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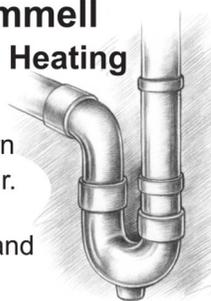
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December letter for Pathways — Our last letter from Ben

In the process of the evolution of this wonderful Creation, from time to time there have been, and presumably will continue to be, seismic shifts which move things on rapidly, or otherwise had long-term effects on our planet (and beyond). Think of the sudden disappearance of the dinosaurs, for example. I have read that this led to widespread development of flowering plants, which had started, but rapidly increased thereafter. As another, random, example, in human terms the Industrial Revolution changed the World in so many ways. Have you ever stopped to consider how quiet the planet must have been prior to the invention of engines; coupled with that, the pace of change which followed the development of the internal combustion engine? From each of these, and many, many more 'events', a "new normal" has emerged.

Who would have thought, in the run-up to last year's Christmas, we would have seen lockdowns, the requirement to wear face coverings, governments in many countries paying its workforce to *stay home*? The cost, we all know, is not just financial; physical and mental health have taken a battering, institutions such as our brilliant NHS brought very nearly to their knees, businesses going bust, and so on. Covid-19 is one of those epoch-defining moments, whereby life beyond will be different from life before. The very recent news of a working vaccine, with others to follow, is greatly encouraging, but the 'roll-out' will take time, too long for many, sadly, who will lose their lives to this virus before they can be protected. An admirable side-effect, however, has been to see the strengthening of a sense of community, a greater willingness to help people in need, and I pray that will not diminish once we all believe we're safe again.

The Incarnation, God taking human form, Christmas, was one such seismic shift: once “the Word became flesh” humanity’s understanding of the divine was changed forever. God is not external, remote, fearsome, shrouded in the darkness of unknowing

The duality of light and darkness is a universal concept. Imagine you’re in a room which is totally dark. You can’t see to move around freely. You stumble and trip because you can’t see where the obstacles are. You’re afraid of what else might be there. But when the light is turned on, everything is transformed. With the Incarnation, an inextinguishable Light came in to the world: “the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it” (John 1.8). Covid-19 has sharply reminded Christians that our task is not simply to gather together in large buildings, separated from our neighbours, but that our calling is to bring that Light into the hearts of all people. That must be our ‘new normal’; as Jesus himself summarised it: Love God, Love Neighbour. So simple!

May God bless us all at Christmas, and beyond.

Ben Flenley



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Finding comfort and joy this Christmas

One of our oldest (16th century) English carols tells us that the story of Jesus' birth as a baby into our world, is good news, bringing "tidings of comfort and joy". And don't we just need comfort and joy at this moment!

We know that Christmas will not be the same this year. The usual gatherings of family and friends will not have the same shape and carol services and Midnight Mass may not be possible either but that doesn't mean Christmas is cancelled!

This year more than ever we need to carol the words, 'comfort and joy' - to find new ways of telling the Christmas story. The Church of England and our diocesan team have shared lots of ideas of how we can bring Christmas to our communities. I'm going to be a tax collector and a donkey in some of our video re-tellings of the story!

Perhaps more important, is how we



can be messengers of comfort and joy. Who do you know who might need some comfort this Christmas?

As for joy...? Perhaps we all need to rediscover the joy of the Christmas story. What could be more wonderful than knowing that God loves us so much that even though it was costly, He chose to come and join us in a world, dark with fear and suffering, and bring the light of His presence!

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Bringing joy this Advent

The Quantock Foodbank, in partnership with Churches Together, is giving a nativity advent calendar and booklet to children at all their local first schools and associated nurseries. Churchgoers donated money for the purchase of the calendars instead of making their usual Harvest donations.

Marlene Mason, who helps run the foodbank said, "Donations from our churches have been so generous. With Christmas coming many families won't be able to buy the usual treats so, in order to bring a little joy and light into the children's lives, we have purchased the calendars. It also means we are helping others too. Proceeds from the Real Chocolate Company calendars go to fund clinics in Africa."



Planning a green Christmas?

If you don't want to forget your care for creation this Christmas, you may like to download the Environment team's handy Tips for a Green Christmas. It contains ideas about present buying, cards, decorations as well as tips on tree buying and food options. Download a copy at www.bathandwells.org.uk/environment. ■

Christingle on the move

They are on the move in Hayward Village, near Weston super Mare. Around 150 people are expected to take part in a 'moving' Christingle service. Taking into account Covid restrictions, family groups, individuals or friends, properly spaced, will set off at different

times from a starting point in the village. Using a specially designed map they will visit different locations for different parts of the service.

Want to celebrate Christingle? Visit childrenssociety.org.uk for a host of resources and ideas. ■

Starting the new year with prayer

For the last couple of years, Somerset's clergy and parishioners have met at Everyday Faith events (Archdeaconry Days), to think about how they live out their faith. The gatherings for 2021 will be online from 10 to 16 January and everyone is invited. The theme is 'Prayer – Everyone, Everywhere!'

The Archdeacon of Wells, Anne Gell, says, "As is so often the case with these events, the theme is simple, but key to how we live out our faith. Prayer is the foundation of our relationship with God and yet so many people lack confidence in praying if they don't have a written prayer in front of them. We will be



sharing examples of people from across Somerset who pray whilst drawing, skateboarding or just listening to the breeze in the grass."

On Sunday, 10 January a recorded service from Wells Cathedral will be available online. Focused on prayer, this will include a reflection from Bishop Ruth.

On Monday to Friday of that week, a short video will be released daily, featuring people talking about the ways they like to pray. Each day will focus on a different theme, such as 'prayer and nature' and 'prayer and the digital world'. The videos will be accompanied by a few suggestions of things for people to try in their own time.

On Saturday, 16 January there will be an opportunity to join others on Zoom to hear more about prayer and discuss what people have tried during the week.

Find out more about 'Prayer – Everyone, Everywhere!' and register to receive the materials at www.bathwells.org.uk/archdeaconry-days-2021. Alternatives will also be available to those who are not able to access materials online. Call Julia Hill on 01749 685114. ■

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Sir Ranulph Fiennes on his Exmoor farm.

What kept you going through your toughest challenges? At a time when we were making our living by trying to break world records, my late wife Ginny decided we could go round the earth vertically without flying, 52000 miles. It involved things which had not been done, like crossing Antarctica, which is bigger than America. We had an eight month period of darkness, living in a tiny hut under the snow, it was quite difficult from time to time. One of the things which was very helpful was my wife's pet Jack Russell Bothy, who was a huge help just playing ball, for example. We just had to learn to be patient. I wouldn't dare

to give lessons on being patient, but I know it's worth doing!

What advice would you give for people for coping with a Christmas in Covid times?

Some people who are accustomed to living alone have worked out a daily schedule, whether half an hour of TV, cooking, walking, going to sleep at a certain time. That sounds boring but it can help hugely against depression. Phoning someone up can make a day much more survivable. You can be ingenious, get a window box, paint inside, or outside, little things like that – try very hard to make yourself aim at something. That can make all the difference.

How will you cope this Christmas?

Christmas is going to be difficult for many, many people. I always say if I'm feeling despondent, read the Economist, it'll tell you what is happening to everyone else in the world, everything is relative! ■

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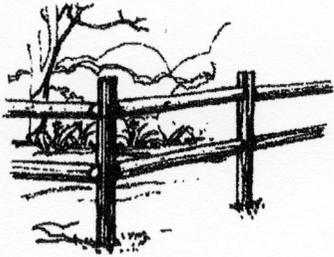
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Having no regular services since late March there has inevitably been a reduction in revenue from collections. However our expenditure has not decreased, along with all our sister churches we have had to continue to maintain our beautiful medieval church, the churchyard, service the boiler, fire extinguishers and lightning conductor, have the organ tuned as well as paying for insurance and service charges for water and electricity.

In addition, here in Sampford Brett, we now need to spend money on having the slates on the roof of the Chancel re-set as we are spending an increasing amount each year to have slipped or broken slates replaced.

It will not have escaped your notice that the church clock has not been striking the hours. Local attempts at a repair have failed so we are looking to a professional clock company to repair the striking mechanism.

How can you help?

Many people have established Standing Orders or Direct Debits set up to support the church on a regular basis and for this we are profoundly grateful, but has the amount promised been reviewed recently?

Could you consider sponsoring a grass cut?

Could you 'buy' a roof slate, or contribute towards the cost of repairing the church clock? Or to something specific to your local church?

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As the Christmas services rota had been planned before the latest lockdown and restrictions here is a reminder (*copy*) for those wishing to attend services this Christmas should we be able to go ahead. The centre rota has all of the services including the 9 lessons service at Stogumber on the 20th December. We are hoping that all restrictions will have been lifted.

Please check on the QTB site to confirm services or call the church warden should it not be able to have this planned rota.

Christmas services Because we are worried about numbers, please can everyone who wants to attend Midnight Mass at 11.00pm in Stogumber, e mail the Church Warden Julian Spicer: julianspicer@hotmail.com. This will probably have to be a ticketed event in order not to have too many people in church. We can safely accommodate approximately 50 people socially distancing – slightly more if some are in family bubbles, slightly less if there are lots of single people. Similarly Bicknoller can safely accommodate approximately 30 people, so please let me know if you want to come to their Midnight Mass at 11.00pm. There will also be the usual 2 Bethlehem Masses at Sampford Brett and Monksilver, @ 9.00 p.m on Christmas Eve, so it would be useful if you can let their churchwardens know if you intend to come. Crowcombe and Nettlecombe will have their Christmas morning services (Communion and Family Services respectively) at 10.30 on Christmas Day – again please let Churchwardens know if you would like to come. Thank you & sorry to have to be so prescriptive.



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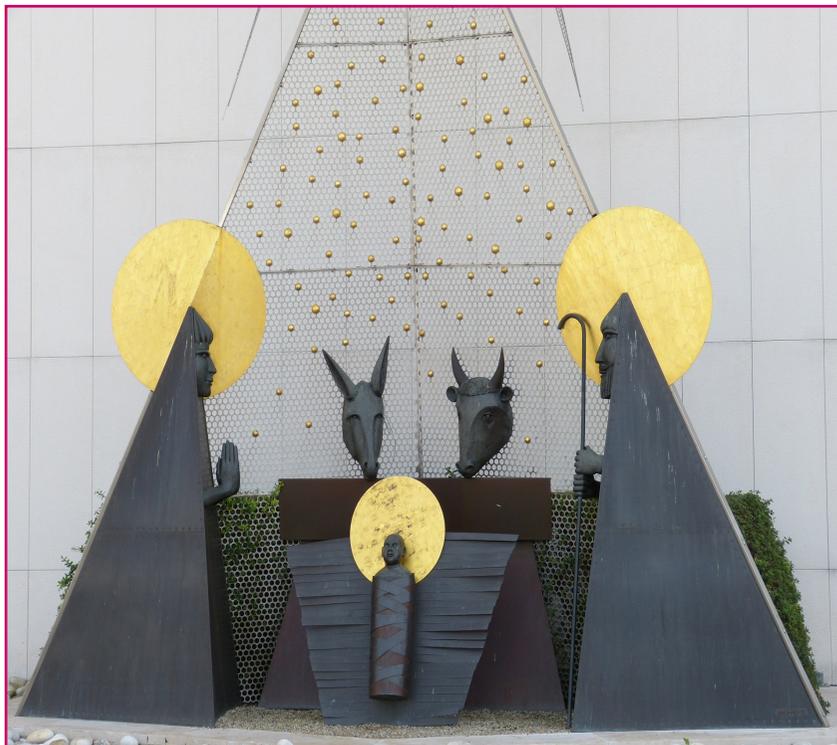
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6 December *The Second Sunday of Advent (Purple)*

9.30 a.m.	CW Communion	Bicknoller	†NS
10.30 a.m.	ZOOM Morning Prayer	QT B Cyberspace	GS
11.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Crowcombe	BC
11.00 a.m.	BCP Morning Prayer	Nettlecombe	(JC), JW
11.00 a.m.	BCP Morning Prayer	Stogumber	JULIAN SPICER

READINGS **Isaiah 40. 1-11** **Psalm 85. 1-2, 8-13**
2 Peter. 3 8-15a **Mark 1. 1-8**

13 December *The Third Sunday of Advent (Purple)*

10.30 p.m.	ZOOM COMMUNION	QT B Cyberspace	AB-W, †NS
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READINGS **Isaiah 61. 1-4, 8-11** **Psalm 126**
1 Thessalonians 5. 16-24 **John 1. 6-8, 9-28**

19 December *SATURDAY*

5.00 a.m.	Carol Service	Crowcombe	AB-W
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20 December *The Fourth Sunday of Advent (Purple)*

10.30 a.m.	ZOOM Communion	QT B Cyberspace	BF, AB-W
11.00 a.m.	Family Service	Bicknoller	GS
11.00 a.m.	BCP Morning Prayer	Nettlecombe	BC
6.30 p.m.	Nine lessons	Stogumber	AB-W

READINGS **2 Samuel 7. 1-11, 16** **Magnificat**
Romans 16. 25-27 **Luke 1 26-38**

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24 December *THURSDAY CHRISTMAS EVE (Gold or White)*

5.00 p.m.	Beacon Field Nativity	Stogumber	BF, AB-W
9.00 p.m.	Bethlehem Mass	Monksilver	BF
9.00 p.m.	Bethlehem Mass	Sampford Brett	†NS
11.00 p.m.	Midnight Mass	Bicknoller	AB-W
11.00 p.m.	Midnight Mass	Stogumber	BF

READINGS **Isaiah 52, 7-10** **Psalm 96**
Hebrews 1. 1-14 **John 1. 1-14**

25 December *FRIDAY CHRISTMAS DAY (Gold or White)*

10.30 a.m.	Family Communion	Crowcombe	BF
10.30 a.m.	Christmas Service	Nettlecombe	AB-W

READINGS **Isaiah 9. 2-7** **Luke 2. 1-14**

27 December *The First Sunday of Christmas (White)*

BEN'S FAREWELL

10.30 a.m.	CW Benefice Communion	Stogumber	BF, AB-W
6.00 p.m.	BCP Evening Prayer	Crowcombe	BF, AB-W

READINGS **Isaiah 61. 10 – 62. 3** **Psalm 148**
Galatians 4. 4-7 **Luke 2. 15-21**

Members of the Ministry Team planned to lead services -

AB-W, Rev'd Preb. Angela Berners-Wilson, The Rector.
BF, Rev'd Ben Flenley; †NS, Bishop Nigel Stock;

BC, Bridget Capewell; DG, David Gover; JC, John Crothers
GS, Gill Southwood; MP, Michael Pulvermacher.