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CASTING THE NET
 Growing Faith Communities in the Diocese of St. Andrews

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A letter from Revd David Cameron

I read in the Church Times this week that children laugh on average about 400 times a day. Adults on the other hand manage to bring it down to about 14 times. Children are very vulnerable and yet they can be very resilient as those who have watched them go through suffering in hospital can vouch.

We can learn a lot from them in this respect, though we are often very unwilling for a variety of reasons or excuses. In fact Jesus used children as examples on several occasions in his teaching. We need to become as little children – not childish but childlike – questioning, having a sense of wonder, trusting and obedient (yes, I know that for a **lot of children this doesn't seem to be a given!**). Seeing life as something to be explored and to be laughed at as well as being taken seriously.

As we run up to Christmas it might be well to remember that God took his own advice. He became a little

child with all the vulnerability that entailed. And this just to identify with his creation: with you and me in our joy and suffering. The Christmas story was not soft and gooey and the **ensuing life wasn't either, but it** encompassed all the problems that people would and still will face.

Perhaps in our problems we take ourselves too seriously. We let them get on top of us and push us under; is that why adults only laugh about 14 times a day? A good guffaw is not by any sense of the imagination the same as the joy that Jesus promised us, that he came to earth for, but it will provide one element of the foundation for that joy.

I offer you all my love and best wishes at this time of vulnerability in **the life of St John's. A happy** Christmas and a peaceful and fulfilling New Year.

*Yours in Christ
David*

Magazine Deadlines for the Lent Edition

Last date for submission of material: Sunday 24th January

Publication date: 7th February

Early submission of material is appreciated

Via email if at all possible: to editor@episcopal-perth.org.uk
with 'Quest' in the subject line

Due to the early Easter, there will be no Candlemas edition of Quest.

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Report from St John's AGM November 2009

Our Annual General Meeting was held after the service on 22nd November 2009. Around sixty members of the congregation attended, with Alan McPherson chairing the meeting.

The financial reports showed that while we are still in deficit for this year, the amount has been reduced thanks to the response to the stewardship campaign.

The following people were elected to the Vestry:

- **Alastair Cruickshank: People's Warden**
- Malcolm Nixon: Lay Representative
- Lilian Fleming: Constituent Member
- Christine Bracewell: Constituent Member

Alan McPherson is continuing as Rector's Warden. Roger Whittle was elected as Alternative Lay Representative.

The Vestry is currently seeking guidance on the issue of ethical investment, as some of the investments we hold may not be ideal.

No questions were raised regarding the material in the AGM handbook. If you have any queries about anything in the handbook, please speak to the Wardens or any member of the Vestry.

Robin Miller

Church Flowers



Having flowers in church each week (apart from Lent and Advent) is most welcome. If you can help either arranging or donating, particularly on a special Sunday, please put your name on the list on the notice board at the back of church, or contact Jean Parrott (telephone number 626070).

Tony Mason

Fellowship

At the Fellowship meeting on 12th November the Chairman, Ruth, welcomed everyone and led prayers for Patrick, Brenda Hulsmeier and Mary Morgan, who is in P.R.I. following a stroke.

The speaker, David Torrie, worked for D.C. Thomson writing story lines for characters in the Dandy and the Beano, famous comics launched in 1937 and 1938 respectively, and still popular today. The well-known illustrator Dudley D. Watkins drew the characters from the age of 17 until his death.

Mr Torrie showed slides of past issues demonstrating how the plots and characters – Dennis the Menace, Desperate Dan, and all the others – have evolved to reflect changing attitudes in society, from anti-Hitler

propaganda to present-day political correctness: no fireworks, no smacking. Amazingly had Germany invaded the UK during World War II, the editor of the Dandy and Beano would have been arrested along with the editors of all the major national newspapers.

Fame indeed.

We now look forward to our Christmas lunch at the Salutation Hotel on Wednesday 9th December, at 12:30pm for 1:00pm.

On 13th January at 2pm there will be a quiz and afternoon tea. If you have a small item of special significance to you, we would like you to bring it to this meeting and tell us about it.

Val Fox

A message from Brian and Mary Friday

We have been surrounded by cardboard boxes both unpacked and still packed – chaos reigns supreme but we shall get sorted in the end. We are settling nicely into our new home with two very pleasant neighbours in the cul-de-sac. Having been here a couple of weeks, we are beginning to venture forth and discover the local shops, etc. Overall, very good – even them being a bit old-fashioned suits us.

We trust all goes well at the Church and that Patrick is responding to

treatment, remember us to him. Our address is:

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Best wishes to all at St John's.

Brian Friday

Carol Singing at St John's Centre

On 21st November our choir were invited to join the choir of St Ninian's Cathedral singing carols at the St John's Centre. We all made a good noise together and until the rain set in we attracted a small crowd of shoppers who seemed to be enjoying our singing. Sadly after about 90 minutes the weather turned too wet for us to continue.

Lis Burke



Supporting the Diocesan Eucharist

From the Diocese website - by Bishop David

Dear Friends,

I want to thank you all for the way in which you encouraged support for the Eucharist in the Cathedral last Sunday. I would be grateful if you would express my appreciation to those from your congregations who came.

I felt that it was the kind of Diocesan Celebration which we needed to have – a chance to be together, to mark another stage in the Casting the Net initiative and to **express our life in faith together**. I'm very grateful to all who worked so hard in organising it.

And in my own life and ministry ... thank you for your support in prayer and otherwise. The extent to which we have been able to establish **'strength in depth' in our diocesan** life makes it possible for me to address new responsibilities. There is inevitably a certain amount of juggling going on behind the scenes – synchronised swimming comes to mind – but we are gradually finding ways of holding together all the various aspects of it all.

With all good wishes,

+David

www.standrews.anglican.org/index.php/news/entry/supporting_the_diocesan_eucharist/



The Primus interviewing Dr Karen Gaskell (left) and Canon Dr Alison Peden

A new Chaplain for Mission to Seafarers

From the Diocese website

A new Chaplain for Mission to Seafarers was installed by Bishop David on 9th November in Grangemouth. Revd Tim Tunley will spend part of his time working with other Chaplains in Grangemouth and the rest building up a team of people who will do ship-visiting in the ports around the Scottish coast. **Bishop David writes on his blog: 'As I** reminded people that this kind of ministry can be lonely – I thought about the day or two I spent with John Hopper visiting ships in Leith and elsewhere. I loved it - **wouldn't** necessarily want to do it every day.

Clambering around on the gantries at Hounds Point tanker terminal just below the Forth Bridge on a dark **night in December isn't everybody's idea of ministry ... It reminded me of** the purity of ministry which is in all chaplaincy. The distinction between 'people who belong and people who **don't**' just disappears. **Most of the** people you meet are strangers whom you will never meet again. So you go up the side of the ship with no idea what you will meet at the top – welcome, indifference, hostility. You **either rejoice in that or you don't.'**



Lectionary

13th Dec Third Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3:14-end
 Philippians 4:4-7
 Lue 3:7-18

10th Jan First Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 43.1-7
 Acts 8.14-17
 Luke 3.15-17, 21-22

20th Dec Fourth Sunday in Advent

Micah 5:2-5a
 Hebrews 10:5-10
 Luke 1:39-45

17th Jan Second Sunday of Epiphany

Isaiah 62.1-5
 1 Corinthians 12.1-11
 John 2.1-11

3.30 pm Carol Service
 No Evensong

Evensong
 Isaiah 49.14 - end
 John 12.20 - end

Christmas Eve

Isaiah 52.7 - 10
 Hebrews 1.1-4
 John 1.1-14

24th Jan Third Sunday of Epiphany

Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10
 1 Corinthians 12.12-31a
 Luke 4.14-21

Christmas Day

Isaiah 9.2 - 7
 Titus 2.11-14
 Luke 2.1-14

31st Jan Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

Ezekiel 43.27-44.4
 1 Corinthians 13.1-13
 Luke 2.22-40

27th Dec

1 Samuel 2.18 - 20, 26
 Colossians 3.12-17
 Luke 2.41-52

7th February Second Sunday before Lent

Genesis 2.4b-9, 15 - end
 Revelation 4.1-11

3rd Jan Epiphany

Isaiah 60.1-6
 Ephesians 3.1-12
 Matthew 2.1-12

From the Registers

Baptism

Neve Marion Sime Anderson

29th November

Church Diary

Regular services

First Sunday in the month:

8:30 am	Holy Communion (Scottish Prayer Book)
9:30 am	Sung Matins
10:45 am	Alive for Christ (all-age Eucharist)

Other Sundays:

8:30 am	Holy Communion (Scottish Prayer Book)
10:30 am	Sung Eucharist

Weekday services:

Thursdays	11:00 am	Holy Communion (Scottish Prayer Book)
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Special services

Sun 20th Dec	3:30 pm	Christmas Carol service
Thurs 24th Dec	5:00 pm	Christingle service
	11:30 pm	First Christmas communion
Fri 25th Dec	10:30 am	Sung Eucharist for Christmas Day
Sun 3rd Jan	10:30 am	Sung Eucharist for Epiphany (no Matins or Alive for Christ)
Sun 17th Jan	6:00 pm	Sung Evensong

Other events

Sat 12th Dec	All day	Christmas Fair in the Threshold
Mon 14th Dec	2.00 pm	Advent study group in the Lady Chapel
Wed 16th Dec	3.30 pm to 7.30 pm	Christmas Choirs in the Park (South Inch)
Tues 22nd Dec	All day	Decoration of Church
Wed 23rd Dec	10.30am	Preparation of Christingles in the Threshold

History of Episcopal Church in Perth

Part III - The Jacobites

By the Act of Settlement, 1701, the throne of Great Britain would pass, on the death of Queen Anne, to her cousin once removed: the Electress Sophia of Hanover, a granddaughter of James VI, and her Protestant heirs. Thus Anne's brother, James VIII, the Old Pretender, and his descendants were excluded. At her death in 1714, discontent with the Union was rife and many men of all persuasions kept in touch with the 'King over the water'. Had James personally renounced Roman Catholicism, he would have received much more support.

The Jacobites in Scotland were led by the Earl of Mar, who raised a large force and advanced to Perth in September 1715. There he dithered for many weeks until he marched out to meet the Government forces under Argyll at Sheriffmuir. The battle was indecisive, and Mar returned to Perth. James himself arrived there in December, but, perceiving that their cause was faltering, he and Mar slipped away in January and took ship from Montrose.

On 21st May, 1716, the Town Council of Perth passed a resolution to imprison all those who had given active support to the late rebellion. A subsequent Act of Parliament enacted that all Episcopalian clergy who had not sworn to the Toleration Act should be forbidden from officiating to more than six people, apart from their own families. Meeting houses were demolished and some priests were imprisoned. At Fingask House, which was occupied by Government troops, a priest was smuggled in to baptise the infant Sir Stewart Thrieland.

The non-juring Revd Henry Murray, who had ministered to the Congregation in Perth, fled the town in 1716, but returned six years later, when the initial persecution had died down, and continued until his death in 1735. He had as assistant the Revd Lawrence Drummond. Drummond was a mild-mannered and sickly cleric. At this time, there was a controversy between the 'Usagers', who favoured a greater use of liturgical forms, whereas the 'Anti-Usagers' preferred *ex tempore* prayer, after the Presbyterian manner. The Managers of the Congregation were strong 'Anti-Usagers' and, in Canon Farquhar's words [*Episcopacy in Perth* p. 137], regarded 'the distinction between the Church and Presbyterians more as one of taste than of principle...and bishops and clergy as the employees of a religious society managed by themselves, than as persons inheriting a spiritual commission deriving from Christ'. Mr Drummond acceded to the wishes of the Managers. In 1739 they appointed the Revd Robert Lyon as assistant to Mr Drummond. Imagine their consternation when Mr Lyon, an ardent priest of twenty-nine, began to introduce a more liturgical form of service and advocated private confession, which, in the eyes of many, smacked of Popery. Bishop Rattray offered to mediate between the two parties. His peaceable overtures were rejected by the Managers. Mr Lyon and his personal congregation of about fifty were forced to rent a house for worship. In his stead the Revd George Semphill was appointed, who officiated without license from the Bishop.

Mr Lyon did not pray for any king 'because for many years it hath not been the practice of our Church'. He preached 'the plain truth of the Gospel without touching on political matters...the universal doctrine and practice of Christ's Church in her purest ages, before the manifold errors of Popery on the one hand and Presbyterianism on the other', that is, 'the Apostolick governance of Bishops and the Liturgy'. In his writings, despite his avowed apolitical stance, Lyon declared that James VII had been unlawfully deposed by the Edinburgh Convention of 1689, and he hoped that the Stuarts would repeal the legislation against the Episcopal Church. Semphill's congregation accused him of Jacobitism and rebellion.

Bonnie Prince Charlie entered Perth in September 1745 and was welcomed by many of the gentry. His soldiers were encamped on the North Inch. He attended the Middle Kirk of St John's and heard a sermon by an Episcopalian priest. Robert Lyon displayed the letters C.P.R. [Charles Prince Regent] in the windows of his house, a fact noted by George Miller, the Town Clerk and a staunch Hanoverian. Lyon decided to follow the Prince's army into England, serving as Chaplain to Lord Ogilvy's Regiment. He wrote later: 'I never bore arms, for I thought this inconsistent with my sacred character.'

After Culloden, 16th April, 1746, Lyon was captured and imprisoned at Montrose, then York, and later moved to Carlisle for trial. He was sentenced to execution on 28th October, along with seventy-six others. In prison, he administered the Sacrament according to the Scottish Prayer Book of 1637. He wrote to his mother: 'In obedience to the precept...of my Blessed Master, Jesus Christ, I heartily and cheerfully forgive...George Miller, Town Clerk of Perth. Lord! Grant him the repentance that he may obtain forgiveness of God. And more especially do I forgive the Elector of Hanover, by virtue of whose unlawful commission I am brought to a public and violent death, and whom I consider my greatest enemy, because [*sic*] the mortal enemy of Holy Mother Church, of my King and my country.'

At the scaffold, he spoke for about twenty minutes and included these words: 'I heartily thank God's holy providence for vouchsafing me the honour and felicity of dying for the sake of conscience, and of sealing with my blood those heavenly truths I have mentioned.' After reading the Collect for the day and then that for St Stephen's Day, he submitted to the executioner. Some of his blood was collected and preserved in a ring with the inscription on the outside: *Mr Robert Lyon E.S.P. (Ecclesiae Scoticanae Presbyter) 28th October 1746 aetat. 36.* On the inside was written: *pro rege et patria trucidato.*

The Episcopal Church had its martyr. In the years to come, its priests faced persecution and poverty, but with a different form of courage – that of patience in adversity. How they fared will be related in my next article.

David Willington

2009 Babies

During 2009 it became evident that many babies were being born to families in the St. John's congregation. Malcolm Nixon and I have made a collection of all we could identify and we hope readers will enjoy meeting the new arrivals in this Christmas number of Quest.

Sue Moncrieff



On 27th October 2009, Hannah Ruth Buxel was born at home to Morag and Heiko, weighing 7lb 15oz — a little sister for Adrian and Laura and a fifth grandchild for Jean Hendry.



Alexander Frederick Smith, born to Vanessa and Christopher Smith. Grandson to Murray and Margaret Smith.



Anna Catharine Findlay was born at Ninewells Hospital on 26th July 2009 to Catharine and Mark Findlay. Her brother Jacob is aged 2 and she is the fourth grandchild for Alan and Eunice McPherson.



On 10th September 2009, Alice Helena Mitchell was born to Mary and Adam at Kingston Hospital, weighing 8lbs 6 ozs — first grandchild for John and Sue Moncrieff.



On 25th April 2009, Alec William Cooper Wilkinson was born to Lora and Anthony at Mount Elizabeth Hospital in Singapore, weighing 6lb 13oz – third grandchild for Patricia and Ranald Noel-Paton.



On 7th July 2009, to Kirsty and Tom Cornell, a son, Walter Ralph, born in the PRI and weighing 10lbs 3oz. A brother for Maisie and Albert and grandson for Ranald and Patricia Noel-Paton.



On 19th July 2009, Bryn Thomas Hockaday was born in Ninewells Hospital to Ed and Sian Hockaday. He weighed 7lb 3oz, a weight that he has since doubled! It is expected that he will be much travelled, having grandparents in Deganwy, North Wales and Falmouth, Cornwall besides a great-grandmother in Brighton and assorted aunts, uncles and cousins in Brighton and Edinburgh.



Benjamin Hugh Cameron Cooper, born on 19th June 2009 to Louise and Robert Cooper and first grandchild for David and Mary Willington.

A fifth grandchild for John and Val Fox, Cuba James, was born on 6th May 2009, in Edinburgh, a son for Iain and Csilla and a little brother for Clara



We are delighted to have joined the growing band of grandparents in St John's. For us it has been a double pleasure as both Elizabeth and Rachel have had babies. Elizabeth gave birth to Alexander William (left) in



Edinburgh, on 11th June and four days later on 15th June, Rachel gave birth to Lucy Megan (right) in Stirling. They are both thriving and gorgeous (of course). We are so lucky to have them close by so we can watch them grow up and be at hand for all the important baby-sitting duties!! **It's going to be a very special Christmas this year.**



Aidan Steeves was born on 15th November 2009 in St Francis Hospital, Wilmington, Delaware, USA. First child of Kristofor and Meegan Steeves; first grandchild of Caryl and Bruce Steeves. Weight 8lb 2oz.

Daniel Edward Galbraith was born at 4.01am on 20th April 2009 at the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, a second son for daughter Jo-Ann and son-in-law Iain and a brother for James. He weighed in at 8lb 14ozs and the accompanying photograph was taken in hospital during the afternoon **of the 20th. Daniel's grandparents are Bill and Christine Bracewell** and he was baptised at St. John's on 18th October.

CHANSONS

Christmas

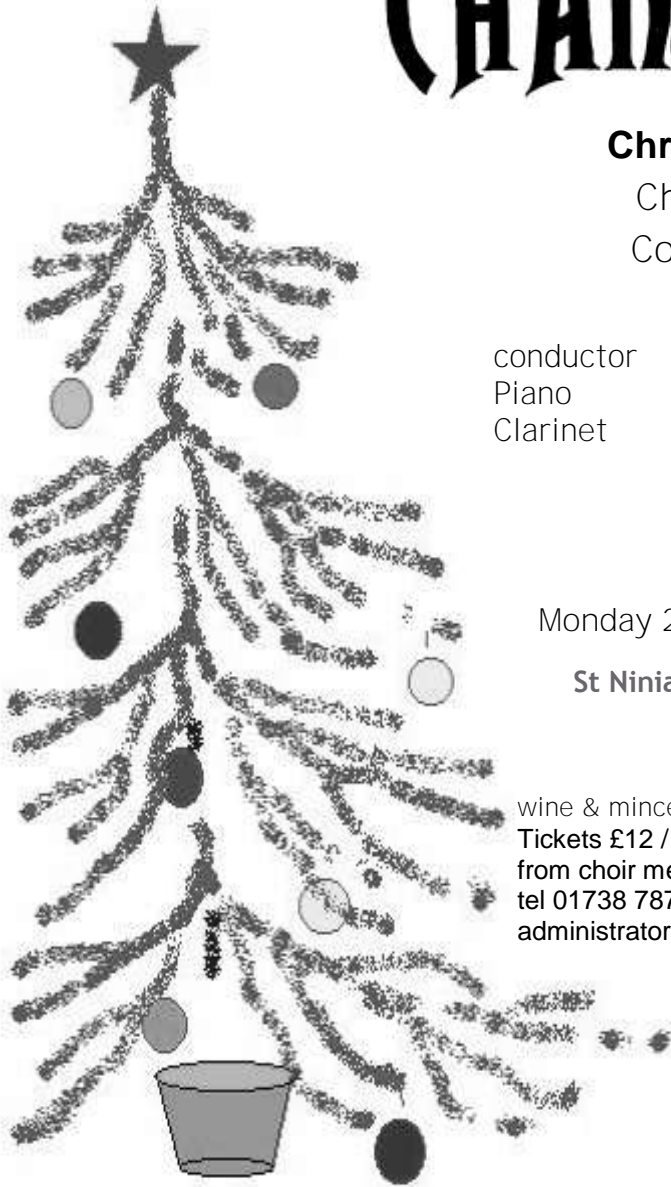
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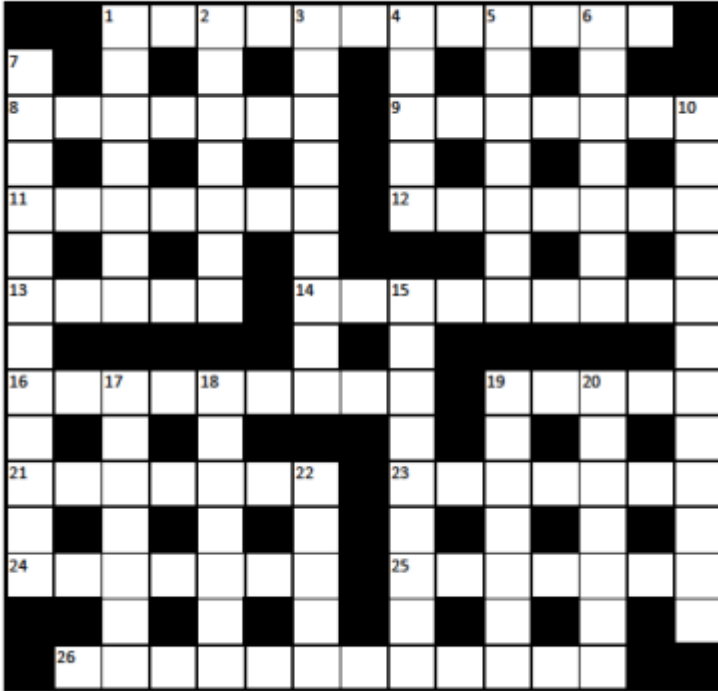
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Crossword by David Willington



Across

- 1 Nay, pity vital for this Christmas show (8,4)
- 8 From intelligence, for example, the queen makes a whole number (7)
- 9 Writer and Granny, though on time, flag (7)
- 11 Love one bairn; capital! (7)
- 12 A parcel on holiday (7)
- 13 Soldier acquired joint of lamb (5)
- 14 A! See an age in the Mediterranean (6,3)
- 16 '--- ----- **told the Sexton, and the Sexton tolled the bell**' (3,6)
- 19 Military policeman loses old penny in going over point again (5)
- 21 A manager, without energy, composes this type of clue (7)
- 23 **Element lies in the house; it's under mouse, primarily** (7)
- 24 Do these beetles leave scar? Absurd! (7)
- 25 Jolly king becomes a sailor (7)
- 26 Newspaper messengers you must listen to (6,6)

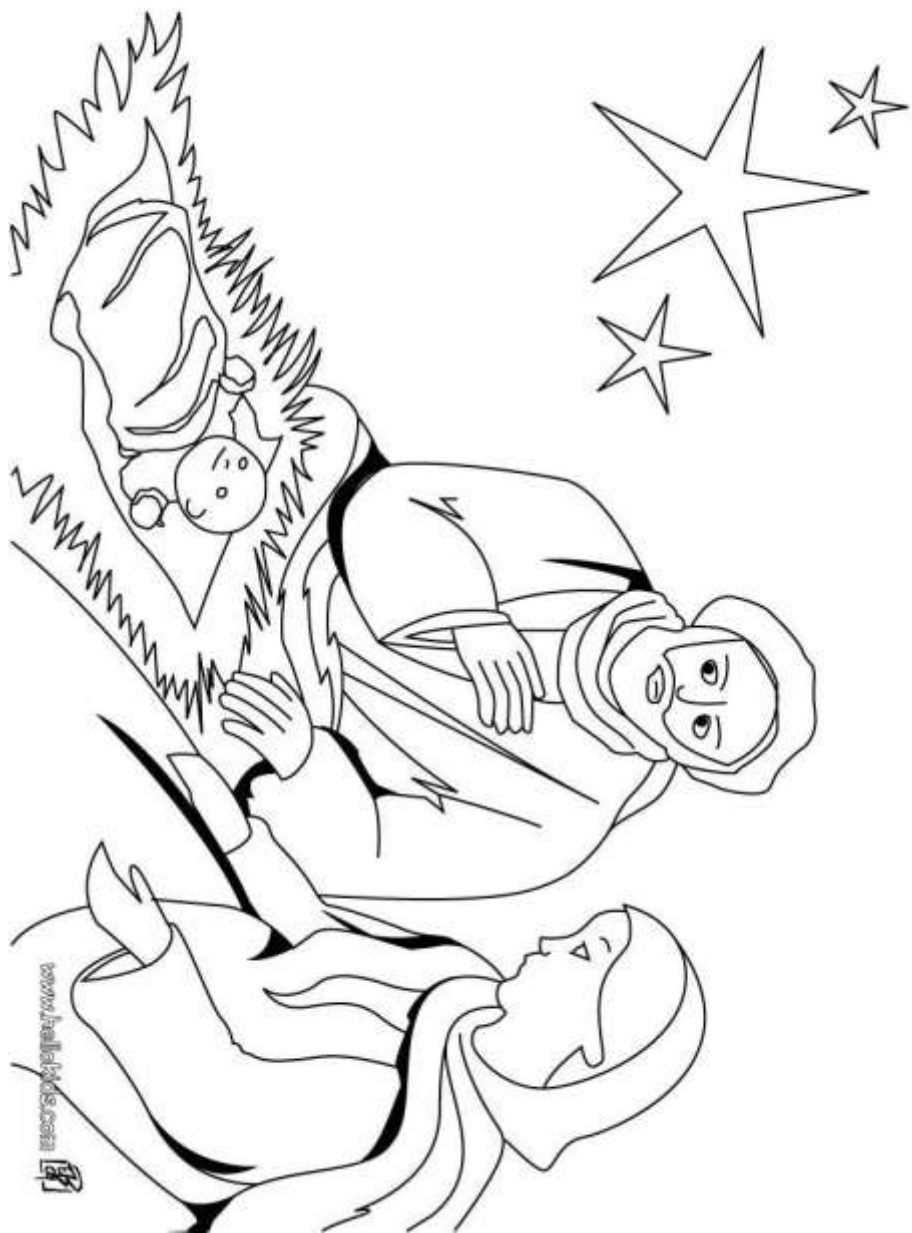
Down

- 1 Hot drink by name produces - zilch! (7)
- 2 German submarine to go, initially, behind this vessel (7)
- 3 **Mary and gangster's instrument** (9)
- 4 Extra for the dog (3,2)
- 5 Greek god, expert, has a cure (7)
- 6 A tax for incarnate gods (7)
- 7 **Service 'On the Eve of Christ's Nativity'** (8,4)
- 10 '**Christians, awake, salute** --- -----' (3,5,4)
- 15 They might prefer blondes (9)
- 17 Consume fellow with energy, it may appear (7)
- 18 A bishop and one cooker make a composer (7)
- 19 After work, he settles about Hebridean island (7)
- 20 Hundred enlist as customers (7)
- 22 **One of the Nine died, it's thought** (5)

The four long outer clues have a Christmas theme.

Answers in the next issue of Quest.

Please give your completed crosswords to David Willington (in person or by leaving them in the rotating letter stand) by midday on Christmas Day. A liquid prize will be awarded to the submitter of the first correct entry opened on Christmas Day. The solution and the name of the lucky (and skilled!) winner will be printed in the next issue of Quest.



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