

# Providence News Letter

## What's happening this Week

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6PM- 8PM</b>	<b>Brownies Property Meeting Cancelled</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:30</b>	<b>Re Arranged Church Council</b>

**Note:- We have had to postpone the Annual General Church Meeting planned for Saturday the 6th of February to a later date as yet to be arranged,**

**We are pleased to welcome a Pack of Brownies** who will be meeting on Tuesday evenings in the Church Hall.

**J Club teachers meeting** at 126a, Ham Lane, on Monday 1st February at 8.00p.m.

**Safeguarding training** for **ALL** involved with young folk. At church on Monday 8th February at 7.30 p.m. training will take 3 hours.

## Next Sunday

<b>10:20</b>	<b>Worship Group</b>
<b>10:30</b>	<b>J Club Brenda Guest</b>
<b>6 PM</b>	<b>The Harrisons</b>
<b>Stewards AM</b>	<b>Dave</b>
<b>Stewards PM</b>	<b>Hannah</b>
<b>Door AM</b>	<b>Alan and Doreen</b>
<b>Door PM</b>	<b>Len and Norman</b>
<b>Coffee</b>	<b>Pat Cook</b>
<b>Flowers</b>	<b>Chris</b>

## Sunday 24th January

### Services

<b>10:20</b>	<b>Worship Group</b>
<b>10:30</b>	<b>Revd Robert HC</b>
<b>6 PM</b>	<b>Mr Michael Pearson In The Church</b>
<b>Stewards am</b>	<b>Hannah and Doreen</b>
<b>Stewards pm</b>	<b>Frank and Sue</b>
<b>Door am</b>	<b>Barbara and Jean</b>
<b>Door pm</b>	<b>Geoff</b>
<b>Coffee</b>	<b>Don and Carole</b>
<b>Flowers</b>	<b>Chris Lune</b>

<b>Offertory Last Week am</b>	<b>£184.00</b>
<b>pm</b>	<b>£126.20</b>

The amount raised for **Children in Need** was

£155 Thanks to all who contributed **Doreen**

The challenge before us as followers of Christ is to serve Him with excellence now so that we can hear His words, "**Well done**" then. based on the way I am living today, what kind of review will I get when I see the Saviour?

### **Are you able to help the No Strings Attached Puppet**

**Ministry?** As part of a local project we are looking for volunteers to knit 6 football scarves and a couple of bobble hats for some of our puppets. The scarves need to be about 2 foot long and must be black and white. If you are able to help please see either Dawn, Roy, Wayne, Ian, David

**Have you ever wondered** why the Partridge in a Pear Tree is a Christmas Carol Well I found out

From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of their church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember.

The partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ.

Two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments.

Three French hens stood for faith, hope and love.

The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke & John.

The five golden rings recalled the Torah or Law, the first five books of the Old Testament.

The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation.

Seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit--Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership and Mercy.

The eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes.

Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit--Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self Control.

The ten lords a-leaping were the ten commandments.

The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful disciples.

The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.

So there is your history for today. This knowledge was shared with me and I found it interesting. I now share it with you

### **Remember in your Prayers**

**Please pray for all our friends who are not well:**

David Southall Bessie Dorothy Pat Hackett ( she has an ongoing severe chest problem)

Bessie in ward A3 Russells Hall

Beryl and Norman (They have both been very poorly )

Norman is booked into Russells Hall for minor surgery

**Please pray for those who need our support:**

Pat Frank Eric Chris & Dave Walker

**Please pray for those in the wider community** needing our prayers, we may not know them but God does;

**Heathers Colleague Dan,** Dan's Mom died suddenly over Christmas age 49, as well as being a wife, mother and grandmother she was the carer for Dan's younger brother who is disabled.

Heather & Ian's next door neighbour John Hackett and his family  
Wife Denise unexpectedly passed away.

**Please pray for those from our fellowship who are in care,**

**Betty Smith** who is a resident in Coppice House,

**Elsie Noons** who is a resident in Holly Lodge Rest Home

**Bessie** who is a resident in Two Gates (currently in Russells Hall)

**Dorothy Burley** who is a temporary resident in Oriel Nursing Home

**Chris, Dave and family** would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and prayers at this sad time. Also to our friends who braved the cold at the Crematorium last Friday - your

support was much appreciated. **Chris**

**Still a limited supply of Damson Jam also Marmalade**