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Our Incarnate God



Dear Vintage Adventure@Home friends,



Welcome to your December 2025 Vintage Adventure @ Home booklet. It doesn't seem possible that another Christmas is almost upon us. This Christmas our theme is 'Our Incarnate God' and we are reflecting on the marvellous gifts of comfort, hope and love which can be ours through the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our hymn is the popular Christmas carol: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, with its rousing chorus and uplifting music. We use this as a basis to explore the true meaning of Christmas and its significance for all of us. You can also find out how it came to be in its present form.

We are always thrilled to receive news from our readers. This edition celebrates some of the creativity which you share between you. Ann Todd shares a decorative interpretation of words based on Psalm 148 and no less than five of you have provided us with Christmas themed verses - thank you!

We are sure that some young children's thoughts on angels will bring a smile to your face. If you are a knitter, we have a pattern for a Christmas angel decoration to remind us of our carol. And for those of you who still bake from time to time, why not try the colourful Angel Cake, so popular when we were children? And if you have photos of your creations, please do send them in so that we can feature them in a future issue.

Of course, there is the usual variety of fun activities which you can spread over a day or two to help fill some empty hours, especially if you happen to be on your own this year.

We hope this booklet will bring a moment of cheer and brightness to your day but above all, we pray that the contents will impart the hope promised in the carol, for the Baby Whose birth we celebrate at Christmas is the Saviour Who loves each of us unconditionally and Who wants to walk with us through each moment.

*God bless you. With all our love and seasonal greetings.
Cynthia and your Caraway friends*

Hark! The Herald Angels sing

Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise;
Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim:
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

*Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"*

Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail the incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with man to dwell
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

*Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"*

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.

*Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"*

Charles Wesley



WORSHIP



HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

This is probably one of the best-known and much-loved Christmas carols. It was written by Charles Wesley in 1739 – just a year after his conversion. The wonder of his newfound Christian faith was still fresh in his mind and the hymn is full of wonderful Christian truths, hopes and comforts. As we come to worship God, let's think together about some of these truths.

'Hark'

The hymn begins with a call for us to 'hark', to pay attention, to listen to the message that the angels are singing. They said, *'I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.'* Luke 2:10



Stop for a moment and listen to that message, let it sink in and appreciate again the deep joy that comes from knowing Jesus. We too can join with the words of the hymn 'joyful all the nations rise'.

Prayer



Lord God, help me to listen to Your voice. Help me to be still and to know that You are Emmanuel, God with us, and to be filled with Your inexpressible joy.

'Glory to the newborn King'

The baby Jesus may seem cute, vulnerable and adorable, just like all newborn babies, but He is King; King of the Universe. In Jesus we see God's glory, in other words we see what God is like. As John wrote at the start of his gospel. *'We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, Who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.'* John 1:4





But we don't just see His glory, we give glory back to God, in the words that we say and the lives that we live. So spend a few moments to think how you will give glory to the newborn King today.

'Hail the Incarnate Deity'

These are complicated words, but incarnate means 'in the flesh'; Jesus really was a human baby, but this line of the hymn reminds us that the baby was also God Himself; God became just like us, entering this world as a vulnerable baby. As Paul wrote in Philippians 2:7 *He made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.*



Prayer



Lord God, we thank You that You came to live among us. May we know you as Emmanuel, God with us, and may we share Your presence with those around us.

God and sinners reconciled!

Jesus came, not just to show us what God is like and to teach us how to live, but he came to make peace between us and God. It is because Jesus came, lived, died and rose again that we can call God our Father and our Friend.

Born that we no more may die

Prayer



Lord God, thank You that Jesus was 'born that we no more may die'. Be with those who are grieving, help them and us to have confidence in Your promise of eternal life for those who put their trust in You.

Peace on earth, and mercy mild

Jesus came to make peace between us and God. This restored relationship with God should help us to live at peace with each other. Jesus said, *"Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God."*

Prayer



Lord God, we hear Your promise of 'peace on earth', yet we know that there are wars and conflicts in many places around the world. You are the Prince of Peace, and we pray for places at war that You will establish Your peace.

Almighty Father, govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to Your just and gentle rule; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Final Prayer



Lord Jesus, we praise You that as our King, You came to us as Jesus, bringing peace and reconciliation.

Thank You for laying aside Your glory to give us new life. Help us joyfully to join with the heavenly hosts to proclaim Your birth. Come and make Your home in our hearts, as we receive Your new life. Amen.



Reflection



For God so loved the world, that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world but to save the world through Him. John 3:16-17

I wonder how you're feeling as Christmas approaches. In December we often find ourselves looking back over the year and pondering all that has happened. As we do so, we may find ourselves thankful for many blessings and precious happy memories. But for others of us, 2025 may have been a difficult year with health issues, grief at the death of family members or friends, increasing frailty and feelings of isolation and being forgotten. Whilst some of us can look forward to celebrating Christmas, others may feel there is little to rejoice over.



The Bible verses above tell us the true reason for Christmas, when God became personally involved in our troubled world with a plan to rescue humanity and restore our relationship with Himself. Our carol illustrates that His rescue mission began over 2000

years ago, when Jesus was born in an outbuilding in a small Middle Eastern village in an outpost of the Roman Empire.

The word 'hark' is an archaic command telling us to 'listen up', to pay attention to something important. So '*Hark! The herald angels sing*' is alerting us to these messenger angels' proclamation of Christ's birth.

Based on Luke 2:8-14, the carol describes the announcement of Jesus' birth by an angelic chorus, the night sky above a group of shepherds ringing with joyful praise for the newborn King. The first two lines paraphrase the words in Luke's gospel: *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men*, summarised by Wesley, the hymn's author, as *God and sinners reconciled*.



The second half of the verse *Joyful all ye nations rise; join the triumph of the skies* exhorts us humans to gaze heavenward and lift our voices alongside the angels to declare *Christ is born in Bethlehem*.

Whom are we worshipping? None other than *Christ, by highest heaven adored!* We have a God Who chose to experience the limitations of being human, knowing that we'd find it easier to relate to Him if He came in human form. *Offspring of the virgin's womb, God the incarnate Deity* identifying with us, *pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.*

Emmanuel means 'God with us.' The God of the Bible is not only pure, holy and just, He is a personal God Who is not remote but cares about each of us and every detail in our daily lives.

The final verse describes Jesus as *the heaven born Prince of Peace!* Picture language depicts Him as the *Sun of righteousness rising with healing in His wings.* The hymn acknowledges Jesus leaving heavenly glory: *Mild He lays His glory by,* to offer salvation through dying on our behalf *born that man no more may die....* and thus, to provide a 'second' or spiritual rebirth.

At the heart of the Christmas account and this carol are offers of comfort and hope.

Comfort - Jesus faced hardship, fear, and loss, meaning we can be confident He understands our struggles. When we are fearful, He feels our pain and yearns to comfort us. This Christmas He is still here right by our side, offering to support us with His presence wherever we find ourselves: at home, in our room in a residential setting, alone or with others.

Hope - Christmas did not end with the Baby in a manger. Born into poverty, Jesus became a refugee, growing up in an occupied nation. The adult Jesus achieved His rescue mission to save us through His death and resurrection, which offer us real hope to our life's end.

We can be assured that Jesus will be beside us in whatever situation we find ourselves this Christmas, no matter what kind of year we've experienced, and whatever Christmas we're anticipating.

The opening verse says *Peace on earth.* Harmony between nations is vital but of ultimate significance is peace with God.

So why not unwrap those two gifts of comfort and hope?



Prayer of Christmas Comfort and Hope

Father, we pray that You will turn our hearts towards You
as Christmas approaches.

Help us not to get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the season
and miss the chance to celebrate the gifts
of comfort, hope, salvation, love and peace You provided for us
through that first Christmas.

Thank You Father for Your immeasurable gift of Jesus,
the greatest and best gift we can ever receive.

No matter what gifts we receive or give,
none is as wonderful as knowing Jesus as our Saviour
and the life in all its fulness He offers.

Help us to open our hearts to receive Jesus,
so that whatever form our Christmas takes,
we can be truly and deeply happy.

In Jesus' Name. Amen.

The story of Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

This popular carol was written in 1739 by Methodist Charles Wesley, who composed over 6,500 hymns. The words *God and sinners reconciled* reflect the fact that Charles wrote it shortly after his conversion. The title was *Hymn for Christmas Day* accompanied by a solemn tune, to help people understand the gravity of what God was doing in sending His Son. Charles included the original ten verses in a collection entitled Songs and Sacred



Poems. The words were old fashioned, ‘hark how all the welkin rings, glory to the King of kings’, Old English for ‘sky’, ‘heavens’ or ‘firmament’!

However, in 1753 preacher George Whitefield changed that to today's lyric: *Hark! The Herald Angels sing*, “Glory to the newborn King” and published this version in his 1754 Collection of Hymns for Social Worship. A second change in the 1782 Tate and Brady *New Version of the Psalms of David* incorporated the lines *Hark! The Herald Angels sing*, “Glory to the newborn King” as a refrain after each stanza, which is how we typically sing it. These changes were welcomed by neither Charles nor his brother John, who discouraged editing of their meticulously crafted hymns.

Whitefield’s amendment allowed worshippers to personally participate in the Biblical narrative. We are not simply overhearing the angels but encouraged to raise our own hallelujahs to the *newborn King*, emphasising the miracle of *Emmanuel*, God with us.

A century later, William Hayman Cummings, professor and tenor at the Royal Academy of Music proposed the tune with which we are familiar. Cummings personally encountered Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847) as a teenager, when he sang in the chorus directed by the composer at the London première of *Elijah* in 1847. He realised that Mendelssohn’s rousing Gutenberg cantata *Festgesang*, composed in 1840 to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the invention of the printing press and movable type, would suit the carol’s revised words. Although he had to edit words and music, eventually the wonderfully majestic version we sing at Christmas emerged. This blending of secular music with a sacred text (against the intentions of both original authors) was a stroke of genius.



In Britain, *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* is commonly performed using Cummings’ harmonisation of the Mendelssohn tune for the first two verses but adding a soprano descant and a last verse for organ by Sir David Willcocks, famous as the director from 1957-1974 of the chapel choir of King’s College, Cambridge.

ANGELS

Some amusing quotes from children.....



My angel is my grandma
who died last year.
She got a big head start on
helping me while she was
still down here on earth.
Ashley, age 9

Angels are like
Mums. They
know you
inside and out
and love you
just the same!
Michelle, age 6

Everybody's got it all
wrong, Angels don't
wear halos anymore.
I forget why, but
scientists are
working on it.
Olive, age 9

Angels work for
God and watch
over kids when
God has to go do
something else.
Mitchell, age 7

What I don't get about
angels is why, when
someone is in love,
they shoot arrows at
them.
Sarah, age 7

Angels don't eat, but
they drink milk
from Holy Cows!!!
Jack, age 6

It's not easy to become
an angel! First, you die.
Then you go to Heaven,
and then there's
still the flight training
to go through.
And then you got to
agree to wear those
angel clothes.
Matthew, age 9

Angels live in
cloud houses
made by God and
his son, Jesus,
who's a very
good carpenter.
Jared, age 8

Angels talk all the
way while they're
flying you up to
heaven. The main
subject is where you
went wrong before
you got dead.
Daniel, age 9

My guardian
angel helps me
with math, but
he's not much
good for science.
Henry, age 8

Knit an Angel

Pattern contains instructions for the basic angel with adaptations for the plain angel in *italics*.

Abbreviations

k = knit

p = purl

stocking stitch = alternate knit and purl rows

k1, p1 rib = alternate knit and purl stitches on all rows

k2tog = decrease by knitting two stitches together

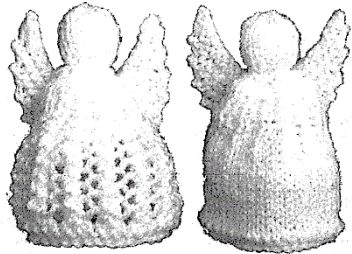
kfb = increase by knitting into the front and back of the same stitch

m1 = increase by picking up strand between stitches with right hand needle from front to back, passing onto left hand needle and knitting into back of stitch

yo = bring yarn to front and then over needle between the k1 and k2tog

To make the angels:

You need to know how to decrease using k2tog and increase using m1 and kfb. As well, obviously, as how to knit and purl, cast on and cast off.



Pattern

DK yarn and UK 11 (3mm) needles. Tension: 26 stitches for 4 ins = 10cm

Cast on 40 stitches. Leave enough yarn to sew up the skirt.

Knit 3 rows

Next 13 rows as follows: k1 then repeat (k1, yo, k2tog) to end

If you want a plain skirt just work 13 rows of stocking stitch starting with a purl row.

Decrease row: k1, then repeat (k2tog, k1) to end [27 sts]

Next 7 rows: single k1, p1 rib {odd rows start with a purl and even ones (right side) with a knit}

Shape top: k1, repeat (k2tog) to end [14 sts]

Then k2, k2tog twice, k2, k2tog twice, k2 [10 sts]

Stocking stitch 2 rows starting with knit row.

Shape head: k3, increase using kfb four times, k3 [14 sts]

Next 7 rows: stocking stitch

Decrease: (k2tog) to end [7 sts]

Draw yarn through stitches and leave a long enough piece to sew down the back to waist.

Join back seam and thread a piece of yarn starting at the back seam through all stitches below increase row for head.

Stuff head with small piece of toy filling or a few scraps of yarn. Then pull threaded yarn tight and make a double knot.

Thread free ends through head, pull slightly and cut off yarn. This will lose them.

Wings

Cast on 25 stitches

Row 1 is right side

Every row except 2-5 is: cast off 2, knit to end

Rows 2 & 4: cast off 2, k10, m1, k1, m1, k10

Rows 3 & 5: cast off 2, k9, m1, k1, m1, k11

Last row is cast off 2

Leave long tail to sew wings to body.

Sew in starting tail nearly on wrong side as both sides of the wings will be visible. Use the other end of yarn to sew wings to body, with right side to front and top of centre of wings a row or two below the neck and the stitches through the centre of the wings up the back seam.

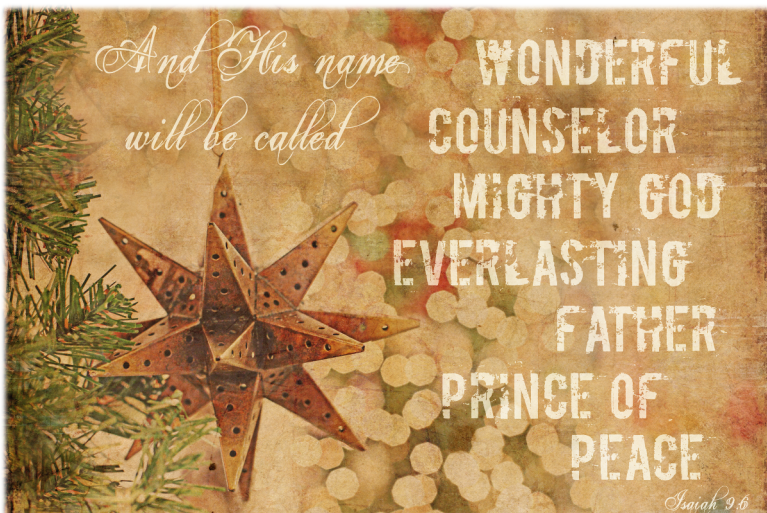


Names

Names are special and have meanings. Do you know the meaning of your name? For instance, the name John means 'God is gracious', the name Carol 'free person or song', the name Peter 'rock'. We named our sons after their Dad and other significant people in our lives. Other children are named after a grandparent, but Jesus' name was chosen by GOD.

Jesus is the Greek form of Joshua, meaning 'the LORD saves'. It shows that Jesus is the One prophesied in the Old Testament Who will save His people from the consequences of their sins. Jesus' Name was chosen to reflect Who He was (and still is). He is still the LORD Who saves, He is still *Immanuel*, God with us.

His Name as foretold by Isaiah in Chapter 9 is '*Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace*'. He still imparts peace to those who trust Him today and of His peace there is no end. He was born to be our Friend and to show what God is like and how much God loves each one of us. Perhaps during this Christmas, we can find time to worship Him just as the shepherds did all those years ago. Let's spend a moment thanking God for giving us Jesus our Saviour and receive Him into our hearts and lives today.



The Power of The Name of Jesus

When you are tired, frightened, lonely, sick, in any form of need – just say His Name. The Name of Jesus brings peace, protection, provision, health, hope, salvation and His very presence.

Mary will give birth to a Son, and you are to give Him **the Name Jesus**, because He will save His people from their sin. Matthew 1:21

*Jesus said... Whatever you ask **in my Name**, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything **in my Name**, I will do it.*

John 14:13-14

And there is salvation in no one else, for **there is no other Name** under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. Acts 4:12

*God raised Christ from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and **above every name that is named**, not only in this age but also in the one to come. Ephesians 1:20-21*

Therefore, God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the **Name that is above every name**, so that **at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow**, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:9-11

*The **Name of the Lord** is a strong tower;
the righteous man runs into it and is safe. Proverbs 18:10*

How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrow, heals his wounds, and drives away his fear.
It makes the wounded spirit whole, and calms the troubled breast.
'Tis manna to the hungry soul, And to the weary rest.

Dear Name! the Rock on which I build; My shield and hiding place.
My never-failing treasury, filled with boundless stores of grace
Jesus, My Shepherd, Guardian, Friend, My Prophet, Priest, and King
My Lord, My Life, My Way, My End, Accept the praise we bring.

John Newton <https://www.hymnal.net/>

For God so loved the
world that He gave
His one and only
Son, that whoever
believes in Him shall
not perish but have
eternal life.



Down Memory Lane



Christmas long ago – here are some of my memories.... What are yours?



Struggling to crack walnuts with nutcrackers



Making paper chains out of strips of coloured paper



Christmas lunch with crackers and paper hats



Listening to the Messiah on the radio



What memories can you add?

CELEBRATING OUR READERS

Many of you reading this magazine have gifts, maybe you write poetry, you're good at art or creative in some way or have a story to tell. Do get in touch! We would love to hear from you. This month we enjoy Christmas poems from some of our readers.

Do You Know It's Christmas? *by Gillian Gain*

It's funny, but it seems, the Christmas of our dreams,
Began back in September. I really do remember,
The cards began in shops, the tinsel near the mops.
The pudding must be made, so never be afraid, and in which
A little bit of Scotch, if Mum's not on the watch!
“But what's it all about?” You really want to shout.
Just don't forget the reason for this celebratory season:
Christmas is for giving, and not just for the living.
Remember all the dead. The One in cattle shed,
That Christmas long ago, when Herod was the foe.
The story of Christ's birth is certainly worth
More than all the gifts and all the shopping lists.
So, if you're playing Gabriel in that poor little stable,
Be sure to tell the others, the sisters and the brothers,
That miracle of birth, the most wonderful on earth.
You'll eat up all the food, but some don't feel so good
About this jolly season. They haven't got a reason
To celebrate or know about the little Boy
Born on Christmas Day. But I just want to say,
When you have had your fill, search the first daffodil,
Spring is not far away. New hope comes into play.
Shed not a single tear. Enjoy a happy year.



The Christmas Tree by *Marion Sheath*

Upon its branches evergreen,
Sparkling decorations gleam.
A story held in each display,
Of long ago, and happy days.
Silently the memories rise,
As every trinket placed, is prized.
Symbols linked with shining hope,
Past times linger, thoughts evoke!
Secrets old, some worn to view,
Others wink: gleaming new –
like dreams reflected brilliantly
Each year upon the Christmas tree.

Penned after decorating the tree with old and new ornaments. Christmas 2015
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Christmas Time by *Margaret Challen*

Christmas time will soon be here,
Shopping, cooking, preparation.
Ready for the celebration,
Office parties, mistletoe,
People's faces all aglow.
Carol singing all around,
Listen to the tuneful sound.
Father Christmas comes at night,
Hopefully no one in sight!
Christmas trees with pretty lights,
Come and see a lovely sight.

Exciting presents round the
bottom,
Hope nobody is forgotten.
Turkey, stuffing, roast potatoes,
Oh how very fast the day goes
Uncle breathing heavily,
Sleeping, dozing, watching telly
Happy times without a doubt.
YET, WHOM ARE WE LEAVING
OUT???



A Gift at Christmas by *Jenny Gomm*



A donkey in a stable is quite a common sight;
GOD's Son in a manger? Well, that doesn't seem quite right.
I'd better check the presents are all around the tree.
Fancy that, Aunt Isabella's bought a gift for me!
Thinking more about it, though I wonder why He came
And lived on earth amongst us, died on a cross of shame?
Thank goodness I've remembered a gift for Uncle Paul,
Cost a lot of money but it's Christmas after all.
Head it said that Jesus conquered death and lives today,
Really seems a bit far-fetched – but that's what some folks say.
I hope there'll be no arguments, last year was really bad.
Surely this year Joe won't have a bust up with his Dad.
The gift God sent is Jesus, Who brings us joy and peace;
More than that, I understand, His love will never cease.
Anway, we're gathered now, with presents to receive.
So, is God's gift a Saviour? I think Yes, I believe.

Your amazing plan by *Catherine Aldis*

Thank You, Father,
For Your amazing plan
To enter this world,
To become a man
And to live amongst us,
So that we might see You
In the flesh;
Then having seen,

To know the truth
Which sets us free,
And have in our hearts
The promise of all eternity
To spend with You.

Knowing this, LORD,
How can our lives
Be anything but
different
From now on?

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This beautiful illustration based on Psalm 148 is by one of our readers, Ann Todd. She writes:



This psalm may have been the inspiration for the doxology which concludes Bishop Ken's hymns Awake my soul and Glory to Thee. The dictionary defines a doxology as a hymn or liturgical formula ascribing glory to God.

Have you noticed the following features about Ann's illustration? *She explains:*

The single capital P is related to the flowers - primrose, pansy, pink, poppy and pimpernel, and the peacock butterfly in addition to the opening word.



Angel Cake

Ingredients (for three people)

25 g unsalted butter	drop of yellow food colouring
75 g caster sugar	drop of pink food colouring
2 large eggs	drop of lemon extract or juice
75 g plain flour	Teaspoon strawberry or raspberry jam



butter cream

50 g butter
100 g icing sugar
½ tablespoon milk

Topping

100 g icing sugar and water to make glacé icing

Method

Pre-heat the oven to 170 Fan or Gas Mark 5

Use a sheet of grease proof paper to divide the tin into three equal sections and grease

Melt the butter, remove from heat, set aside

Beat the sugar & eggs until pale cream

Stir 5th of the mixture into the melted butter

Pour the butter mix into the creamed sugar & egg mix; combine with the flour

Divide the mix between three bowls

Leave **bowl 1 plain**

Add drop of **pink colouring & jam to bowl 2**

Add drop of **yellow colouring & lemon extract/juice to bowl 3**

Pour one of the batters into each of the three sections in the loaf tin

Bake 12-15 mins until probe comes out clean & leave to cool

Place on a wire rack

Make the butter cream

Beat butter, sugar, milk, vanilla with whisk until creamy

Assemble the sponge

Spread a layer of butter cream over the plain sponge & top with the jam sponge

Add a layer of butter cream & top with the lemon sponge

Topping

Top EITHER with remaining butter cream OR a layer of glacé icing



Guess the Christmas Songs

Lyrics from the songs are provided, in what song would you find the lyrics?

1. Round yon virgin mother and child...
a. Jingle Bells b. Silent Night c. I'll be Home for Christmas
2. And heaven and nature sing...
a. Away in a Manger b. Joy to the World c. White Christmas
3. 'Tis the Season to be jolly...
a. Jingle Bells b. While Shepherds Watched their flocks c. Deck the Halls
4. God and Sinners reconciled...
a. O Come, All Ye Faithful b. Hark! The Herald Angels Sing c. The first Noël
5. Joyful and Triumphant
a. O Come, All Ye Faithful b. Joy to the World c. The First Noël
6. Looked down where he lay...
a. The First Noël b. O Little Town of Bethlehem c. Away in a Manger
7. Oh tidings of comfort and joy...
a. God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen b. The First Noël c. Ding dong Merrily on High
8. On a cold winter's night that was so deep...
a. Away in a Manger b. The First Noël c. Deck the Halls
9. Hang a shining star upon the highest bough...
a. Hark! The Herald Angels Sing b. Have yourself a Merry Little Christmas
c. Frosty the Snowman
10. Please have snow and misletoe and presents under the tree...
a. It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas b. I'll be Home for Christmas
c. Jingle Bells
11. Bearing gifts we travel afar...
a. Jingle Bells b. We Three Kings c. Silent Night
12. Come on it's lovely weather...
a. Deck the Halls b. Jingle Bells c. Sleigh Ride
13. On the first day of Christmas my true love gave to me, a partridge in a pear tree.
a. O Come all ye faithful b. The 12 days of Christmas c. Jingle bells

St. Nicholas True or False Quiz



1. St. Nicholas was a Bishop who lived in the 16th century.
2. St. Nicholas became wealthy because his parents left him a large inheritance.
3. The tradition of hanging stockings originated from a story involving St. Nicholas secretly giving gold.
4. St. Nicholas is only known as the patron saint of children.
5. St. Nicholas is credited with saving sailors during a storm by calming the sea.
6. St. Nicholas' bones were stolen from Turkey and are now kept in an Italian church.
7. The feast day of St. Nicholas is celebrated on December 6th.
8. In the 16th century, the popularity of St. Nicholas' traditions increased throughout Europe.
9. The name 'Santa Claus' originated from the Dutch settlers' term 'Sinterklaas'.
10. Children in some European countries leave hay and carrots in their shoes for Santa's reindeer.
11. The tradition of giving presents on December 5th is linked to St. Nicholas' Eve in some countries.
12. In Finland, it is believed Santa Claus lives in Lapland.
13. Thomas Nast is credited with popularizing Santa's red and white costume.
14. Coca-Cola first used Santa Claus in their advertising in the 1930s.
15. In Victorian times, Santa Claus' outfit was only ever red.
16. The tradition of placing an orange in stockings originates from the story of St. Nicholas giving gold.
17. Santa Claus delivering presents through chimneys is a tradition linked to St. Nicholas' legend.
18. Santa Claus is believed to be inspired by multiple historical figures, including Odin, a Norse god.



CHRISTMAS

Word Scramble

LELBS _____ ISENTPIOTA _____

CLEAND _____ GIGABRNDEER _____

TEWHAR _____ SCRALO _____

EDINERER _____ GOSTINCK _____

ESOKOCI _____ GNGEGO _____

GLISEH _____ TENESSRP _____

SOTTLEMIE _____ LEGAN _____

STRANEMON _____ CREDEMBE _____

WOMANNS _____ DANCY ENCA _____

SLITEN _____ SATNA CSLAU _____

GSGENTIER _____ RSNIBOB _____

YMFAIL PSUPRE _____ LAGRAND _____

Word Search

CHRISTMAS



N M P T J P R O P H E C Y X
W S A C Z E A D V E N T S W
N H R J A T R R A D H G M M
N E A C A R E U R O N D T I
A P B N A G P E S I Z S W S
Z H L V N R E E K A A O I T
A E E A R D O C N E L M S L
R R M C N L O L F T I E E E
E D V I E T P C S H E Y M T
T S E O S D H O L L Y R E O
H R N S A L V A T I O N N E
F R A N K I N C E N S E X D
D G L B E T H L E H E M U U
N L J N A T I V I T Y F X K

Bethlehem

Noel

Prophecy

Shepherds

Mistletoe

Carpenter

Jerusalem

Salvation

Reindeer

Stockings

Frankincense

Nativity

Feast

Advent

Holly

Manger

Nazareth

Parable

Carols

Wisemen

Christmas Wreath

Colour by Numbers

1) Orange

2) Yellow

3) White

4) Green

5) Red

6) Pink

7) Light Yellow

8) Light Blue

9) Anything!



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