

The beautiful picture at the top of the previous page is an image created by Deborah an inmate of HMP Send and is the Bishop's Christmas card for this year. Here is an excerpt of the word Bishop Jo writes about it:

'It was a very simple brief that Bishop Andrew and I proposed for our Christmas card this year – 'a refugee mother and child' – and we had no idea what would come back! But we agreed this was a good risk to take, not least given that the art class which runs weekly at HMP Send (thanks to the Michael Varah Foundation and Watts Gallery) seemed to welcome our commission. It was Deborah who stepped up, researched the Afghan crisis and then painted this, inspired by and adapted from one particular photograph she found.'

'Covid has thus far prevented the chance to meet Deborah, though we have exchanged messages. I declare her a theologian, instinctively if unconsciously so! This Madonna captures the burden of responsibility, the marvel at a gift and the fragility of new life all at once – much as I recall for myself as a new parent. But this image then stretches me further, to relate to some of the dangers and horrors of the (Afghan) context: and even there, to glimpse beauty and to risk hope.'

Christmas Quiz

As a break from our normal weekly sheets, for Christmas day we have a biblical quiz to test your knowledge! (Answers on next weeks weekly email).

1. Only two gospels have the details of Jesus's conception and birth, which are they?
2. What was the name of the angel who appeared to Elizabeth, Mary's cousin to tell her she would give birth to John the Baptist?
3. This same angel appeared to Mary to tell of Jesus's birth – how many months later was this?
4. Which prophet prophesied that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem?
5. How did Joseph and Mary get to Bethlehem?
6. When the shepherds went looking for Jesus what was the sign they were to look for?
7. Which Old Testament prophet had the most to say about the birth of Christ?
8. How many wisemen or Magi came to see Jesus and how old was Jesus when they arrived?
9. When Joseph and Mary took the baby Jesus to the temple for the purification rites they met two people, who were they?
10. Which emperor ordered all the boys under 2 in Bethlehem to be killed?
11. Where did Jesus and his parents move to, to escape from this?
12. How long did they stay there?

Good luck! If you want to send me your answers by email, I will be happy to send you the answer sheet! debbievonbergen@icloud.com

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Parish of Capel and Ockley
Saturday 25 December 2021
Christmas Day
Welcome to your church

Due to the current rise in Covid infections no refreshments will be served after services



'For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.' Isaiah 9:6

Please observe the following guidelines whilst in church:

At both churches: The wearing of masks inside places of worship is now mandatory unless you are exempt. Congregations are requested to keep masks on whilst singing. Please tell us if you would prefer to be seated in a socially distanced area. We will do our best to accommodate you. Hand sanitiser will be available for use by the entrance door. Holy communion is now available in both bread and the wine. Consecrated wine will be served in individual glasses whilst we are still at risk from the pandemic.

At Capel: One of the hymns (usually the 3rd) will be designated as an offertory hymn. The bag will be passed round by the sidesperson but should not be handled by others.

At Ockley: The collection plate will be on the table at the back of the church for donations.