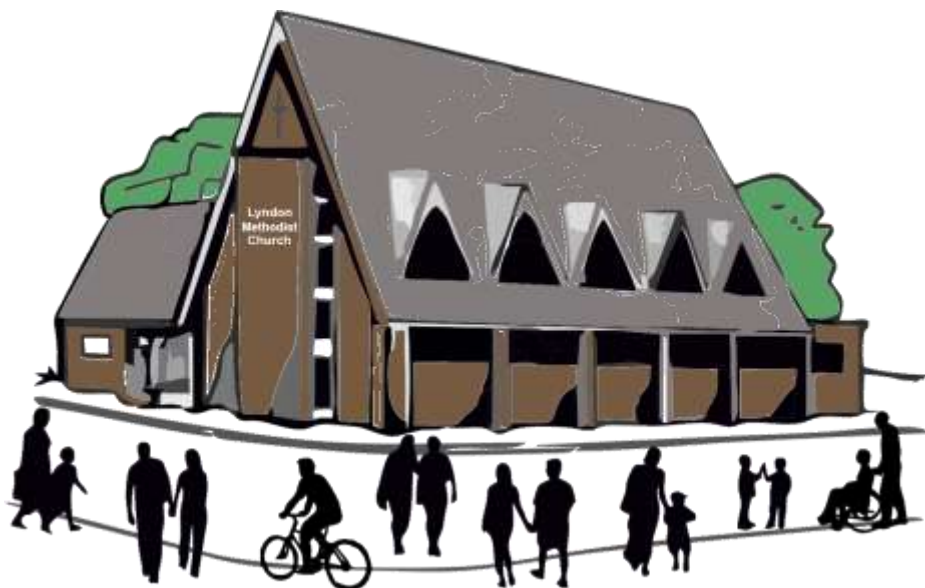


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## MINISTER'S LETTER

### THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT II

In the previous article on the "Work of the Holy Spirit" we saw how the Spirit works in people to bring them to Christ in the new birth. In this article we shall explore what the Spirit does in the born-again believer. It will be needful to emphasize that there is a difference between what the Spirit does in the unbeliever and what he does in the believer. The primary work of the Spirit in unbelievers is to convict them of their sins and bring them to faith in Christ. In the believer however, the Spirit enables them to be in continual fellowship with God.



Our Lord Jesus taught extensively on the work the Spirit does in the life of the believer in the gospel of John. In John 14 v26 our Lord said,

**"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you".**

We learn three precious facts from the above scripture

1. The Holy Spirit is called "helper." He is with us and dwells in us permanently to help us with all we do. We can depend on his help emotionally, mentally, physically, and spiritually. How comforting to know that God is not far away in heaven but dwells in us (closer to us than our breath) through this Holy Spirit to HELP us in all our endeavor's. When we look in the Bible, we see great things that people accomplished through the help of the Holy Spirit. Dear friend you have all the help you need. That help is available through the Holy Spirit. If you have truly received Christ as Lord and saviour his Holy Spirit is in you to give you all the help you need.
2. Secondly, we learn from the above scripture that the Holy Spirit will teach us **ALL THINGS**. The Spirit is our teacher. When you read the Bible, he will teach you what it means and how to apply it in your daily life. Without the teaching of the Holy Spirit you may have some intellectual facts from the Bible and sermons, but it will hardly be of any practical benefit to you. When you hear a sermon, he will teach you what it means and how to apply it to your daily life. The Holy Spirit will teach you how to do your work in your profession, how to be a good wife or husband or parent. How to manage your affairs in life, how to walk with God. Remember Jesus said, "He will teach you **ALL THINGS**".
3. The third truth we learn from the scripture quoted above is that the Holy Spirit will bring to our memory what Christ says. The Book of James says that if we hear God's word and forget it, we deceive ourselves. Sometimes we think that because we have been to church, we are blessed! That is true only if we remember what we learned in church. Consider the scripture below:



**But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does. James 1. 22- 25**

Merely hearing or reading God's word makes us deceive ourselves! Because we imagine we are blessed when we are not in any way better. Perhaps we are even worse off because we are deceiving ourselves. The one who has not heard God's word is under no illusion. A person may hear from God's word that "God will supply all our need" and rejoice but when they are in need they forget the word and start to mourn and mope and be anxious. The Solution to the problem of forgetting God's word is the work of the Holy Spirit in reminding us of what God has said continually in our daily lives. Let us continually ask and implore the Holy Spirit to do in our lives the work he came to do. No promise of God works automatically in our lives. We must know the promise, believe it and claim it in prayer through faith. - **To be continued**

*Rev Joseph Ribeiro*

## Thought for the Month

**"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream." – C.S. Lewis**





## “Once in royal David’s city” – some thoughts

We shall still be in the Christmas period in the liturgical year when this issue of the magazine is published so we are going to explore a few thoughts on this well-known carol which is 214 in Singing the Faith. It is the carol which is traditionally sung at the beginning of many carol services.

### Verse 1

*Once in royal David’s city  
Stood a lowly cattle shed,  
where a mother laid her baby  
In a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ her little child.*

Have you noticed that the city is not named? It was Bethlehem, and its description as a city is in contrast to the writer of “O little town of Bethlehem” (STF 213) who describes it as being small. Which was it? It was in fact a humble small town about 6 miles south of Jerusalem. Because of its important connection with royalty the writer of this carol uses poetic licence in describing it as a city to emphasise its importance.



The Church in Bethlehem

Bethlehem was also known as Ephrathah and was the place to which God directed Samuel to visit, to anoint David as a future king of Israel. (1 Samuel 16 v1-13)

Years before, it was the town to which Ruth, a non-Jewess, returned as a widow with her mother-in-law. Here she met a relative, Boaz, who she married. Through their son Obed, she became the great grandmother of king David.

The prophet Micah prophesied that out of Bethlehem would come “one who would be ruler over Israel, whose origins were of old” (Micah 5 v2)

Seven hundred years later this prophecy was fulfilled with the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. Matthew traces the ancestry of Joseph back to David and beyond, and by a different route Luke traces the ancestry of Mary back to David.



## Verse 2

*He came down to earth from heaven  
who is God and Lord of all,  
and his shelter was a stable,  
and his cradle was a stall;  
with the needy, poor and lowly  
lived on earth our Saviour holy.*



Panoramic view of the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem

This verse asserts the fact that Jesus was coexistent with his father before his coming to earth in human form.

In the gospel of John, we read these words “In the beginning was the Word (Jesus), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that was made.” (John 1 v1-3)

In a prayer to his father, Jesus confirmed his pre-existence when he prayed “you loved me before the creation of the world.” (John 17 v24)

Jesus left the glory of being with his father in heaven to be born humbly in a manger. After Herod had given orders for all boys in Bethlehem under two years of age to be killed, Joseph and Mary took Jesus to Egypt where they became refugees. The rejection of Jesus began right from the time of his birth. (Matthew 2 v13-15)



His entry into the world was lowly and not what would be expected of someone who is king of kings. During his ministry he reached out to the sick, bereaved, and outcasts.

Later on, during his ministry, he said to a would-be follower, "The Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head" (Matthew 8 v21)

### Verse 3

*And our eyes at last shall see him,  
through his own redeeming love.  
for that child so dear and gentle  
is our Lord in heaven above:  
and he leads his children on  
to the place where he has gone.*

The verse opens with the assurance that we shall see him in heaven which is possible through his redeeming love. In the gospel of John, we read these words "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3 v16)

It is this love of God which sent his son to the cross to redeem the world.

At his ascension, Jesus returned to his father in heaven, and it is to there that he leads us. During his ministry on earth Jesus taught the way of life his followers should adopt if they wished to be true disciples.

The way for us to have the hope and assurance of being with him in heaven is to respond positively to those words from the gospel of John, quoted above, by acknowledging that we are sinful, accept the forgiveness which he offers, and seek to walk in his way from day to day.



Crucifixion of Jesus



## Verse 4

*Not in that poor lowly stable,  
with the oxen standing by,  
we shall see him; but in heaven,  
set at God's right hand on high;  
there his children gather round  
bright like stars, with glory crowned.*

We are reminded in this verse that we shall have to wait until we reach heaven before we can see him. The verse confirms the confidence we can have in looking forward to a place in heaven.

One of the teachings of John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist church, was that we can have this assurance.

When Jesus was on the cross, one of the criminals who was on a cross beside him realised who Jesus was and asked him to remember him when he came to his kingdom. Jesus replied, "Today you will be with me in paradise." (Luke 23 v42-43)

Finally, the last two lines allude to the glory of being with Christ in heaven.

Jesus took Peter, James and John up a mountain where he was transfigured before them. This means that his appearance completely changed. "The appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendour, talking with Jesus. (Luke 9 v30-31). This experience reminded Jesus of the glory he had left behind, and which would be his when he returned to the Father. It would give him strength to endure the agony which was to follow. It also gave the disciples a glimpse of the glory of heaven.

*Barry Davis*





## Christmas at Lyndon 2025

Christmas at Lyndon this year started early with the Christmas Fayre at the end of November.

This year's theme was based around the Nutcracker, and Nutcracker soldiers started to appear round the centre from the middle of November as planning and preparations got under way. By the time we got to the date of the fayre itself, there were nutcracker soldiers lining the corridor of the church centre, standing guard in the passage between the main church and the centre and outside the Wesley room which had been magically transformed into Santa's grotto as the big man himself also made an appearance, welcoming children (and adults!) in to come and speak to him and giving them a small gift.



We had loads of different stalls both in the main hall and in the church, encompassing many different things including gifts, Christmas items, handicrafts, chocolate, books, groceries, face painting and, one of my favourites, the cake stall! The kitchen was also well used selling bacon and sausage rolls and hot drinks, including hot chocolate loaded with cream and marshmallows! We also had a plethora of competitions including a raffle, guess the weight of the Christmas cake and guess the number of sweets in the jar which all went down well.





We were again serenaded in the church by the excellent Song Squad from Olton Primary School.

Over £750 was raised to go into church funds which was a great achievement. Thanks must go again this year to Rebecca Marks who spearheaded the Fayre again this year as well as to all those other people who offered up their time and services to ensure that the Fayre was a success.

On the third Sunday of Advent, Rev Ribiero led our gift service. This year we were asked to supply gifts of chocolate and toiletries for the children of Lyndon House, a respite centre for children with learning disabilities which is based just up the road from our church.



Our crib service this year was very different with not a crib in site as we focussed on the words from the book of Isaiah predicting the coming of Jesus, using a drama set in Isaiah's Place with 3 trainee caretakers, or Deputy Assistant Broad Responsibility Officers, speculating on the nature of the special delivery that had been prophesied by Isaiah, ending with the remark "You're not going to believe what's just happened in the stable .....". Adults and children alike were given the opportunity to make coloured candles reflecting the fact that Jesus is the light of the world. We sang a relatively new carol, This Child, using a YouTube version to support us, which is sung in a calypso-type rhythm, and ended singing O Come and Join the Dance, a carol we have sung before, but this time we were led by Jo Hancock singing the lead part with the rest of the congregation answering her

which seemed to go down very well. It is unusual to get a round of applause in a service, but this service resulted in two!!



This year's candlelit carol service was well attended and the church looked amazing in the glow of candlelight. This was the traditional service of lessons and carols reflecting the whole of the Christmas story. After the service, people congregated in the lounge





for refreshments and to continue the fellowship.

For the first time for a few years, we also held a Christmas Eve communion service, although this was held earlier in the evening than normal. The service was a joint service with RCCG (The Redeemed Christian Church of God) who also worship in our building. The service was jointly led by both Rev Joseph Ribiero and Pastor Kenny and members of both churches, as well as members from South Yardley Methodist Church also attended.

There was no service at Lyndon on Christmas Day, but members were invited to attend the service held at South Yardley Methodist church, led by Rev Joseph Ribiero.

There will also be another joint service on 31<sup>st</sup> December, New Year's Eve, which at the time of writing this article had not yet taken place. Again, the service will be led by the ministers of both churches, and I pray that it will be well attended.

The collection at the Carols by Candlelight and Christmas Eve services was for the benefit of the South Yardley pantry and over £275 was raised which I am sure will be gratefully received.

The church was also used for nativity services by Olton Primary School children from year 1 and year 2, and by children from a local nursery.

Once again, a busy Advent and Christmas season for Lyndon.

*Lynne Tyler*





## Prayer For January & February

Please continue to pray for peace across the world. As peace talks continue between Ukraine and Russia, supported by US and European countries, we pray that God's influence will be felt by the leaders, guiding them to make the right decisions for all concerned so that peace can finally prevail.



Please pray for those who are affected by natural disasters and issues of climate change which are causing a detrimental effect on their livelihoods and putting many lives at risk. Please also pray for the many charities, agencies and medical personnel who are giving help where possible, often in dangerous situations. May we also strive to do what we can to limit our own negative impact on the world and support these agencies where we can.

We pray for members of our own congregation and in our wider community who are sick or struggling to leave home, those who are anxiously waiting for tests, test results or operations and those who are facing an uncertain future due to job losses, money worries, homelessness etc. We also pray for those that have recently been bereaved. May they all feel our love reaching out to them and feel God's healing and comforting hand upon them, bringing them peace.

Please pray for the doctors, nurses, care workers and volunteers. Give them the skills and strength they need to support those in need.

We also pray for our services in January and February and all those that lead them that we can all be truly uplifted and feel God's presence in all that we do.

We pray for all those volunteers that help our services to run smoothly, so that we can bring God's love and message to our community.

Amen



## CAP A big, heartfelt Thank You from people we may never know

I wanted to write and say Thank You again to everyone who recently responded so lovingly and generously to the appeal I made back in November in support of the Christmas Appeal from Christians Against Poverty. As a church we gave an incredible £536.00. The impact that CAP's help can have on people can be clearly seen in the message that we received from CAP shown below:



Dear Lyndon Methodist Church,

You've done it - we've received your donation.

Thank you for your donation of £536.00 towards the work of Christians Against Poverty. Each gift is so valuable and will be used to transform lives, equip churches to thrive and move towards an end to UK poverty.

You're playing a huge part in transforming lives across the UK. Every year, our local church-based services get to share the hope of Jesus, and many respond to the gospel.

**One CAP client said, 'I am no longer scared about the future; I am now debt free and I can breathe again. Since joining CAP I became a Christian and was baptised last May. I am now proud to say that I have the Lord in my life and in my heart.'**

We rely on the generosity of churches, organisations and people like you who share our passion to bring justice and salvation to the lost and hurting. Thank you for joining us, as together we strive towards the world we want to see; transformed lives, thriving churches and an end to UK poverty.

Every blessing,

Rachel Law  
Supporter Care & Connection Manager

If anyone didn't get chance to see the appeal video I shared, you can watch it still on Youtube - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gfRYB5ir5kU> Be sure to have a tissue or two ready to wipe the tears away.



I am sat here writing this article on Christmas Eve – in the lull before the storm of Christmas – and have just read my latest update from CAP – reflecting upon some of the results that have been possible in 2025 thanks to the generosity of supporters and the work undertaken by countless volunteers from numerous churches: -



**1,987+**

people accepted prayer for the first time



**543+**

people accessed the wider support of the local church



**382**

people came along to a church service for the first time



**140**

people said 'yes' to following Jesus for the first time



**1,062+**

people accepted a Bible or gospel tract



**82**

people recommitted their lives to Jesus

This year I have started a volunteer role with a local CAP Debt Centre that sees me, in my role as a Befriender, accompanying a CAP Debt Manager visiting people – referred to as clients - who have reached out for help. We generally meet the person needing help in their home at a time of their choosing and we listen to them as they tell us about the position they are in. Our role is to re-assure them that they don't need to feel alone in facing the issues confronting them, that help is at hand, that their situation can be resolved and that there is always a way out of the position they are in. The hardest part is usually hearing what the client has had to go through and the challenges they have had to endure. Often, they are things completely outside of their own control and you realise how these situations could come upon any of us. There but for the Grace of God is the saying that springs to mind.

Then begins the task of assembling all the details of the debts the client is facing so that the folks at CAP's offices can reach out to the person's creditors to say CAP are working with the client to construct a repayment plan – this usually buys some breathing space – the chasing letters and threatening phone calls stop and the bailiffs stop appearing at the front door. Once the whole picture is confirmed, a practical solution is agreed with the client – usually a repayment plan or sometimes other solutions are needed. Once all are agreed, the client can then hopefully stick to the plan and eventually clear their debts.

Along the journey they are supported by the Debt manager, a Befriender and are usually introduced to folks from the local church providing the Debt Centre service.



Many clients become involved to some degree with the church, and the figures above bear rich testament to the power of God in their lives.

I have found it incredibly rewarding work and look forward to meeting more people who need CAP's help in the coming years.

The church at which the Debt Centre I am working with is based – St Lukes in Central Birmingham, also invited me to help out with their annual Christmas hamper delivery yesterday. Over 150 hampers were delivered to some of the neediest families in central Birmingham. God's work is truly alive and being done.



As I sit here now and look forward to tomorrow and sharing Christmas Day with Katie and Adam, a final reflection on the Christmas story, which also leapfrogs us forward into Easter – all will become clear – from Andy Smith (no relation), Head of Discipleship, Christians Against Poverty:-

“Compared to the other characters we’ve met, Jesus only makes an appearance right at the end of the Christmas story! And yet it is his act of self-giving which makes the whole story a miracle.

Jesus was with the Father at the moment of creation. He had the very highest place in heaven, and he laid his glory aside, emptying himself ‘of all but love’ as Charles Wesley tells us. He was born in an ordinary family, to live a human life, and



ultimately to die on the cross.

Through his generous love, we can receive free and full forgiveness, a new start in this life, and eternal life with him. With such love and sacrifice given to us, what can we give in return?

In the hymn 'When I survey the wondrous cross', Isaac Watts writes:

**'Were the whole realm of nature mine**

**That were an offering far too small.**

**Love so amazing, so divine**

**Demands my soul, my life, my all.'**

In response to this generous love of our Saviour, we must offer our love to God and to those who need his love so desperately. The world is full of desperate people who do not know where to turn. Some of them turn to CAP, and the churches that partner with CAP"

So, thank you to you for your support and your on-going encouragement to me.

God Bless

*Ian Smith*

Editor's note:

If you know of someone struggling with debt, let them know that free support is available. To contact CAP, simply visit [www.capuk.org/debthelp](http://www.capuk.org/debthelp) or call their free debt helpline on 0800 328 0006.

Or, if you feel that you could offer to help in a more practical way, there is also a lot of information on the CAP website of the different ways you could help including regular or one off donations, leaving a gift in your will, joining a campaign or helping as a volunteer. I'm sure Ian would be happy to speak to you if you have any questions, too.



## Lyndon Christmas Card 2025



Unfortunately we didn't have time to produce and distribute copies of the church Christmas card this year to those that could not attend the services, so we agreed with Claire that we would publish the messages within as part of the Jan/Feb magazine, and here they are. Hopefully, for Christmas 2026, we will be able to send copies of the new card as previously.

Merry  
Christmas  
Gom Jayne

Maled Giff  
Happy Xmas

Happy Christmas  
+ hope for a great  
2026  
Claire  
+ me

Happy Christmas Everyone  
Love Maisie + Alan  
xxx

Happy Christmas to  
all our "friends"  
Judith + Chris  
xx

Happy Christmas  
Love Rose  
Hilary +

Happy Christmas  
all  
Julie

Best Wishes for  
Christmas & a Happy  
New Year to all our  
friends at Lyndon  
From Brenda & Barry



Blessed Christmas, to All.  
"God loves us"

Ira Joyce & leaves.

Mary Christmas

Happy Christmas

to all my wonderful  
friends I have made.

Love Linda xx  
xx

Wishing you  
a blessed  
Christmas and  
New Year  
to / x

Happy Christmas  
to all  
we care  
+

Love to every one  
Wishing you all a  
Merry Christmas  
Happy Christmas  
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With love  
best wishes to all  
and happy New Year  
Good Bless  
Thank You

Love to all at  
Christmas -

Happy Christmas  
New Year love from  
xx  
Glynis Sarah and Tany

xxxxxx  
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Merry  
Christmas!  
Rebecca x

with love  
+ very best wishes  
from Pam + Ken

Wishing all a  
very happy Christmas  
and healthy new year  
love Kate

With much love and  
best wishes for a  
wonderful New Year  
from Brenda

John  
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Marie

all best wishes for Christmas  
and the New Year

Sarah and Tony

Very Best Wishes  
to all at Lynston

Happy Christmas

and a good 2026  
Margaret B. 2026

Merry Christmas Everyone.  
With best wishes for  
a happy + healthy  
2026

Sarah M  
xx



Happy Christmas Forevermore  
Love from Sylvia  
x

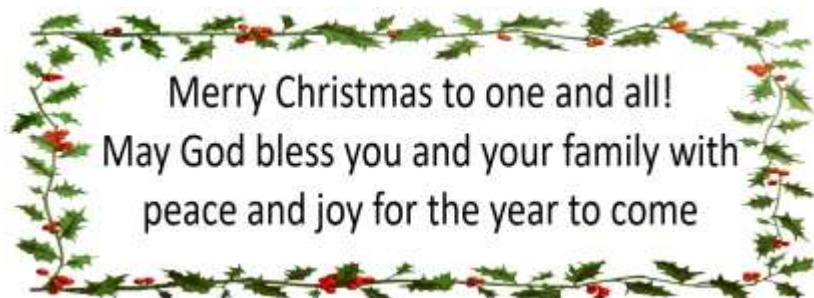
Merry Christmas  
and a happy New Year  
from Noah A-T and Sam

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to all at  
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Christmas Blessings  
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Merry Christmas  
to our church family  
May you have  
a blessed one  
Sophie, Noah  
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and a happy  
new year  
from Sophia and  
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Val Warwick





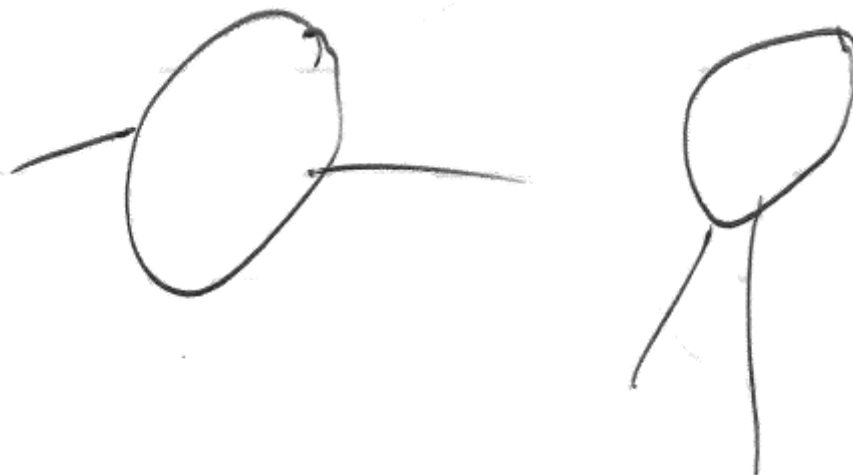
## A Lesson Learnt

Teaching in a large Birmingham nursery school certainly had its lighter moments!

I had been asked to lead the morning session of a staff training day in which I'd guide younger, inexperienced colleagues towards useful end of year assessments to send up to "big school".

I'd settled on drawing a picture of a person as one of them, so I sat my challenging group of children down one Monday morning and provided them with drawing materials. (My group of children contained the ones with the most difficult behaviour and learning problems because I was an experienced and qualified teacher.) We sang, "Head, shoulders, knees and toes", together (well more or less!) to (hopefully!) use up any excess energy. I then asked the children to look very carefully at me and draw what they could see.

For a couple of children, a quick circle with two sticks pointing down or outwards was all they could produce i.e.



Most children spent a little longer on their drawings and proudly pointed out eyes, nose, arms, legs, hair etc.





One serious and conscientious little girl was still working on her drawing quite a while after the others had gone off to play. I asked her to show it to me and found a large number of lines (wrinkles!) drawn all over my face! I asked her what they were and she very gently touched the 'laughter lines' on my face.

That drawing went up on the staffroom noticeboard with "Guess Who?" written underneath to make us all smile on darker days.

Needless to say, I never asked the children to draw me again!!

*Pam Walton*





## Flowers and Christmas decorations at Lyndon 2025

The flower ladies at Lyndon have been very busy over the last couple of months producing some wonderful displays, both for Remembrance Sunday and over Christmas. In addition, a separate team of helpers worked to install and decorate the Christmas tree at the front of the church.

Not only did they do the flowers, the flower team also set up the candles and mini Christmas trees which were lit up to make the church look beautiful for the candlelit carol service on the evening of 21<sup>st</sup> December.

Thanks must go to all those people who helped to decorate the church both at Christmas and week in, week out as part of our flower ministry. Thanks must also go to those who contribute so generously to pay for the flowers.

This is an important part of our ministry at Lyndon, and we still have not been able to appoint a new flower co-ordinator. Please consider whether you are able to help in this vital role and if you want to know more, please speak to Lorraine Sibson.

Thank you









# January & February Quiz

All the answers are to do with Christmas

1	Quantity of black sheeps' wool	
2	Together they are just short of a metre	
3	Between calling birds and turtle doves	
4	Length of a round in boxing	
5	Donald's nephews	
6	Causes many a stumble on school sports day	
7	The Brownlee brothers won Olympic medals in what sport?	
8	Opening of speech by Mark Antony	
9	Minimum level of car insurance	
10	A group of related novels	
11	A book by Alexandre Dumas	
12	Song from The Mikado	
13	Biblical life expectancy	
14	Formal attire with waistcoat	
15	They followed a star	
16	How many wheels on Del Boy's car?	
17	Neptune and Britannia both hold what 3-pronged thing?	
18	Who had a part of their body amputated by the spouse of an agricultural worker?	

Answers please to Lynne Tyler or Church Email

by 15th February 2025



## EPIPHANY... WORDSEARCH

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### November & December Quiz Answers

1) ANGEL FALLS 2) TURKEY 3) SANTA'S LITTLE HELPER 4) ALL CAROLS 5) TWELFTH NIGHT 6) NOEL 7) RINGO STARR 8) THE SNOWMAN 9) GERMAN SHEPHERD 10) HOLLY WILLOUGHBY 11) THE KING'S SPEECH 12) SANTA'S GROTTO 13) IVY LEAGUE 14) ROBIN 15) MARY AND JOSEPH AND THE BABE

There were 2 entries this month with 100% correct answers. Congratulations to the Moseley family and the Hunt family who both got 100% right. Commiserations to Sarah Baldwin with 1 wrong and Kate Collen with got 2 wrong. How did you do?



## **Notices & Events**

**Ladies Club - 1.30pm to 3.30pm**

Wednesday 14th and 28th January

Wednesday 11th and 25th February

### **Bible Study**

Rev Joseph Ribeiro has decided to change the way that we do Bible Study in the future. He would like to encourage everybody to attend and sees it as a meeting of the church, much on the same level of importance as the Sunday services, albeit of a different structure.

So far, there are 2 dates set up as below:

Wednesday 7th January at 7,30 pm by zoom.

The link will be given to Claire for distribution

Wednesday 21st January at 2pm - in-person meeting at church

Future meetings will be discussed at these meetings and subsequently announced in church.

### **THANK YOU!**

A big thank you to all who have contributed towards the life of the church at Lyndon and the extended community outside during the last 12 months. This includes the people who arranged, paid for and distributed the flowers and those that decorated the church for Christmas including the setting up and decoration of the Christmas tree.

Thank you to all those involved in the setting up and running of the Christmas Fayre, those that provided the items to sell, raffle or win, those that used their talents to entertain, and those that attended. It wouldn't have been a success without you all.

Thank you to all those that contributed to the various appeals and gift days—the contribution to CAP, gifts for Lyndon House at our gift service and monetary gifts through the carol service and Christmas Eve collections for the South Yardley Pantry.



## Notices & Events

Thank you to all who helped (and continue to help) with the smooth running (mostly!) of the services, who regularly give up their time to ensure that the services can be enjoyed by all. Thank you, therefore, to:

- those that have stewarded at the services—opening up the church and making sure everything is ready for the service to begin,
- those who create the PowerPoint slide shows each week and operate the computer system and the sound system,
- those who welcome everybody into the building and provide welcome refreshment and the chance to continue fellowship at the end of the service
- those who provide the music for us to listen to and sing to
- those who read the bible lessons and do the prayers of intercession
- those who have prepared the services to lead others in worship, not only the ordained ministers and lay preachers but also the members of our own congregation who take time to research, prepare and lead us in worship each week
- those who offer their time to help with the church's finances including the treasurer, those that count the collection and other income each week, and the lettings officer.
- those who support the young people within our church, the Time Out leaders and helpers, the GB officers and those involved with Stay and Play.
- those who decorate the church with their beautiful flower displays each week
- those who help with the running of the communion services
- those whose roles I have failed to mention (sorry)

**THANK YOU TO EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU**



# Services in January

## Sunday 4th January

10:30am      Covenant Service led by Rev Joseph Ribeiro

5.00pm      Lyndon People

## Sunday 11th January

10:30am      Service led by Barry Davis

## Sunday 18th January

10:30am      Service led by Lis Helliar

## Sunday 25th January

10:30am      Own arrangement service led by Jo Hancock



## **Services in February**

### **Sunday 1st February**

10:30am      Communion Service led by Rev Joseph Ribeiro

5.00pm      Lyndon People

### **Sunday 8th February**

10:30am      Leprosy Service led by a representative from the  
Leprosy Mission

### **Sunday 15th February**

10:30am      Service led by Rev Martin Freeman

### **Sunday 22nd February**

10.30am      Service led by Barry Davis



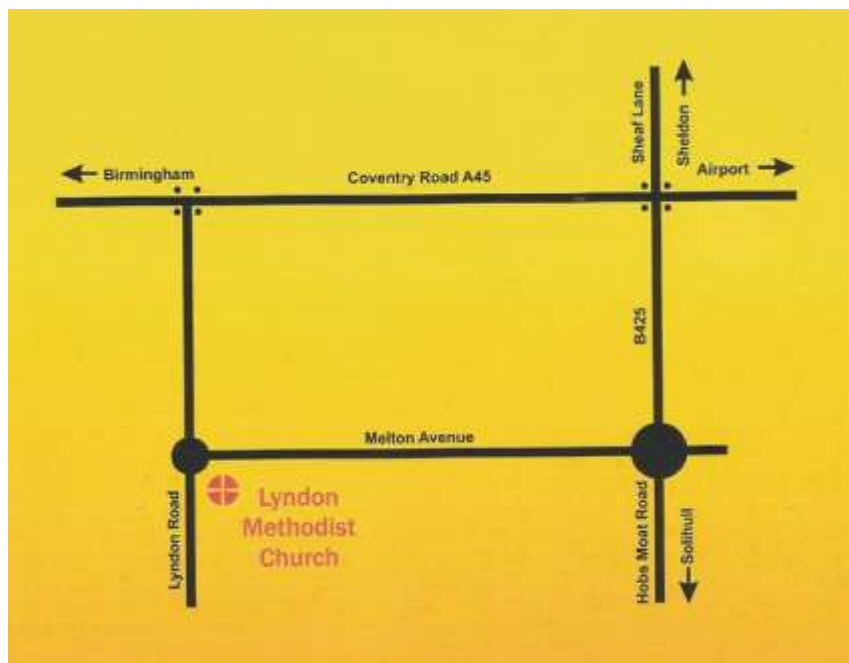
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*I am looking forward to receiving your contributions by*

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