that five terrorist cell groups have been operating in Baptist churches. (Maybe other churches also?)

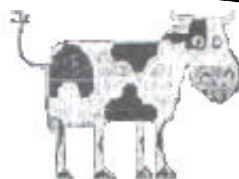
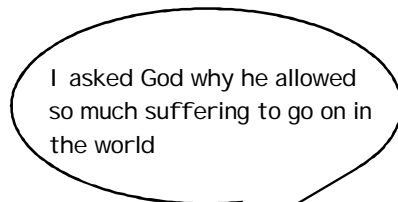
Church security identifies these as: Bin Sleepin, Bin Arguin, Bin Fightin, Bin Complainin, and Bin Missin. Their leader, Osama Bin Lucifer, trained these groups to destroy the Body of Christ. The plan is to come into the church disguised as Christians and to work within the church to discourage, disrupt, and destroy the pastors and the churches.

Earlier reports of a sixth group proved false. A tiny cell known by the name Bin Workin is actually the only effective counter terrorism force in the church. This group appears to be very weak. It is easy to detect because it is the only group that is active in services to Christ. Unlike the true terrorist cells, the Bin Workin team does not blend in with whoever and whatever comes along.

Bin Workin visibly does whatever is needed to uplift and encourage the Body of Christ. We have noticed that the Bin Workin cell group has different characteristics than the others. They have Bin Watchin, Bin Waitin, Bin Prayin, and Bin Longin for their Master, Jesus Christ to return.

Which cell group do you belong to?

These same groups have been detected in other denominations since Smart first filed his report. The Office of Home Church Security is co-ordinating its efforts with the Bin Workin group to interdict the activities of the five terrorist cells now known to be active throughout many churches worldwide.



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Diary

Elders Meeting - Tuesday 2nd December, 7.30pm. in the Schoolroom

Coffee Morning - Saturday 13th December, 10.30-12.00 in the Schoolroom. The final one of 2003. Forget the Christmas shopping for a while and relax with friends over a cup of tea or coffee and a mince pie. **PLUS** volunteer workparty required to decorate the tree and church on that morning. (See page 5)

Carol Singing - Monday 22nd December at Asda 6.30 pm. Please come along and add your voice to swell the volume. We will be collecting for Crisis, as we did last year, when Asda's customers were very generous. **SEE YOU IN THE SHOP FOYER**

New Year Church Party - Saturday 31st January 2004. A time to suit all ages, 5.00 – 7.00pm Games and food. Further details later.

OTHER EVENTS IN BRIEF

Christmas Day Lunches:-

At St Andrew's, Hatters Lane and St Peter's, Loudwater.

A traditional Christmas lunch and entertainment, followed by tea later in the afternoon. We warmly welcome any who are going to be on their own this Christmas Day. To reserve a place for yourself, or for someone else, contact: St Andrew's – 529668 or St Peter's – 01628 526087. More details on the church noticeboard in the Schoolroom. (M.S.)

Kitchen re-vamp

Out of Lillian Richardson's bequest to the Church, we have purchased some new kitchen equipment in line with the fact that we want to make our premises a good place to hire.

We purchased:- Utensil holder, with an array of tools, serving spoons, grater, colanders, saucepans, baking sheets, food covers, tin openers, chopping boards, peeler, tongs, and a knife block and knives. A kettle is now kept under the sink in Crendon Hall, with some mugs and spoons for anyone's use. It is all marked Trinity URC.

We hope this equipment will be used correctly and cleaned after use. Thank you in anticipation of your co-operation.

RC & A H

Just in case - you forget that you are on Coffee Rota duty, a pint of long-life milk is kept in cupboard number 11.

Carols by Candlelight

I will be serving mulled wine, snacks and mince pies with refreshments after the carol service. If anyone would like to supply (say) a dozen mince pies, please let me know by 18th December.

A H

Christmas music and crafts



For all ages
Friday 19th December
6.30pm – 9.00pm
Crendon Hall

Many people enjoyed having a go at Hand bell ringing as part of the church weekend. This is another chance to have a go under Margaret Craner's expertise. From 6.30 to 7.00 the children can come and have a go at handbells without any serious commitment. From 7.00 it is the adults turn, and those who wish can practice more seriously to prepare 'a little something' for Carols by Candlelight the following Sunday. At the same time we have combined this with 'have a go Christmas craft' tables (organised by Valerie and Louise) – so come and make something – or just enjoy the time chatting. Mince pies, refreshments and a fun Christmas sing along around the piano will finish the evening.

Further details Margaret Lewis – and the 'events planning team'



... and how did He respond?



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It takes a team

Last month I spent two busy but rewarding days at a Conference in West Bromwich organised by the Willow Creek organisation at which Bill Hybels, the leader of Willow Creek, was the principal speaker.

Bill Hybels is the Senior Pastor of Willow Creek Community Church. He founded the church 28 years ago in Chicago with a group of young believers who met in a local cinema. Today over 20,000 people attend services at their church every weekend. In addition to this a network of over 7,300 member churches has grown up in more than 25 countries around the world, representing 90 different denominations taking an interest in the Willow Creek model. In UK and Ireland there are 562 member churches that are benefiting from Willow Creek training opportunities and resources to help church leaders build 'prevailing churches'.

The promotional material says: "Think what a local church would be like if its people were radically devoted to Christ, irrevocably committed to each other, and relentlessly dedicated to reaching outside of God's family with the gospel of Christ. It would be a church against which the gates of hell could not prevail. It would be an unstoppable force for good in the community, an inspiration to other churches, and a testimony to God's unfailing grace. That's the goal of the Willow Creek Association – Our purpose is to help local churches reach unchurched people and assist them to become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ."

'It Takes a Team' was a two day experience of compelling preachers and preachers, like Bill Hybels, unpacking what they believe it takes to shape and encourage Church Leaders and leadership teams, to help them develop their leadership potential so that they in their turn might best enable the members of a local church to be the people God calls them to be.

Bill is undoubtedly an inspirational preacher and teacher. Yet he calls himself first and foremost a 'Leader' – someone who can call people back to the visionary task which ought to be motivating them. When he speaks, he speaks best and with greatest confidence when he is leading people towards a deeper appreciation of the goals which lie ahead of them. So he is enthralling to listen to, it's hard to take notes when you keep getting caught up in one after another of his carefully chosen anecdotes which seem crafted to help lead his audience on from one point to another. As Bill joked at one point "I realise that most people find it hard to take notes when I speak! My teaching content may seem light, and some people criticise me for that. But I don't claim to be a teacher, I believe I am a leader and I aim to inspire and not to teach." Well, he inspired me. It's hard to remember much of his series of catchy and thought provoking personal tales and funny stories. But at the time it makes a big impression on you.

And Bill would say that that is what sharing the good news of Jesus is all about – making a good impression on others. You don't have to be a famous leader or preacher in order for one person to have an effect on the life of one other person. All it takes is one act of kindness or a kind word for you to become a one-on-one leader who helps lead an individual closer to an understanding of what Jesus can mean to them. When you scale it up to leading a group, or leading a church, (or speaking to a group of 3,000 church leaders as Bill was doing at this conference) the talents and gifts required may be different, but the principal remains the same – can the leader use their gifts and talents to make a good impression on a whole group of people by passionately calling them to continue to work towards that group's goals?

As your minister I may not consider myself to be a leader in the same grade as Bill Hybels. But I do intend to try to find further opportunities to share with you some of the good stuff I have learnt from him.

Mike.



This year in church we have a Christmas tree with a difference – a silver, white and gold tree decorated with symbols with Christian meaning.

We have combined two ideas to reinterpret the traditional Christmas tree.

THE JESSE TREE

This idea seems to have begun in the 11th century, it is seen in sculpture, painting, manuscripts etc of that time. It uses symbols to illustrate the history of our faith by using the Old Testament prophecy that proclaimed the Messiah would come from the royal house of David. “A shoot shall come

out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots’ Isaiah 11:1. Some of the symbols are a harp for David, a scroll for Isaiah, a ladder for Jacob.

THE CHRISMON TREE

This tree is thought to have originated in the Lutheran Church in Virginia about twenty years ago. (Mike and Louise saw it in use when they visited USA) The idea is that the Christmas tree we have should serve as a witness to God’s Love and Glory, as well as being a decoration. Therefore Christian symbols are used that remind us of various aspects of our Faith, and the Life of Christ. The tree points to heaven, and is an evergreen symbolising the eternal life available in Christ. The tiny white lights speak of Christ who is the Light of the World. The Chrismons or Christ monograms are symbols of Christ. The colours are symbolic too. White is the liturgical colour for Christmas and suggests the innocence, purity and perfection of Christ. The gold is the symbolic colour for the glory and majesty of God.

On Sunday 30th November the children of Junior Church will make the decorations and throughout Advent the symbols will be hung on the tree.

The Jesse tree celebrates the hope of the Christ who comes in history and the Chrismon tree celebrates the hope of Christ the King in eternal glory.



A Ministry of Healing

Maurene O'Hagan is the Thames North Synod Healing and Health Advisor. She was ordained last December into a non-stipendiary ministry of Healing, Counselling and Pastoral Care. For ten hours each week Maurene is an available resource for the Synod. Maurene's work experience includes:

- Hospice and Bereavement work
- Hospital Chaplaincy
- Pastoral Counselling
- BACP member – One-on-one Counselling
- Gambling Counselling
- Teacher of Christian Meditation
- Spiritual Healing by light touch

Maurene is available by appointment. Her telephone number is 020 8959 7654. She currently does talks for various organisations on Healing and the Church. She also does pulpit supply for churches interested in the Healing Ministry and Healing Services. There is a healing service held at one of the Trinity United Reformed Churches in Mill Hill/Edgware on the third Sunday of each month at 4.00pm. All are encouraged to attend or to recommend this to interested members of their congregations.

“Suffering in others is relieved in so far as we are prepared to enter into it ourselves.”

Helpfulness

His name was Fleming – a poor Scottish farmer.

One day, while trying to make a living for his family, he heard a cry for help coming from a nearby bog. He dropped his tools and ran towards it. There, mired to his waist in black muck, was a terrified boy, screaming and struggling to free himself. Farmer Fleming saved the lad from what would have been a slow and terrifying death.

The next day, a fancy carriage pulled up at the Scotsman's sparse dwellings. An elegantly dressed nobleman stepped out and introduced himself as the boy's father. “I want to repay you” said the nobleman, “you saved my son's life”.

“No, I can't accept payment for what I did,” said the Scottish farmer, waving off the offer.

At that moment the farmer's own son came to the door of the family hovel. “Is that you son?” the nobleman asked.

“Yes,” the farmer replied proudly.

“I'll make you a deal. Let me take him and give him a good education. If the lad is anything like his father, he'll grow to be a man you can be proud of.” And that he did.

In time, farmer Fleming's son graduated from St Mary's Hospital Medical School in London and went on to become known as the noted Sir Alexander Fleming – discoverer of Penicillin. Years afterwards, the nobleman's son was stricken with pneumonia. What saved him? Penicillin!!

The names of the others in this story are Lord Randolph Churchill, and his son, Sir Winston!

[From “A box of delights” by J John & Mark Stibbe - ISBN: 1854245473]

Submitted by A B

Christmas Charity Giving 2003

As Christmas approaches, and we remember all that God has done for us, especially God's greatest gift to humankind in the form of the Son of God born in Bethlehem, so we are encouraged to reflect upon the ways in which we can share and celebrate all that God has given us through our giving to others.

Sunday 14th - Christmas All Age Worship and Gift Service

Women's Aid and Women's Refuge - as in past years they would appreciate new toys and gifts for ladies, teenagers and children to help fill Santa's sack for their Christmas party and for other celebrations around Christmas Day. They also welcome money or gift tokens from major stores so they can purchase selected gifts and food etc.

Friday Cafe - meeting in our Schoolroom on a weekly basis. The group would like to be able to give a gift to their regular customers, men and women. Suggestions include: nice toiletries, or Christmas goodies such as chocolates, sweets, fancy biscuits etc. would all be appreciated.

Sunday 21st - Carols by Candlelight

A collection will be taken up for the work of Christian Aid. Gift Aid envelopes will be available. Their theme this year is the purchase of simple gifts, such as basic tool kits, which change people's lives.

Monday 22nd - Carol Singing at ASDA at 6.30pm

Following our usual pattern we will be collecting for the work of CRISIS at Christmas, helping the homeless and the lonely in our major cities through the winter season in the supportive environment of caring friends and professionals. Come and join us.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

A collection will be taken up at both these services for the work of Children in Distress. This charity supports the work that Simon Evans has been sharing in, working with children and teenagers in Romania.

Advent 'Empty Plate'

During every church service through Advent there will be an 'empty' collection plate in the church. It is there for those who prefer to give little and often. It is there for those who miss one of the other giving opportunities.. Any gifts put on the empty plate will be divided equally between the two major charities we are supporting this year: Christian Aid and Children in Distress.

And finally ...

You can always put a labelled envelope in the collection on any Sunday and our Treasurer will deal with it appropriately. (M.S.)

Disputed Claim Resolved

I don't feel that it is right to go on at great length about the problems with the architects. This report is therefore deliberately brief. The good news is that the disputed final invoice from the architects was finally resolved in the Small Claims Court last week when the judge ruled that the architect's claim was not supported by a contract between the architects and the church. Therefore the judge could not support the architects' claim and dismissed the claim. The case took two hours to hear and decide. The judge paid careful attention to the detailed submissions that both parties made, and in his conclusion he made a balanced summary of the reasons why both parties had cause to feel that their position was correct before reaching his decision. I am of course glad that judgement was in favour of the church. I believe the church's understanding of a complex situation was always the better one. However, I think it was a great shame that the architects felt that this problem had to be resolved in this way. I would have preferred a more amicable resolution. I invite you to join with me in praying for the architects as they come to terms with the outcome. On behalf of the church I thank Margaret and Audrey for their support, and in particular I thank Tony for all his work. A fuller presentation was made to the November Church Meeting. (M S)

Prayer Page

(Prepared by the choir)

Thoughts for the Advent season

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Reflect on your life – is it too busy? Make time for some sanctified sauntering in your day. Ask God for a heightened awareness of his presence. Look for him as you walk through shops and busy streets.

Light looked down and beheld darkness
"Thither will I go", said Light
Peace looked down, and beheld war.
"Thither will I go", said Peace
Love looked down, and beheld hatred,
"Thither will I go", said Love
So came Light and shone;
So came Peace and gave rest;
So came Love and brought life.
AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH AND DWELT AMONG US.

(Laurence Houseman)

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare him room,
And Heaven and nature sing.*

We bow before the cradle of the little son of Peace, and pray that His spirit may fill our hearts; that the love that sent Him may dominate our lives, that the faith which all His life sustained him, may be kindled in us.

*Infant holy, infant lowly, For his bed a cattle stall.
Angels singing, Nowells ringing, Christ the Babe is Lord of all.*

If we come to this season of Advent proud or angry or aggressive; if we have come weary or depressed or sad; if we are cynical or cold or faithless, may we find these mists disappear in the radiance of a love that stooped to a stable and yet is more enduring than the stars. O Saviour, who came to us at Christmas time, we have come to adore you.

*O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only – who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

*All out of darkness we have light, Which made the angels sing that night.
Glory to God and peace to men, Now and for evermore. Amen.*

... and as the year ends

May we go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord, guided by the wisdom of the Wonderful Counsellor and enfolded in the love of the Prince of Peace.

*Love came down at Christmas, Love be yours and love be mine,
Love was born at Christmas, Men and angels gave the sign.*

*Love shall be our token, Love be yours and love be mine.
Love to God and all men, Love for plea and gift and sign.*

