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New Year

This time last year, I was sat surrounded by twinkling Christmas lights writing my first editorial foreword. What a year it's been, and how much I've learned already! I cannot tell you how much I enjoy helping to put this magazine together, and what fun it is to work with all the team. I feel very lucky, and I am excited to see what 2024 brings us.

The New Year often feels like a clean slate, a new start if you will. But, as Christians, our new starts aren't necessarily dictated by the calendar year. We can, at any time, ask God for forgiveness or direction, and of course celebrate His love. And so, whilst many of us are faced with the inevitable new diets, exercise regimes, swear jars or oppressive money-saving measures, please remember that the New Year is no different to any other day as far as Christ is concerned. Indeed, the throwing away of our old calendar in favour of a new clean 12 page one is a reminder of how quickly our lives become busied and messy. Instead of imposing harsh or unrealistic goals for 2024, perhaps we can be kind to ourselves and remember that for Christians every day is our fresh start.

Have a wonderful start to the New Year!

Samantha

Editor Samantha



The view from
the Editor

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... to our seen and unseen volunteers

Thank you for your tireless dedication and hard work in volunteering for St James. Your willingness to help whenever needed is truly commendable, you make a lasting impact with our community and are an integral part of our church community. We thank you for your commitment to serving others, your kindness and generosity, you are an inspiration to us all.

Rev Tim and Churchwardens Julie and Ted

...and to St James Christmas Day Lunch volunteers

For the third year running St James has provided a Christmas lunch for people who are on their own on Christmas Day in our church hall. The food is provided through donations from our wonderful congregation, local people and Gardners our fabulous local butcher who generously donated the turkey. Everyone has been exceptionally generous by donating the food needed, money to help with the extras and help on the day. **Thank you all so much** we couldn't do this without you.

• Please do keep your contributions and feedback coming to editor.ludgershallandtidworth@gmail.com •

Dear Friends...

Rev Tim



Our rector writes

You probably won't be surprised to hear that I love Christmas! I find it exhausting, but I love it! I love the carol singing, the mulled wine, the mince pies, the general cheer and goodwill, and I love the presents.

Sometimes people say it's all about consumerism. Well, if that's what's happened it's not the presents that are the problem. The problem is in our hearts. It's us, as human beings, who have allowed it to become all about consumerism, if that's what's happened.

Don't blame the presents! Let's not settle for that. There's too much cynicism in the world already, and we don't have to buy into that sort of cynicism any more than we have to buy into the hollow fake-ness of consumerism.

When it comes to Christmas presents I think, if you can afford it, then why not. Don't get yourself into debt, or overstretch yourself, because Christmas is not about becoming a slave to those things or anything else – we see that very clearly in the Bible – but it's lovely to be generous and to celebrate family and friends. And many people are generous beyond their family/friends too, giving to foodbanks and shoe box appeals, and that's to be celebrated too!

So, I want to say a big, "Yes!" to presents, as long as you can afford them, and... and... AND... there is more.

Do you remember the advert about "A dog is for life, not just for Christmas"? Well, it's the same with Christmas. Christmas is for life (in many ways), not just for Christmas.

What do I mean?

Firstly, Christmas is a season and it's much more than just one day. "The Twelve Days of Christmas" alludes to this, and there is a well-established tradition in the Church of celebrating Christmas for forty days all the way to Candlemas, which we'll be celebrating on 28th January this year.

Secondly, the miracle and the mystery of Christmas could be reflected upon and pondered for the rest of your life.

The great miracle and mystery of Christmas is the Incarnation: the belief that Christians have that the great and powerful God who made the universe became a weak and helpless baby, reliant on the care of people like us. This is a profoundly life-affirming, life-giving and I would say world-changing idea, if you think about it.

So, I hope that over the next month you won't forget about Christmas but that you'll take some time to ponder these things in your heart.

Bless you all and Happy New Year!

Rev Tim

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write me a letter!

BENEFACTIVE INTERCESSIONS

These weekly themes of prayer will help everyone keep in touch on common concerns.

In the chart below the first name each week is a Province in the Anglican Community across the world; the second name is a diocese in Sudan or South Sudan, and the last 2 or 3 are related dioceses under the Porvoo agreement of churches in Denmark (D), Sweden (S), Norway (N) and Finland (F) and UK. The streets listed are Ludgershall then Tidworth.

Pray for

7 January. Scottish Episcopal Church; Wandj; London; Nidaros & Trondheim (N)
All involved in creative arts; Castle Street; Belgrave Crescent.

14 January. South East Asia; Olo; Oulu (F); Sør-Hålogaland (Bodø); Coventry.
People with disabilities – and an understanding of their needs; Challis Court;
Birch Court

21 January. South India; Nasir; Tampere (F); Manchester.
Refugees & all homeless people; Charlotte Crescent; Bishops Close.

28 January. Southern Africa; Akobo; Birmingham; Cork, Cloyne & Ross; Elsinore (D)
People in despair, Church Lane; Bourne Road.

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Church Services in January and February

January

Sunday 7th Epiphany

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11:15am Songs of Praise, Holy Trinity
4pm BCP Sung Evensong, St James

Sunday 14th Baptism of Christ

10am Service of the Word, St James
11:15am Sung Eucharist, Holy Trinity
2pm Baptism: Albie Taylor, St James
4pm Practice for Evening Worship, St James

Sunday 21st Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

10am Holy Communion, St James
11:15am Celtic Contemplative Service, Holy Trinity
4pm Evening Worship, St James

Sunday 28th Presentation of Christ in the Temple or "Candlemass"

10am Worship, Word & Song, St James
11am Eucharist and Service of Healing, Holy Trinity
11:30am Adventures with Hymns, St James Church Hall
4pm BCP Holy Communion, St James

February

Sunday 4th

10am Holy Communion, St James
11:15am Songs of Praise, Holy Trinity
4pm BCP Sung Evensong, St James

Sunday 11th Shrove Sunday

(Last Sunday before Lent)

10am Service of the Word, St James
1:15am Sung Eucharist, Holy Trinity
4pm Practice for Evening Worship, St James

Wednesday 14th

4pm Ash Wednesday Service, St James

Sunday 18th First Sunday of Lent

10am Holy Communion, St James
11:15am Celtic Contemplative Service, Holy Trinity
4pm Evening Worship, St James

Sunday 25th

10am Worship, Word & Song, St James
11am Eucharist and Service of Healing, Holy Trinity
11:30am Adventures with Hymns, St James Church Hall
4pm BCP Holy Communion, St James



Please join us in church or on Castledown FM for our Sunday worship and please phone or WhatsApp the Rector on 07894 209833 if you'd like us to pray for you over the next few weeks.

Please remember in your prayers the families and friends of Mrs Joan Miles who has recently died.

What's on

On these pages we list the monthly events in Ludgershall and Tidworth. If your group or organization have an event that the public can attend please let us now, we will be happy to include the details. Please send info to the editor at editor.ludgershallandtidworth@gmail.com

Holy Communion 10:30 every Thursday
at St James

Radio Service 10am every Sunday on
Castledown FM (104.7FM)

Morning Prayer

8:30am Mon. to Fri. at St James 9:30am every
Wed. morning at Holy Trinity

Weekly events and groups in December

Mondays

1.30 - 2:45pm Trinity Toddlers (toddler group), Holy Trinity Church Hall

7pm (fortnightly) Advent Book Club, Holy Trinity Church Hall

8pm (fortnightly) Bible Study Group at Ros' house in Ludgershall

Tuesdays

9:30 - 11:30am Stepping Stones (toddler group), St James Church Hall

2:30pm (fortnightly) House Group at Lucy & Tudor's house in Faberstown

7pm (3rd Tuesday) Women's Institute, Holy Trinity Church Hall

Wednesdays

8:30am Morning Prayer, Holy Trinity

7pm (monthly) House Group at Wenda's house in Shipton Bellinger

7pm-8pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Holy Trinity Church Hall

Thursdays

10:30 - 11am Holy Communion, St James

4pm - 4:30pm Prayer Examen - reflecting on the day/week, St James

7.30pm (fortnightly) Decibels Singing Group, St James Church Hall

Fridays

9:30 - 11am Community Café, St James Church Hall

Saturdays

8:45am-10:30am **First Saturday of the month** Women's Breakfast, St James Church Hall

10am **Last Saturday of the month** Church Walk, St James meeting at the Lychgate

Sundays

1pm-2pm Christian Fellowship Choir Practice, Holy Trinity Church Hall

Dates for your diary

January 2024

Monday 1st	10am	New Year's Day Walk, St James Lychgate
Saturday 6th	8.45am	Women's breakfast St James Church Hall
Tuesday 9th	10am	Hymn Choosing, Ludgershall Rectory
	7pm	Holy Trinity PCC, Vanessa's House
Thursday 11th	7pm	St James PCC, Ludgershall Rectory
Monday 15th	7pm	A new fortnightly Home Group is starting at the Ludgershall Rectory
Saturday 27th	8:45am	Men's Breakfast, St James Church Hall
	10am	Church Walk, St James Lychgate
Sunday 28th	4:30pm	Sherry & Cake for PCC members, Ludgershall Rectory

February

Thursday 1st	4:30pm	Sherry & Cake for the Magazine Editors and Distribution Team, Ludgershall Rectory
	7pm	Leading Your Church into Growth course for St James PCC members, Ludgershall Rectory
Saturday 3rd	8.45am	Women's Breakfast, St James Church Hall
Tuesday 6th	7pm	Leading Your Church into Growth course for Holy Trinity PCC members, Vanessa's House
Sunday 11th	12:30pm	Holy Trinity's APCM, Holy Trinity Church Hall
	6pm	St James' APCM, St James Church Hall
Tuesday 13th	4:30pm	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party, St James Ch Hall
Thursday 15th	7pm	Magazine Editors meeting, Ludgershall Rectory
Saturday 24th	6:30/7pm	Pudding Night, St James Church Hall

The Sunset Club

The Sunset Club will start the
New Year with a quiz, to
waken us all after the Christmas
break.

**Join us on Saturday
27th January, all over 55 are
very welcome.**

**We meet in Ludgershall
Memorial Hall at 2pm.**

IT'S EASY TO
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SEE PAGE 31

Have you heard the story of Tom the retired shoemaker?

At our Christmas Eve service, Tim and Dawn read the story to a festive St James congregation, coupled with some beautiful pictures drawn by Sue Williams.

Tom the shoemaker spends his Christmas Day looking out for Jesus, following his dream the previous night. The story sees Tom warming up a road sweeper with a hot cup of tea, giving some handmade shoes to a little girl, and feeding a much-needed meal to a homeless person. But he hasn't seen Jesus, who had promised to come and visit him. Finally, at the end of the story, Tom realises that Jesus was with in the people that he had helped that Christmas Day, and was overcome with a sense of joy and peace.

For the full story, please email the editor, and we shall send it out to you. A literary triumph! Thank you to all who read, drew, wrote and listened.



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

See if you can spot the 10 differences between these two illustrations from Ros Leverett



HELPING TO STOP FOOD WASTE

TIDWORTH ZERO WASTE COLLECT FOOD THAT HASN'T BEEN SOLD IN SUPERMARKETS AND REDISTRIBUTE IT.

While many people are struggling with the cost of food and fuel there is a shocking amount of surplus food that goes to landfill everyday. Tidworth Zero Waste Community is a community group where we save food from landfill and redistribute it to the people who need it. By working in this way we are not only helping people directly but also reducing food waste and doing our bit for the environment.

Food is given out completely free of charge.

Unlike food banks Tidworth Zero Waste Community has

no restrictions on who can use this service.

This group was set up by volunteers during the pandemic and we have been providing food to families, individuals and homeless people since 2019. Our aim is to ensure surplus food is distributed to people where any little additional help is appreciated, rather than it being wasted by going to landfill.



FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT MINA AMIN AT MINA.AMIN@TIDWORTHTOWNCOUNCIL.GOV.UK OR ON 07864 879505

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A Merry Christmas at Wellington Primaries



Both Wellington Lions and Wellington Eagles have welcomed in families for their annual nativity. Pupils and staff came together to celebrate the final term of 2023, with Christmas jumper day for Save the Children and festive activities for all to do.

Wellington Eagles had a generous donation of books from Reverend Tim at St James' Church, Ludgershall. The books were handed out to pupils

who visited the school's Curious Christmas Reading Lounge.

Sarah Johnson-Motyl Headteacher at Wellington Eagles went on to say "We are extremely thankful for the donation of books by the Vine Trust and given to St James to give out to our local school. The children have loved visiting the Curious Christmas Reading Lounge and being able to read to their teachers and fellow pupils."

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Sarah Johnson-Motyl, Headteacher at Wellington Eagles

DO YOU HAVE A HEART FOR FAMILIES AND THE COMMUNITY?

CAN YOU SPARE AN HOUR A WEEK TO SUPPORT A FAMILY WHO ARE FEELING ISOLATED AND LONELY?

Safe Families is a Christian charity that has been in existence in the UK for around 10 years.

At Safe Families we know that every child deserves to thrive, and we recognise that to do this, children need to be loved and secure in their own family. Facing life alone is hard, and when families feel like and there is no one there to help it's a scary place to be. We are working with Wiltshire Council to provide support to families who are isolated, struggling or

overwhelmed by their circumstances.

We are looking for volunteers right across the county. We train, support, and connect volunteers with isolated families, so they can build relationships that bring them hope and belonging.

We need volunteers to come alongside families by supporting them weekly, this can be in person or a mixture of in person and over the phone. Could you be a Friend to a family in need?



For more information about volunteering in Wiltshire please visit: <https://safefamilies.uk> or to meet for an informal chat please contact Kirsty Cross – Community Volunteer Manager for Wiltshire on 07425 792699 or email: kirstycross@safefamilies.uk

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Holiday Challenge!

Many thanks to our friends at St James Church who have asked if we'd like to take part in a Christmas holiday writing competition. Please have a look at this picture of an ice palace and use it as inspiration to write your own story.



The winning entry will have their story printed in a future school newsletter and will also receive a £25 book voucher. The runner-up will receive a £10 book voucher. The St James Trust Fund is sponsoring the competition.



Cress reaches BIG GIVE target

CRESS, a charityworking with our partner Diocese in Sudan, successfully raised £14,150.25.

CRESS works in rural northern Uganda supporting the refugee and poor local population, most of whom live on under \$2 a day. The funds raised are for our 76 Savings Groups with 2,292 registered members, 75% of whom are women. We support their learning and training in business and agriculture so that they can support their businesses and their families.



Christmas Challenge
BigGive

Tidworth Town Council



The wait is almost over! We are very excited to be moving into the Civic Centre in the New Year and hope to be welcoming the public from 29th January.

It is wonderful to see the vision to provide the Community with this wonderful facility finally come to fruition. There will be various spaces available for hire whether it be for a celebration or if you run a group and would like to join us in making the Civic Centre your 'home'. There are also meeting rooms available so if you run a business this would be ideal for training days etc. The function rooms/main hall have an equipped kitchen available but there is also the option of popping into 'Ezras' the onsite café.

For more information on prices and how to book please email tidworthadmin2@tidworthtowncouncil.gov.uk or phone 01980 847390

Besides the New Civic Centre, it has been a very busy and exciting time at TTC HQ.

We have had our **Halloween Geocaching event** which was very well used. A very moving

service for Remembrance. This year the Royal British Legion, Tidworth hosted us and our community again for the service by Padre MacPherson, Amazing Grace sung by Mrs Yvonne Adade from the Christian Family Ministry and music supplied by GoCinemas. It was wonderful to see so many of our community come together as one, for this Act Of Remembrance. Next year we will be back at the Tidworth War Memorial.

Then in a blink of an eye, it was time for the Christmas lights to go up and the tree to be decorated. Oh and our **Christmas Family Fair at the TLC** again!

We had Santa, Reindeer, Rev Tim and the Christmas Story, Princess Ariel, and a very mischievous Grinch, who was a HUGE hit.

But the cherry on top of this Christmas Pudding was the wonderful **Christmas Market** by all our local businesses. So many lovely

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presents and treats for sale. It is such a long day for all our volunteers who steward the event, but seeing all the smiling faces and all the fun that is had makes the aching feet worth every minute. Huge thank you to you if you joined us and we look forward to seeing you again next year. If not, we hope to welcome you next year to join us.

And on we march into 2024, when we have:

- Tidworth Community Award in February
- Civic Centre Opening Event
- Easter Disco and
- The return of THE TIDWORTH TOWN FESTIVAL, which will held with Tidworth Armed Forces Day on 22nd June.

As well as all this we will have:

- Skate Park JAM 27th July
- Open Air Cinema (Date TBC)

....and before we know it we'll be heading towards Remembrance and Christmas again.

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Thoughts

by Henrietta

I hope that by now you are enjoying the left overs, planning meals and shopping a distant memory? Many years ago it was impressed upon me to write. I wrestled with that thought for a long time; Who was I to write? what was I to write? I was easily diverted, nevertheless throughout those many years I would take up pen and paper and record my musings. With your permission I want to share one or two.

I am still unpacking, maybe unravelling is a better word. An honest reflection shows quite a lack of progress.

A New Year resolution? Maybe not, I know from past experience how quickly they are broken. I am

very prone to browsing. Needing to find some Christmas decorations I rummage around, I'm not entirely committed to the task, besides my neighbours have decorated lavishly and I'm enjoying that. So I end up

sitting beside a box with a rather untidy collection of writings.

I am engaged, and for me it is like finding treasure. Treasure in those boxes I am unwrapping. Jesus instructed His disciples to gather up the fragments that remain after He fed the five thousand. Twelve basketfuls, one for each disciple? I love the idea of these fragments, tasty morsels I relate to that. The bits round the edges that remain stuck to the tin after the roast has been removed are so, so delicious. Makes the whole preparation very worthwhile.

Moments of pause, moments of reflection, moments to consider.



Carol singing outside the Queens Head, helped along with Jane's mulled wine and mince pies.

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Ludgershall Town Council



After such a successful Christmas period, Ludgershall Town Council would like to thank all our volunteers for their hard work and support over the past few months. You have all helped to make the events a huge success! We would also like to thank our residents of Ludgershall for always supporting and attending events, without you these events would not be worthwhile. We hope all the events were enjoyed by all and hope the children enjoyed seeing Santa and his friends on his sleigh.

New Gym equipment

Our new outdoor gym equipment is now up and running. This has already proven to be a great success with lots of members of the community giving it a go!

Town Council Office & Hub

Ludgershall Council would like to remind residents that they are able to use the computers in our hub which also have access to printers.

Website

Please keep your eyes peeled for our new and improved website, due to launch this month! We have carefully thought about the layout of our new website and tried to make it as user friendly as possible, whilst ensuring all relevant information is available.

Full Council

Ludgershall Town Council are proud to announce that they are now full council. We are no longer searching for new councillors at this time.



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The Andover foodbank would like to thank everyone who has donated items over the past few weeks. Your help is greatly appreciated, as always.

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What do you do on a Wednesday evening between September and April every year? We play Bowls!!

We play at Collingbourne Ducis Village Hall from 6.45pm until 9.25pm every Wednesday without exception throughout the winter. We also run Sunday afternoon sessions from 2.45pm to 5.15pm. The dates in December are Sunday 3rd and 17th December. Our membership ranges over 69 years from 19 to 88. It is a social event around the game of bowls indoors. You need no specialist equipment except flat and clean shoes. We have Woods to be borrowed and we have all the equipment needed. It must be expensive I hear you say If you consider 2 hours of fun, laughter, friendship and gentle exercise for £2 a session as expensive, then you are correct!

Would you like to know more?
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CASTLEDOWN BOWLS CLUB

The best kept secret in Ludgershall and Tidworth.

Castledown Bowls Club has been playing bowls up to 4 times a week at Wellington Academy for almost 40 years. We have just finished our summer season from the first Monday in May and once a month on the first Wednesday. We run a pairs and triples internal league throughout the summer and a singles knockout competition in June and July. We are a small friendly club with players from 19 to 86 and we love welcoming new members whether complete novice or extremely experienced. The Green is at the Wellington Academy, so if you are interested in playing this wonderful game do take a look, bearing in mind it is now shutting down for the winter.

If at any time you would like more information please contact the Secretary:

Humphrey Sheppard on 07791 951396 or castledownbowlsclub@gmail.com

I look forward to hearing from some of you over the winter. Humphrey Sheppard

Keeping a warm and healthy home

Warm & Safe Wiltshire is a free advice service which seeks to ensure people live in warm and healthy homes. Funded by Swindon Borough Council and Wiltshire Council in partnership with the Centre for Sustainable Energy, we provide advice and support to low income and vulnerable households across the county.

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Recipe



Drunken Pears

From Sam Welford-Goves

Ingredients

4 Pears

5oz granulated sugar

Half a pint of red wine (drink the rest!)

A quarter of a pint of sloe gin

1 cinnamon stick

Zest of one orange

6 star anise

Whipped cream or ice cream to serve

Method

Peel the pears, and cut out the core at the bottom, leaving the stalks in tact. Add the sugar, wine, sloe gin and about half a pint of water into a small pan, and heat on a low heat until the sugar has dissolved. Once this has happened, bring it up to the boil, and add the zest, cinnamon stick and star anise. Add in the pears, then cover and poach over a low heat for about thirty minutes.

Next, remove with a slotted spoon, then continue to heat the liquid until it has reduced to about a cup full (200ml, if you'd like to be exact). It should have a syrupy consistency. Place each pear on a plate, and pour over some syrup to serve.

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The Household Support Fund is in place to support households that would otherwise struggle to buy food, pay essential utility bills or meet other essential living costs during the current cost-of-living challenges.

We're working in partnership with a number of local organisations and internal departments to distribute £5.4m in funding from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP).

Information about the Household Support Fund 4 is available at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/HouseholdSupportFund.

IT'S A LUDGERSHALL CHRISTMAS!

Our Christmas star tree! All the stars decorated by Ludgershall Preschool and Castle Primary children



Father Christmas and his friends around the town!



Friends of Ludgershall's Christmas Crib Service in the Memorial Hall. They had a lovely lunch and sang carols with Rev Tim joining in the festivities.



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Here we are happy to display some of your creative work, drawings, paintings or photographs...so please do send them in to the editor! Thank you.



Just a few photos of Friends of Ludgershall. A lovely day was had by all at their Christmas Dinner, held in the Memorial Hall. A lot of hard work, but it all went well, with 60 happy people enjoying their free Christmas Dinner.



Tim and Dawn's "Book Christmas Tree" for this years decorations



We welcomed Castle Primary as they joined us for their Christmas services and sung carols, hunted the nativity participants. A wonderful joyful time.



Congratulations to Rupert who was baptised at Holy Trinity on Sunday 3rd December



Alan and Dave working hard painting the metal gates at Holy Trinity. Now the gates, the church porch and the whole area around the front of church is looking ten times better - very smart. Thank you!



St James Christmas Carol service with the Blue Horizon handbell ringers. Everyone enjoyed mince pies, mulled wine and apple juice whilst listening to a magical evening of carols and readings

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