



Parkwood Herald

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NEWSLETTER OF PARKWOOD METHODIST CHURCH
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How often do you sing or say something and either don't know the meaning or forget because you say it so

often or not enough. I figured everyone would by now be full of food and would need something relaxing – So I thought, 'how many people really know the background to the song the 12 days of Christmas'

The Story Behind The 12 Days Of Christmas Song

The song was written by Catholics in England as a catechism song to teach their children about the Christian faith. The song's "gifts" help remember the teachings of the faith.

"True Love" refers to God.

"Me" refers to every Christian.

The other symbols mean the following:

1 Partridge in a Pear Tree = Jesus Christ

2 Turtle Doves = The Old & New Testaments

3 French Hens = Faith, Hope and Charity or the Father, Son and Holy Spirit Trinity

4 Calling Birds = The Four Gospels

5 Golden Rings = First Five Books of the Old Testament

6 Geese-A-Laying = The Six Days of Creation

7 Swans-A-Swimming = The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit (I Corinthians 12:8-10)

8 Maids-A-Milking = The Eight Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-10)

9 Ladies Dancing = The Nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)

10 Lords-A-Leaping = The Ten Commandments (Exodus 20)

11 Pipers Piping = Eleven Apostles, not Judas

12 Drummers Drumming = The Twelve Points of Doctrine in the Apostle's Creed

Now sit back and relax... go on have another mince pie or Brussels sprout. Now the preparation is over and the party has started.

Rev Jo Brown

JANUARY 2017 BIRTHDAYS

5th Pat Battye

5th Robin Whittam

8th Margaret Noble

10th Rita Crossley

12th Jane Flaherty

Dates of 'Breakfasts' 2017

21st January

18th February

18th March

Christmas Concert

Thank You to Barbara for organising the Band Concert and Order of Service. SUPERB.

SORRY! No Cheerful Chat or Drop in Lunches during January or February. Hope to re-start in March

Breakfast:- Open as usual in both January and February

'Seeking to be the People of Christ at the Heart of the Community'.



[Just a few photo's from the archive](#)

DIARY FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2017

Sunday 1st 10.45 Messy Church/All Age Worship Service
Sunday 8th 10.45 Service led by Miss Joanne Jones
Sunday 15th 10.45 Covenant Service led by Rev Jo Brown
Saturday 21st Parkwood Community Breakfast 9.30am – 12.00 noon
Sunday 22nd 10.45 Service led by Mrs Judith Robinson
Sunday 29th 10.45 Service led by Mrs Christine Shaw followed by Faith Lunch

FEBRUARY

Sunday 5th 10.45 Messy Church/All Age Worship Service led by Rev Jo Brown
Sunday 12th 10.45 Service led by Mr Keith Kitson
Saturday 18th Parkwood Community Breakfast 9.30am – 12.00 noon
Sunday 19th 10.45 Communion Service led by Rev Jo Brown
Sunday 26th 10.45 Service led by Rev Richard Thompson

A HAPPY, HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL IN THESE EXCITING TIMES FOR PARKWOOD