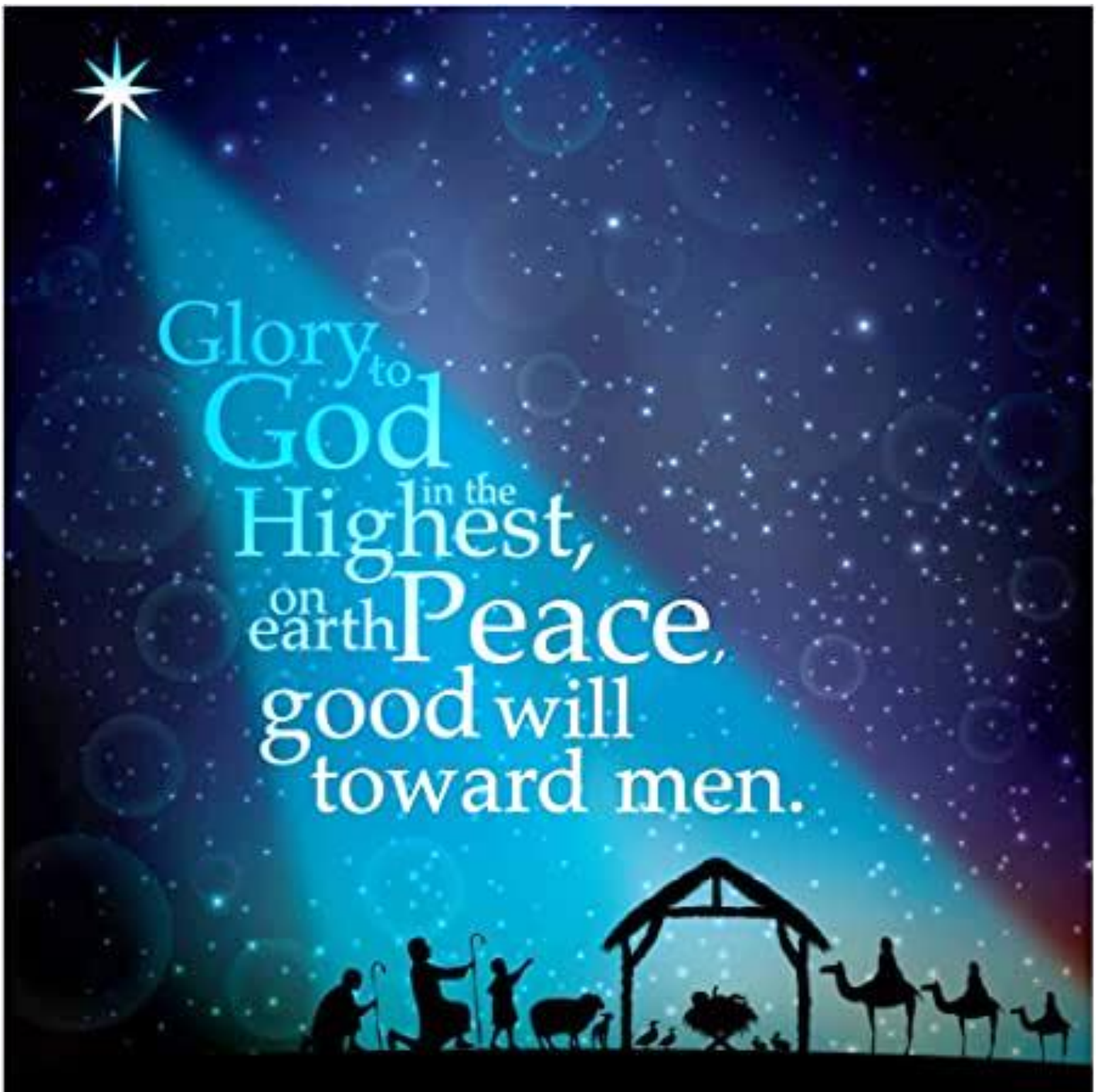




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**Bridgemia
Newsletter
December 2022**



Winter Wonderland

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Happy Birthday to:

Resident: Naomi B
 Day Club: Valerie S

Alan Dickson - Chaplain
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born
Matthew 1 v 20-21

*An angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, **because he will save his people from their sins.**”*

Christmas is coming around again. It's a wonderful time of year for us to be happy – much to enjoy – for example, parties, poppers, presents, plum pudding, poinsettias, prancer, punch, pumpkin pie, partridge in a pear tree and all the rest of it (sorry I couldn't think of a “p for that one”). We each have our favourite aspects of Christmas. However, the external sparkly side of Christmas that we all see and know so well, and we can see on our televisions being repeated all around the world, is not really a true reflection of what is going on in people's lives. For many, in our city, in our country, in our world, Christmas brings sadness, or perhaps loneliness, or maybe difficult memories. Even for those who are happy at Christmas, it's just a momentary departure from the reality of life. Christmas comes and goes, we can be happy, successful, sad or indifferent, but this celebration that we recognise every year doesn't really change anything very much.

And that's so very strange, because the very first Christmas changed everything. That is the message of the Bible verses at the top of this page. “*Jesus came to save his people from their sins*”. God reached out to the world and gave his Son, Jesus, so that we can all be saved from our sins. In our modern Christmas celebration, this has become forgotten or unknown for so many. Whether glitz, family, sadness or whatever is our personal experience of Christmas this year, we can all go back to Christmas No.1, 2000 years ago and receive ourselves the greatest gift of all time, the Lord Jesus as our own personal Saviour. As verse 3 of the well-known Christmas carol – “*O Little Town of Bethlehem*” says:

“How silently, how silently

the wondrous gift is giv'n!

So God imparts to human hearts

the blessings of His heav'n.

No ear may hear His coming,

but in this world of sin,

where meek souls will receive Him still

the dear Christ enters in”.

The slightly old-fashioned language of Christian Christmas carols and the familiar tunes sometimes distract us from the meanings of their words, but the true reason for Christmas is that Jesus came down as a gift from God to be our Saviour, if we invite him into our lives. God, in his love for us, sent his Son to be our Saviour. The first Christmas was marked by angels singing announcing the arrival of Jesus, and since then Christians have always sung and celebrated the coming of the Messiah. Christians continue to send out the message:

“Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.”

(John Wesley Work)

Allow me to encourage you to read the Christmas story in the Bible for yourself.

Matthew Chapter 1 v 18 – Chapter 2 v 12

If you haven't got a Bible, you can find the chapters on the internet, on the links below.

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+1&version=NIV>

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+2&version=NIV>

FRIENDS OF BRIDGEMEAD

Hello Bridgemedians,

I hope that you are all well and enjoying this very mild weather that we are experiencing – good for us but not great for the planet though.

Just to remind you all that the Christmas Cheer event is on Saturday 3 December 2022 at Bridgemead 2.30pm. We shall have stalls selling greeting cards, craft items and a 'tombola type pick a bag and win a prize' event. There will also be our popular raffle which will again feature a stunning hamper.

Refreshments of tea/coffee and mince pies will be available at a cost of £2.

We would love to see lots of you there to support us!

Lastly, may I wish you all a very peaceful and happy Christmas and all good wishes for the New Year!

**Best wishes,
Una**

News at Bridgemead

A group of staff from Bridgemead completed the Bath Skyline Walk on a dry (thankfully) October morning. We all thoroughly enjoyed the challenge albeit a little harder for some than others - but then we did have some youths amongst us!!

We were so lucky to be able to enjoy the sights of Bath on our walk and upon our return, we were greeted with Hot Dogs and Burgers provided by the kitchen staff and Heather, Head of Care. We are pleased to announce we have managed to raise a minimum of £750 for the Flood Defence at Bridgemead. Well done to all!!



Also at the end of October some of our residents were able to enjoy a day out at Westonbirt Arboretum. We were again lucky with the weather so the residents were able to see such beautiful autumn colours .



An outing was arranged to Whitehall Garden Centre in Whitchurch to see the Christmas Displays. The Garden Centre had lots of festive displays and another visit has been arranged in December for more residents to enjoy.



Paul Booth- Trustee

It is with regret I report that Nick Coates has stepped down as Chair of Trustees for Bridgemean and also as a Trustee. Nick joined the board in September 2016 and has been a conscientious member throughout. He took a short leave of absence to pursue political interests and we were very pleased to welcome him back after that time in spring 2020. He became Chair in early 2021 until now. During that time Pam Bourton left us as Head of Care and he led us through finding a new Head of Care in Heather Gillingham and Registered Manager in Ryan Iyavoo. He was also diligent in considering our risk management, organising our 30 year celebratory garden party and all the very many tasks done by a Chair of the Board that are invisible to most involved in the home. He has also been very active in applying for funds to help our desire to improve our flood protection for the residents.

Ryan has made an excellent short presentation on this which is available on You Tube on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FimrcTdj-o> .

If you haven't seen it I urge you to do so.

There are also brochures available in the office if you wish to know more and may wish to contribute.

If anyone reading this is interested in knowing more about becoming a Trustee then please do contact our Secretary Graham Barber through the office.

ENTERTAINMENT AT BRIDGEMEAD – DECEMBER 2022

1ST	2.00PM	THE PARAGON SCHOOL CHOIR
3RD	2.30PM	FRIENDS OF BRIDGEMEAD CHRISTMAS CHEER
7TH	2.00PM	NOW & THEN – SINGING GROUP
8TH	2.00PM	PHIL SMITH - SEASONAL SONGS
9TH	2.00PM	MIKE RENTON - SING-A-LONG
11TH	4.15PM	WIDCOMBE SUNDAY SCHOOL SERVICE
12TH	6.30PM	SILVER RING CHOIR
14TH	2.00PM	JILLY BRYANT & GROUP - UKELELE
16TH	6.30PM	TRUSTEES/FRIENDS CAROL SERVICE
19TH	2.00.PM	DAVID KNIVETON - FLUTE CONCERT
20TH	6.00PM	CAROLEAN CHOIR
21ST	2.00PM	MINI CONCERTS CHRISTMAS SHOW
22ND	2.00PM	DANNY GUEST - SINGER



Come and join Bridgemed Day Club 10am – 4pm
Arrive at 10am and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea
along with a chat and if you would like a challenge
how about a group quiz or crossword?

A lovely lunch will be provided.

In the afternoon we have various activities
ranging from Entertainers, Arts and Crafts, Sing-alongs
and much more.

At 3pm the ‘Grand Finale’ - Tea and cake.

“Thank you for a most enjoyable day”

just one of many compliments from
Club Members.

Cost: £31 per visit – payable monthly in arrears

Carers for and friends of Day Club members - please consider contributing to our funding at
Bridgemed – in particular we have a major flood risk mitigation building project which urgently
needs funding.

<https://www.bridgecare.org.uk/donate/>

Giving

Find out how to give to support different aspects of what we do on <https://www.bridgecare.org.uk/volunteer/how-do-i-donate/> or by giving online at <https://www.bridgecare.org.uk/donate/>

We continue to retain a Local Giving page the link for which can be found at the bottom
of <https://www.bridgecare.org.uk/volunteer/how-to-fundraise/>

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Find Bridgemed on our home page at <https://www.bridgecare.org.uk/>

If you would prefer to receive your copy of Bridgemed by e-mail, please let us know on admin@bridgecare.org.uk
All contributions to this newsletter are welcome from residents, relatives, staff and volunteers. If you have something
you think would be of interest, anecdotes, personal recollections, news events, short poems or anything relevant
would be welcome.

Jobs

We also now have a page for Staff Vacancies on the website.
<https://www.bridgecare.org.uk/about/staff/vacancies/>

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