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## **JANUARY 2020 Newsletter**

What is the message of Christmas?

The angel in Luke 2 tells the shepherds, “Don't be afraid! I am here with good news for you, which will bring great joy to all the people. <sup>11</sup> This very day in David's town your Saviour was born—Christ the Lord! <sup>12</sup> And this is what will prove it to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

The run up to Christmas and New Year has been hard for us at Green Lane this year; it has been full of illness and death. For many of us, Christmas joy was alloyed by natural (and completely acceptable) sadness and grief. Our motto verse for 2020 is from 1 Peter 5:7. Peter was writing to a church facing active persecution, in addition to all the natural illnesses and death which were so much more common before medical intervention became possible.

We trust God to be God. That is why we can take Peter's advice, even today. He said, “Leave all your worries with him (God), because he cares for you.” God is concerned about our worries, he knows our troubles; he feels our grief. It is because of the messiness of human life that Jesus came. It is because through Jesus the mess is dealt with that the angel could announce Good News that would and does bring joy. We are the people walking in darkness and we have seen a great light. Let us strive, in 2020, to follow that Light and reflect it to others, no matter how deep the darkness through which we walk.

### **Christmas Fayre**

**Our thanks to all those who contributed in any way to the success of the Christmas Fayre in November. The final total was £1148 (inc.£86 of copper coins collected throughout the year) for the church Development Fund.**

**If you do not already save 1p and 2p coins for us please think about starting now so that we can increase the amount saved this way by the time of the Christmas Fayre in 2020. When you have saved £1 of 1ps or £1 of 2ps please hand them in.**

**Thank you**

**John Jenkinson**



SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020  
17:00 - 20:00

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