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know so that he can pass the details
on as necessary.



Big hugs
Little hugs
Snuggle Hugs
Loving hugs
Bear Hugs
Whatever kind of hug you
need there's one here.

- * May the Christmas GIFTS remind us of God's greatest gift, His only Son.
- * May the Christmas CANDLES remind us of Him who is the "Light of the world."
- * May the Christmas TREES remind us of another tree upon which he died.
- * May the Christmas CHEER remind us of Him who said, "Be of good cheer."
- * May the Christmas FEAST remind us of Him who is "the Bread of Life."
- * May the Christmas BELLS remind us of the glorious proclamation of His birth.
 - * May the Christmas CAROLS remind us of the song the angels sang,
"Glory to God in the highest"
- * May the Christmas SEASON remind us in every way of Jesus Christ our King!

If our greatest need had been information, God would have sent us an educator;
If our greatest need had been technology, God would have sent us a scientist;
If our greatest need had been money, God would have sent us an economist;
If our greatest need had been pleasure, God would have sent us an entertainer;
But our greatest need was forgiveness, so God sent us a Saviour.

Remember, us older folks are worth a fortune—with silver in our hair, gold in our teeth, stones in our kidneys, lead in our feet and gas in our stomachs. We are also very lucky, because we are never alone, we have Arthur Ritas who is always with us.

You know you're getting old when ... when you step off all the curbs sideways.

Do you know why rosemary with its silvery green leaves has flowers that are clear blue? It is said that, when Mary and Joseph with the baby Jesus were fleeing into Egypt to escape the wrath of King Herod, Mary hung the Christ Child's linen to dry on a sweet smelling rosemary bush. From then on the rosemary's white flowers turned to the delicate blue that we know today.



A Christmas message to you all:
We wish you the least of the very worst
and the most of the very best.



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CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2014

Love came down at Christmas,
Love, all lovely, Love divine;
Love was born at Christmas,
Stars and angels gave the sign.

Love shall be our token,
Love be yours and love be mine,
Love to God and all men
Love for plea and gift and sign

Advent Wreath



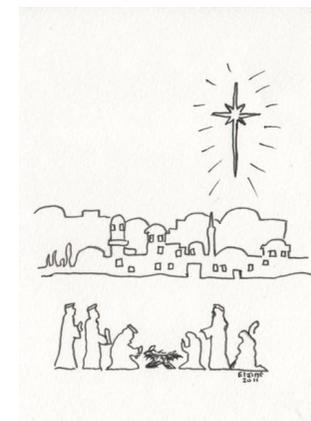
CIRCLE—is a sign of endless mercy, eternity of God, no beginning and no end. **EVERGREEN**—means life eternal, the hope we have in God. The four purple candles also symbolize the four centuries of waiting between the prophet Malacchi and the birth of Christ. **FIRST CANDLE—Purple**—the candle of HOPE. **SECOND CANDLE—Purple**—the candle of LOVE, sometimes called the Bethlehem candle. **THIRD CANDLE—Pink** symbolizes JOY and is sometimes called the Shepherds' candle. **FOURTH CANDLE—Purple**—the candle of PEACE and the last candle that is lit is the WHITE CANDLE on Christmas Day this is the CHRIST CANDLE — because:

Jesus is the light of the world.

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PAST PRESENT & FUTURE

2014—what have we done since the Harvest Newsletter?

SOUP SUNDAYS—this good fundraiser has been on the 1st Sunday of every month, after the service. These will be continued into 2015—so make it a date !



4th October Paella at the home of Hazel & Tony, Thanks again to the supporters the sum of €333 was raised.

COFFEE MORNING 19th November — “Faith & The Church” as portrayed in Royal Mail Stamps. **This event raised €70** and the feedback was that it was well

worth seeing. *“There is always something to be learned”* Geoff & Elaine would like to thank the few who found the time to attend or donated.

COMING UP.....

TODAY 17th December:

Carol Service and meal

Saturday 20th December:

Christmas Dinner will be prepared and served by us for the men & staff at the Gandia Hospice. Thanks to those who have donated gifts and thanks in advance to the helpers on the day.



A woman had just returned to her home from an evening of church services, when she was startled by an intruder. She caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables and yelled: 'Stop! Acts 2:38!'

(Repent and be Baptized, in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins may be forgiven.) The burglar stopped in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done. As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar: 'Why did you just stand there? All the old lady did was yell a scripture to you.'

'Scripture?' replied the burglar. 'She said she had an Ax and Two 38s!'

Remember: Knowing scripture can save your life - in more ways than one!

If it wasn't for the last minute, nothing would get done.

SANTA'S JOURNEY: According to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), there are 2,106 million children under age 18 in the world. So, fun with figures:-

If there are on average 2.5 children per household, Santa would have to make 842 million stops on Christmas Eve, travelling 221 million miles. To reach all 842 million stops, Santa would need to travel between houses in 2/10,000 second, which means he would need to accelerate 12.19 million miles (20.5 billion meters) per second on each stop. The force of this acceleration would reduce Santa to chunky salsa.

30th November—“Dual purpose” **ORGAN RECITAL** to commemorate 150 years of the Royal College of Organists AND Geoff & Elaine's RUBY—40th Wedding Anniversary. This was a **FUNDRAISING** event to benefit our Chaplaincy. (The Royal College of Organists 30% and 70% for the chaplaincy).

Ruby Wedding Cakes were served with the coffee and this event raised €100.

Unfortunately, the congregation was rather small this day, maybe because the weather was atrocious! However, many thanks to those who did support this event.



SEE YOU ON CHRISTMAS DAY — 9.45

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem.

Un-Holy Christmas Tales From the Inn At Bethlehem

I was reading about a Primary School nativity play?

Two children were dressed as Mary and Joseph and they are on their way to the inn at Bethlehem. Meanwhile on the other side of the stage, a lad in a shepherd's outfit decided to re-write his lines, he is on a mobile phone. In a loud voice he is calling the inn to make a reservation.

At another Primary School nativity play:-

Scene: The Inn at Bethlehem on Christmas Eve.

Joseph: Do you have any room at the inn?

Inn Keeper: (Over-playing his role) Yes, plenty, come on in.

Joseph: [Jaw drops, speechless]