

The Link Magazine

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MINISTER'S LETTER

An Expectant Encounter

Christmas is coming!

The glitz and the sparkle of Christmas can be so enchanting, so to the nativity and the extraordinary out of the ordinary birth of Jesus. It hints at new possibilities of a world being turned upside down, of being expectant of finding the Christ child, of finding God, of unexpectedly walking straight into the kingdom of heaven into that sacred space where the invisible barriers between heaven and earth are breached and we come away never quite the same again... during this festive season may you too find that space.

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year,

Tanya

BC:AD

This was the moment when Before
Turned into After, and the future's
Uninvented timekeepers presented arms.
This was the moment when nothing
Happened. Only dull peace
Sprawled boringly over the earth.
This was the moment when even energetic Romans
Could find nothing better to do
Than counting heads in remote provinces.
And this was the moment
When a few farm workers and three
Members of an obscure Persian sect
Walked haphazard by starlight straight
Into the kingdom of heaven.

Ursula .A. Fanthorpe (born 1929)

WORSHIP IN DECEMBER & JANUARY

LIDGETT PARK

01 Dec	10.30 am	Mr Andy Birkett	
08 Dec	10.30 am	Revd Tanya Short	<i>Holy Communion & Gift Service</i>
15 Dec	10.30 am	Mr John Clay	
22 Dec	10.30 am	No service	
	3.00 pm	Revd Tanya Short	<i>Carol Service</i>
24 Dec	4.30 pm	Revd Tanya Short & Mrs Patricia Davies	<i>Carols round the tree</i>
25 Dec	10.45 am	Revd Tanya Short	
29 Dec	10.30 am	Local Arrangement	
05 Jan	10.30 am	Revd Tanya Short	<i>Covenant Service</i>
12 Jan	10.30 am	Dr Richard Vautrey	
19 Jan	10.30 am	Revd Tanya Short	<i>Evangelical Covenant Service & Holy Communion</i>
26 Jan	10.30 am	Mr Edward Britton	

SHADWELL

01 Dec	9.30 am	Miss Mary Patchett	
08 Dec	9.30 am	Mrs Patricia Davies	
15 Dec	9.30 am	Revd Tanya Short	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	6.30 pm	Revd Tanya Short	<i>Carol Service</i>
22 Dec	9.30 am	Revd Tanya Short	<i>Carol Service</i>
25 Dec	9.30 am	Revd Tanya Short	<i>All Age Worship</i>
29 Dec	9.30 am	Mr Tom Alexander	
05 Jan	9.30 am	Mrs Mary Curl	
12 Jan	9.30 am	Revd Tanya Short	<i>Covenant Service</i>
19 Jan	9.30 am	Mrs Susan Howdle	
26 Jan	9.30 am	Revd Tanya Short	

The truth which Jesus brings to us shows us the real values of life. The fundamental question to which every person has to give an answer is: 'To what am I to give my life? Am I to give it to a career? Am I to give it to the amassing of material possessions? Am I to give it to pleasure? Am I to give it to the service of God?' The truth which Jesus brings enables us to get our scale of values right; it is in his truth that we see what things are really important and what things are not. **William Barclay**

PRAYER FOR CHANGE

These prayers are published also in the magazines of our ecumenical partners, St Andrew's Church and St Edmund's Church.

The Beautiful Game

Our next Match was to be played on Sunday - an important one too. The Team and I had to win in order to remain in the amateur league. We were all excited and adrenalin was running high. I was the goal keeper. Everything was going well until the 64th minute. A penalty kick! Yes - I saved it! Then it started - the monkey noises, the name calling and then the coins thrown at me. It was violent, an assault on all my senses. You see I am black. I am a young man, born and educated in England with a job as a trainee lawyer. Why did the crowd suddenly behave the way they did? It got worse and the match was abandoned by the referee. I was protected by my team as we all left the field. It was unforgettable and I felt my world had fallen apart.

Then after the post-match talk in the dressing room Vic entered. He was our recently appointed Chaplain. He said he loved the beautiful game and how horrible it must have been for me, the only black man on the team, to face all that abuse. He asked if he could sit with me. I began talking to him and telling him my true feelings. Then he prayed with me by my side and I felt strangely calm as though there was another presence.

That all happened 6 years ago! God came into my life then and has never let me go. He supports me through the good times and the bad times and given me the strength to deal with them.

I still play the beautiful game watched over by a beautiful God.

Amen

Truth lies in character. Jesus did not simply speak truth; he was truth: true through and through; for truth is a thing, not of words, but of Life and Being. *F W Robertson*

SHADWELL METHODIST CHURCH



Our Autumn Fair, held on the 9th November, was very busy and successful. This is our biggest charity event of the year, raising money for Maecare and All We Can.



Christmas goods will still be on sale until the holiday, so if you come to our café or coffee mornings, or any other event in the building, you still have a chance, though be quick for the best choice!



Our Saturday Coffee Mornings in the holiday season are on December 7th, and January 4th. Our Café Morning for Christmas Treats is on December 17th, and the bacon butties will be back on January 21st. A list of next year's café menus will be available from November.

Look out for when our windows light up to brighten evenings in the festive season.

Are you ready for Christmas?

It strikes me as funny that many of us spend so much time 'preparing' to be as ready as possible for a 'perfect Christmas' but that first Christmas when Jesus was born was actually so far from being perfect and prepared! We have the unmarried heavily pregnant teenager Mary carrying a baby which is not Joseph's, travelling miles from home to be counted for the Roman census. There is no Trivago or [Booking.Com](https://www.booking.com), all the places to stay are full and as we know baby Jesus the King of the world is born not in

luxury but in dirt and straw. The first Christmas was raw not perfect. It maybe that circumstances this year mean that 'raw' is closer to how you feel, God meets you there. It may be that circumstances mean this is a particularly special Christmas filled with the joy of angels. God meets you there.

God was incarnate in Jesus (That is, God came to us in bodily form in Jesus) to meet us, whatever our circumstances, however prepared or unprepared we are, however raw or joyous we are. The Christmas message is one of love. God loves us and came to us, and comes to us still.

Christmas blessings of love to you all, ***Rev Tanya Short***



Christmas at Shadwell Methodist Church

Dates for your diary!

Saturday 7th December 7:30pm

At Shadwell Methodist Church Christmas concert by The Elysian Singers
tickets £5.00

Sunday 15th December

Village Carol Service by the Churches in Shadwell in the Village Hall – 6.30 pm

Tuesday 17th December

Shadwell carol singing around the village – start at the Methodist Church at 6.30pm, mulled wine at the vicarage at 8pm and finishing at The Red Lion

Sunday 22nd December

Shadwell Methodist Church Carol Service at 9.30am

Wednesday 25th December

Shadwell Methodist Church Christmas Day Family Worship at 9.30am

Everyone is very welcome – bring a friend!



CHURCH FINANCES

In June 2019 we wrote to all members and friends of the Church to ask you to consider the financial support that you were able to make to the life and work of Lidgett Park Methodist Church. This was in view of the fact that over the previous two years our income had not met our costs and we were having to draw from our reserves. We were also having to reduce some of our charitable giving.

We have been overwhelmed by the response to this appeal. Giving by members and friends increased shortly after the letter went out. The increase in offerings, gift aid refunds and income from property lettings meant that we ended the 2018/19 financial year in balance and were able to start to replenish the property reserve.

For the financial year September 2019 to August 2020 we expect to be able to have a balanced budget and to be able to reinstate our giving to Methodist and local charities which we had cut back in 2018/19.

Thank you all for your most generous support

Alan Wittrick

Church Treasurer

Graham Saunders

***Chairman of the Church Finance
Committee***

ADVICE ON SERMON DELIVERY

Advice from Dr Spurgeon, the renowned preacher, to trainee ministers about to preach their first sermon:

“When you speak of Heaven, let your face light up with the heavenly glow. Let your eyes shine with reflected glory. But when you speak of Hell your ordinary face will do.”

FROM THE STEWARDS

Meeting Point Café

The staff of the café are very grateful for the contributions the church makes on a regular basis to help to provide meals for a very depressed area.

Deacon Leisl Warren, who is attached to the cafe, hopes to start holding a “church” service & lunch combined from the beginning of December. As there is little money in the area, most of the customers can only afford one meal a week, so Leisl hopes that the churches in the Circuit might be willing to sponsor such a service and meal. Beside the food box in the entrance to church on a Sunday morning there will be a plate to receive gifts of money.

The money on the Gift Tree on 8th December will also go to Meeting Point Café as well as WYDAN. Our Christmas liturgy this year reflects on poverty and homelessness, Please remember this venture and all the people involved in it in your prayers.

Local Arrangement service

On 29th December we are to conduct the service ourselves. We thought the congregation might like to sing some of the carols which were not sung over the Christmas period and so we invite you to choose a carol or a reading (not necessarily a biblical one) or a piece of music and, maybe, give the reason for your choice. You will not be expected to talk about it if you do not wish to. There will be a piece of paper available for your contributions at the beginning of December.

Thank you, the Stewards.

I got up early one morning and rushed right into the day;
I had so much to accomplish that I didn't have time to pray.
Problems just tumbled about me, and heavier came each task.
'Why doesn't God help me?' I wondered. He answered: 'you didn't ask.'

I woke up early this morning and paused before starting the day.
I had so much to accomplish, that I had to take time to pray.

Anonymous



Welcome to
**A Concert of Carols
& Christmas Music**

by **The WENDEL SINGERS**
&
The YEP BRASS ENSEMBLE

Lidgett Park Methodist Church

Lidgett Place, Roundhay, Leeds LS8 1HG

**Tuesday, 17th December, 2019,
7:30 pm**

Admission: Adults £10 Children under 16 Free
Including tea/coffee & mince pies
Tickets at the door

**Proceeds to the
Church's Charity Projects**



3GENERATE

3Generate is an action-packed and inspiring weekend, primarily designed to hear the voice of children and young people across the Methodist Church. It focuses on fun, faith and friends.

The 2019 Manifesto was shaped by the views and opinions of the 1,100 children and young people, aged 8 - 23, who were welcomed at 3Generate 2018 at Southport. They came from all over the country - from Scotland to the Channel Islands! This is their manifesto – see the colourful poster on our noticeboard!

Manifesto 2019

Make 2019 a year to be courageous

The children and young people at 3Generate 2018 have spoken out. Trusting that God is with us, we want to be a part of a Church that knows, shows and shares God's Love. Therefore, together we want to:

Take action on homelessness in local areas

Look after the environment by:

- Recycling
- Using less plastic
- Picking up litter

Seek those who are lonely & struggling and do something to help them

Create safe spaces inside and outside the Church, where people don't judge, but listen and offer support

Be creative and varied in how we worship God

Get to know and learn about people in our local communities so that we:

- Build relationships
- Break down barriers
- Stop prejudice

How will YOU engage with, speak out about and respond to this Manifesto? How will you tell your story?

PROJECT UPDATE. NOVEMBER 2019

We are still working on next year's programme but we have booked the ***Elysian Singers for Saturday July 18th as our final event of the year.*** Please put the date in your diary – they are a fantastic choir, singing a wide range of music. I am sure you will not be disappointed!

Those observant amongst you, will realise that July 18th is the date on which we have often held the Summer Swing Dance. After discussion with Becky, we have decided that the dance may be better held in the winter months and are looking to book something later in the Project year. Watch this space!

We will keep you up to date with all our planned events as soon as they are booked. In the meantime, as always, our most sincere thanks for your support. Finally, a reminder of up and coming events:

Tuesday December 17th – Christmas Concert with the Wendell Singers and YEP Brass Ensemble.

Sunday February 9th 2020 – annual Bangers and Mash lunch, again after morning service.

With thanks, as always, for your support of our two very worthy charities.

Margaret Farrar On behalf of the Project Group.

SNOW – A MEDITATION

It is now 18 months since I concluded my Meditation series of articles for The Link. With winter fast approaching, here is just one more – a seasonal one.

Snow! Children love it. As soon as the soft icy flakes start falling, they cannot get outside fast enough to enjoy the snowball fights or tobogganing down the crisp white slopes in Roundhay Park.

However, as we get older, our enthusiasm diminishes as we contemplate the following days when we may find ourselves imprisoned in our homes.

But, after a fall of snow – what a revelation! Our surroundings have been created anew. The branches of the bushes and trees are strung with diamond necklaces; the roads and footpaths are transformed into avenues of sparkling whiteness; our houses look as if they are wearing powdered wigs; and there is a stillness, a hush, pervading everything. It feels as if, momentarily, our world has been lightly touched by something beyond ourselves. For a short time this white world of snow lies in its pristine state. But soon it begins to be changed as people start to move about, and the beautiful unspoiled panorama is transformed into a slushy mess, pockmarked by our footmarks and tyre tracks.

We are told that every individual snowflake is different. We also know that a single snowflake will not change the appearance of the landscape. However, a large number of individual snowflakes, when falling together in a snowstorm, do change what we see.

Can a fall of snow speak to us? I think it can. For a short time the snow covers over the results of our everyday activities and creates a new silent scene. In a sense our local world is born anew. But then we trample on it and destroy the vista. Until the next fall of snow!

Perhaps our spiritual journey is similar – requiring periodic 'snowfalls' to provide that hushed silence and changed outlook to take us from where we are to somewhere new. In addition, a snowfall reminds us that when acting individually we often have limited power to change things, but when acting collectively we sometimes can make a big difference.

Gerry Leake

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

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I've just returned from Nigeria where I got to witness first-hand development programmes being run by colleagues there. Nigeria – the land of my birth – is a cultural melting pot of different traditions and religions, where hundreds of languages are spoken. In some areas people from different tribes and tongues live peacefully among each other, but of course the ugly face of division has led to deadly conflict in other areas. While I was there, I heard several conversations about a run of xenophobic attacks on Nigerians living in South Africa. So far, around 200 of them have had to flee the country they thought was home in the wake of the violence, which started in Johannesburg and Pretoria and has seen at least 10 people killed. The mobs have been targeting foreign-owned businesses, accompanied by chants for them to go back home. The Nigerian government is set to repatriate hundreds more of its citizens, helping them to return home to escape the attacks. It's heart-breaking to think that people are violently turning on the Nigerian neighbours they've lived alongside for many years. It begs the question why. For years, I've been haunted by the Lars Von Trier film *Dogville* in which Nicole Kidman plays Grace – a stranger who seeks refuge in a small-town American community. She is taken in by them before they turn against her. Before the backlash, Grace says about her place of refuge: "All I see is a beautiful little town in the midst of magnificent mountains. A place where people have hopes and dreams even under the hardest conditions." Sometimes I try to put myself in the shoes of those who are so scared of the other that it drives them to violence. While I'll never understand it, I'm convinced it's driven by an underlying fear – a perceived existential threat. Perhaps when people feel their hopes and dreams are at risk or that it is the stranger's presence which causes their supposed oppression, they lash out. In recent years we've seen examples around the world of the ugly face of extreme nationalism; when protecting some imaginary or literal borders results in violence towards those deemed to be outsiders. The Bible is full of exhortations to welcome the stranger and not fear them. Ultimately, the Christian

story is about the breaking down of barriers. Christ came to break down the dividing wall of hostility, the book of Ephesians says. I'm so thankful for meeting colleagues last week who have devoted their lives to helping 'the other' – the millions of women and children for example displaced by armed conflict in Nigeria - their plight caused by the hatred of the other. I believe that to selflessly help those considered not like us showcases the best of humanity – breaking down barriers, not building walls.

Chine McDonald 17/09/2019

METHODIST UPDATE

I (Anna) am now three months into my role as Development Officer at Leeds Methodist Mission in the city centre. A lot of my time so far has been spent meeting people to discern the areas of opportunity and spaces where we as Methodists have something unique to offer. I wanted to update you all on a few current areas of work.

In December we will be in Leeds Kirkgate Market on Tuesday 3rd, 10th and 17th with a stall chatting to people and doing some festive activities. This is a pilot to see if we can do more work in the market in 2020. Come down and find us in the food and events area of the market if you are in Leeds city centre on those days and follow us on Facebook: @LeedsMethodistMission and Twitter: @LMMinthecity to see how it goes.

One of our long-term goals as a mission is to develop a residential intentional community in the city centre. We are currently looking to begin a conversation about how this will look and develop. So if you or someone you know would be interested in being part of this conversation please do get in touch on 07903755995 or anna.bland@ywmethodist.org.uk.

Thanks for reading and please hold us in your prayers.

Anna and Merry
Leeds Methodist Mission in the city centre

BOOK REVIEWS

How Far To Bethlehem? by Norah Lofts

"Christmas is coming and the geese are getting fat" so states the children's rhyme bringing with it to some anxiety about expense, stress around present buying and for others, loneliness. Church goers are so familiar with the Christmas story and accompanying carols but what do we actually know about the characters portrayed in the Nativity story.

Daphne Barton had this book lying on her shelf for years and, having finally read it, wondered if I might be interested. Norah's fiction brings her characters to life although sticking closely to the Biblical text.

Mary was a pretty, gentle and serious minded young girl living in rural Nazareth with her father, Joachim, and her domineering mother, Anne, who was determined that her daughter's impending marriage to Joseph, a carpenter, would be a perfect occasion.

Joseph, now in his late thirties, hardly believing his luck that Mary would consent to be his wife had finally settled in Nazareth after working for years in many lands and was preparing his house for his new bride. Then the unthinkable happened. An angel appeared to Mary leaving her in a state of wonder then despair and worry regarding Joseph's reaction to the news. The novel depicts a couple in turmoil. Joseph's disbelief, the wedding cancelled, his concern for Mary unmarried with a child, her shame and his guilt at the thought of abandoning her. The angel's second appearance to Joseph alleviates his misgivings, showing the way forward but failed to give him the stamina to face his belligerent mother-in-law, Anne, whose world had crashed!

Gaspar, Melchior and Balthazar are known as the wise men or kings but who were they? According to Norah, Gaspar was the ruler of Jaxal, insecure, constantly on the lookout for plots and aware of his tenuous position when he swept into the city with his conquering Five Hundred. He had rejected the title of king, refusing to wear a crown and never at ease with this new world, he

longed to return to his life as a desert wanderer.

Malchior, a very old, weary and starving man arrived at Gaspar's gate. He was given a meal and explained he was an astronomer from the shores of the Yellow Sea and whilst studying the stars a new one had appeared directing him to follow it urgently to the place where a new king had been born with the message that the king's life was in danger. Having used up all his money and worn his camel into the ground he was begging Gaspar for a new camel and a little money to continue. Having roused Gaspar's interest and for reasons of his own he agreed to accompany him.

Balthazar grew up in Africa but, aged twelve, the slave traders came and sold him into slavery. The novel details his experiences as a slave and the reasons for his need to escape. As a runaway slave the penalty if caught was death. What did he see in an urn that dared him to take the risk? After many eventful days on the run, hungry and sheltering in a corner of an inn yard, he saw what he had seen in the urn, two weary travellers on a mission. He begged them to take him with them and proved to be an invaluable companion.

There were shepherds in the fields above Bethlehem. How many? Perhaps only three. Norah details the life of one of the shepherds. A tragic story led him to tend the sheep of another but up on the hills he saw something so strange and wonderful in the sky that led him to abandon the sheep and go down town.

And we must not forget an innkeeper in the story. Was he a kind and compassionate man who gave shelter to a desperate couple even though he could only offer an outhouse? Was he a lazy, greedy, drink-sodden man who left his poor stressed wife to cope with running the inn? What happened on his premises that night changed so many lives.

There is so much detail in this book bringing characters to life that I will never hear the Christmas story quite the same again.

Thank you Daphne. If your interest has been whetted I have the book.

Barbara Holmes

WTF? by ROBERT PESTON

'Round up the usual suspects' is a line from the classic movie Casablanca that appears no less than twice in this book, and when one looks at the list of critics who have praised this paperback since it first appeared in 2017 we see the names of so many of 'the usual suspects' there that the suspicions of anybody who does not subscribe to the B.B.C./Guardian 'liberal' orthodoxies tends to feel more than a little apprehensive even when merely picking the book up. Whether their prejudices are right or wrong, only a political fool would deny that those who proclaim Political Correctness are directing its edicts against the mass of the electorate whom they fear do not share such views, and these are, of course, the only opinions that are to be allowed. Robert Peston, the author of this book, strives to differentiate himself from being one of 'the usual suspects,' notably in pretending that being the son of a University Professor makes him in some way akin to being an Ordinary Joe. Having been a Professor myself, I would concede that I would have welcomed a private income, but the role did just about attract upper middle-class status, even financially near the end, always provided you stuck to your wife.

What Peston's book is primarily about, though, is the revolt of the Ordinary Joes and, of course, Jills, which took the form of voting Leave in the E.U. Referendum in 2016, and what it means for the British political economy. There are many reasons why Leave won, and top of the list was that the E.U. refused to give David Cameron, the British Prime Minister, anything resembling a serious deal that he could sell to the electorate. This meant that Cameron had to resort to tricks, not least inviting the American President Obama to come over and threaten that Britain would be at the back of the queue when it came to making a trade deal with the U.S.A. if this country left the E.U. Even if this was the reality,

which might be the case, it always seemed to me that the popular reaction to this warning would be the opposite of what Cameron intended. I well remember in my distant youth being stationed in Aden in the R.A.F in barrack blocks of 300 men. Only about 50 of such airmen could be sensibly expected to have listened to what somebody like Obama said, though it would not necessarily follow that they would agree with him. On the other hand, the reaction of the other 250 or so would most likely be 'why don't you go and ... yourself.' The referendum offered such people a rare opportunity to say much the same to the entire British political class.

Despite his struggles to differentiate himself from them, Robert Peston is very much part of the North London political class [I refuse to call them an elite] who dominate the British political game and the media associated with it, and he was shocked by the outcome of the 2016 Referendum. To his credit, he does not concentrate on the narrow margin of victory, which is just as well because Remain had the advantage of having the conservative position (note the small 'c'), the devil you know as against the unknown, and still lost. The hard truth is that Peston never manages to escape the recognizable intellectual confines of the North London political world that he inhabits, but he does know a great deal about how the British economy works, which makes his book interesting to read, and, for example, one fears that his opinion that the quality of private sector management in this country is poor compared with our major competitors may well be, sadly, near the mark. Though Peston does not spare the various New Labour Governments from criticism, and, unsurprisingly so given the enviable economic inheritance which they threw away, his criticisms of the Conservative Governments since have the usual Keynesian tone, and when he cited Sweden as the model which Britain should follow in future I have to admit I sighed wearily. Is Sweden still the socially cohesive model of Anthony Crosland's dreams all those years ago? Politically, Peston cannot resist, of course, condemning populism which means that Donald Trump is a target, and no less than twice he criticises the electoral college system which enabled Trump to become the American President despite getting fewer votes than Hilary Clinton. The U.S.A. has a federal political structure, and without such a college

it would be conceivable that a candidate need only prevail in, say, half a dozen states to win a Presidential contest. So, why bother to vote at all in, say, Nebraska?

Peston was on surer ground in his criticisms of Theresa May as Conservative Prime Minister. Her conduct of the 2017 General Election was lamentable, and the same was true of how she dealt with negotiations with the E.U. Her biggest mistake was to activate Article 50 far too swiftly. Against that, Peston was unconvincing when trying to argue that Jeremy Corbyn, the current Labour Party Leader, is something better than the only too familiar socially privileged Rentacrowd type. In writing that, though, I do not deny that what Peston bravely calls handouts of the type that Corbyn and his devotees advocate may well have electoral potential. Getting other people to pay for your rail fares and much else besides could well appeal to a British electorate that persistently demands a wider range of public services without showing the slightest willingness to pay the requisite taxation.

Anyway, amiable as ever, if only in my own opinion, I will conclude by writing that, whether one loves or loathes Peston's views, there is a mine of information in this book, and, given that space does not permit me to discuss what is written in sufficient detail to be entirely fair to a gifted author, I will just simply recommend a book which easily held my attention on a couple of air flights. In his assessment of the present state of the British political economy, Peston comes across as a troubled man, and I very much fear that he has very good cause to be.

Geoffrey K Fry

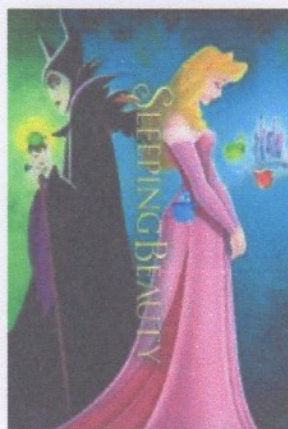
MYSTERY MURDER PLAYS

Thank you very much to the drama group for an excellent evening's entertainment and also to the catering team who prepared a really nice Cottage Pie followed by carrot cake. I thought the play was the best yet in a long and distinguished series.

Stan Pearson

LIDGETT PARK DRAMA GROUP
presents

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by Irving Theaker



on Friday/Saturday 14/15 February
and Thursday/Friday 20/21 February
2020

at 7.00pm

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Children £3

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SHADWELL METHODIST CHURCH

Cafe Morning 10.00 am - 12.30 pm

17th December

Xmas Treats

21st January

Bacon Butties

There will also be the usual wide range of delicious home-baked cakes and scones and a variety of styles of coffee. The company is excellent so come and meet the people of Shadwell.

LIDGETT PARK LADIES' GROUP

Meeting on alternate Thursday evenings at 7.45 pm in the Community Hall. Entertainment, chat and refreshments provided. The meetings for December and January are as follows:

5th Dec. Our annual Carol Service, held in the Community Hall at the earlier time of 7.30 pm. Please note this is OPEN to ALL, so bring along your friends and neighbours.

9th Jan. Danielle Furness from Leeds Autism Services: "A Different Way of Thinking". This is also an OPEN meeting for anyone interested.

23rd Jan. New Year Lunch. Venue still to be arranged.
Lynne and Anne

QUIET TIME - AND LUNCH!

From the 5th December Quiet Time's time is changing. It will begin at 11.30am and finish at noon. We then, for those that would like to, will have lunch and a coffee. You are invited to bring your own lunch and we will share fellowship over drinks and our lunch from home. Every body is very welcome. Usually communion is the last Thursday of the month, but in December it will be on the 19th .

Look forward to seeing you there. ***Tanya***

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