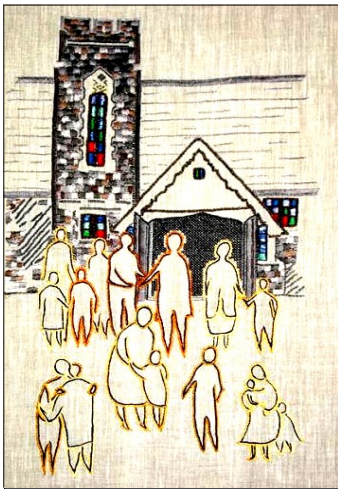


# Cashmere Connection

Cashmere Presbyterian Church — The Stone Church on the Hill  
Linking with its community since 1928

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## *We are People of Hope*

Christians are people of hope. Christmas brings a message of hope into this chaotic and turbulent world, to this difficult moment, this frustrating hour in human history. Hope has triumphed before, it will prevail again! From a similar kind of world, writing to the people exiled from their devastated homeland, the Prophet Ezekiel presented a vision of healing, live-giving waters. That these waters would flow from a restored temple in Jerusalem, bringing fresh water to stagnant ponds alongside which trees would grow whole leaves, would bring healing to the nations! (Ezekiel 47). These were prophetic and visionary words, bringing hope into a place of despair.

This kind of hope was birthed in an historical person in first century Palestine. The Jews were living under oppressive political and religious regimes, not unlike Taliban rule in Afghanistan today. Into this context God comes in Jesus Christ, bringing a message jam-packed with hope. It is the hope that comes from the creator God of the universe, reaching out in a very human way to connect with us. It is the hope of a better way of living demonstrated in the loving life and teaching of this God-Man Jesus. And it

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is ultimately the hope of victory over sin, evil and death that came to us through the Easter events of death and resurrection.

In another dark time in human history, a man inspired by Christ brought hope to the people of the USA oppressed by shocking racial prejudice. One of the inspirational hopeful messages he gave included these words of ultimate hope to the people who marched with him from Selma to Montgomery in 1965:

*"I know you are asking today, 'how long will it take...? How long will justice be crucified, and truth bear it?' I come to say to you, however difficult the*

*moment, however frustrating the hour, it will not be long, because 'truth crushed to the earth will rise again....' How long? Not long, because 'no lie can live forever.....' How long? Not long, because the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice."*

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*Hamish*

## *Christmas in Cashmere*

### **ADVENT COMMUNION**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December @ 10am**

### **FAMILY NATIVITY SERVICE**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December @ 10am**, followed by a shared lunch/family BBQ. Bring a plate of finger food to share, if you are able.

### **COMMUNITY CAROLS**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December @ 6pm**  
*Community carols in the open air.* An event for all ages, with music from the Steadfast Band and a sausage sizzle. Bring rugs and a picnic. (In the church if wet)

### **CHRISTMAS MUSIC SERVICE**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December @ 10am.** *Beautiful Christmas music, ancient & modern.*  
**Healing Service @ 11.30am**



### **CHRISTMAS EVE**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Morning Worship at 10am**

### **Light a Candle in Remembrance**

The church will be open during the day for personal prayer, remembrance and contemplation

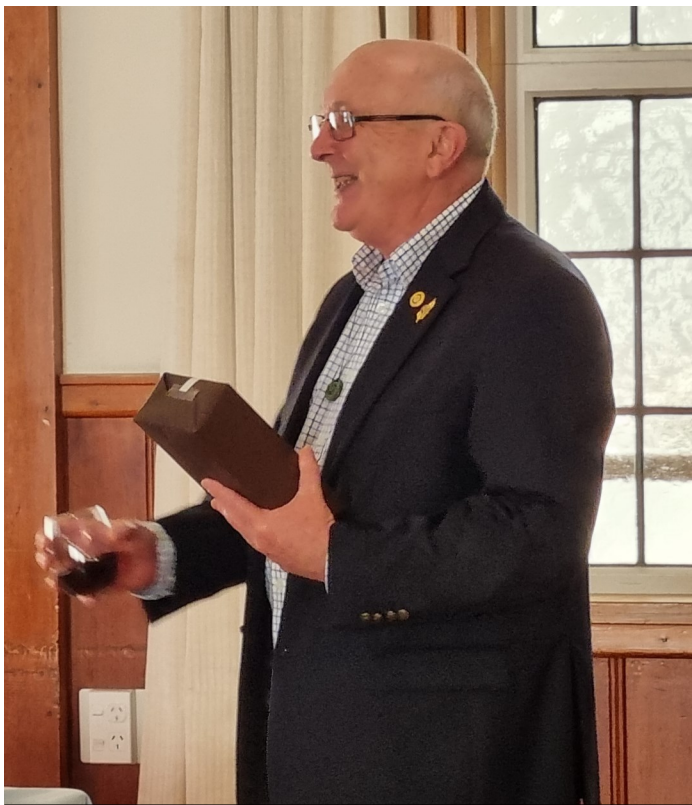
### **Midnight Watch Candlelight Service**

Commencing at 11.30pm

### **CHRISTMAS MORNING**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December @ 9.30am**  
All-age family friendly celebration





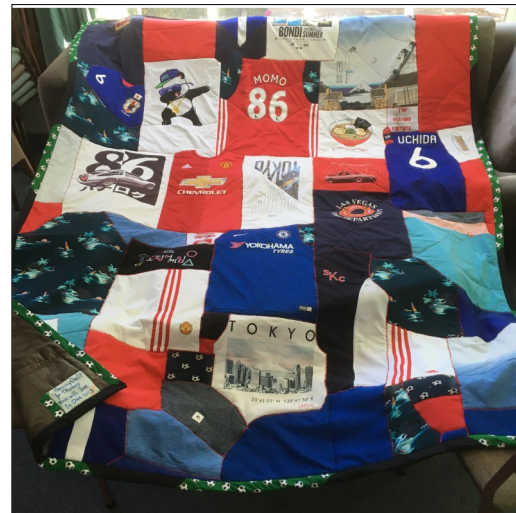
On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October we said a second ‘farewell’ to Rev David Coster, marking the end of his two-year contract with us where he provided cover during the time when Hamish was away doing Moderatorial duties.

It has been delightful having David amongst us again. We wish him all the best with his second go at retirement, but do hope to see him here again—both visiting in the congregation and maybe taking the occasional service.



Also on 8<sup>th</sup> October, Rev Wayne Mattheson (PCANZ Assembly Executive Secretary) was our guest preacher. He came with thanks to Cashmere Presbyterian from the national church for releasing Hamish to be Moderator over the last two years, to Hamish himself for all his work in the role, and to David Coster for his help in looking after our parish whenever Hamish was away.

The theme of Wayne’s Sermon was *Telescopes, Microscopes and rearview mirrors*—looking far ahead, looking closely, and looking back—and he used one of each of those instruments to illustrate his points.



This gorgeous Memory Quilt was lovingly made by Gery, who attends the Tuesday Craft Group, for her grandson. All the panels came from old t-shirts and shirts of his.

Plantarama in October was once again a great success again, thanks to the hard work of Tric Nelson and her helpers. Over \$3,500 was raised this year! Pictured here are just a selection of the plants that were available, and also Ian, Warren and Fergus on one of the most important jobs—making sure the BBQ is working!





Friday  
1<sup>st</sup>  
December  
2023

# TWILIGHT CHRISTMAS MARKET

6.00pm to 9.00pm

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Ph: 03 332 7129; email [cashmere.church@extra.co.nz](mailto:cashmere.church@extra.co.nz)

### *Caroling around the Community*

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, we will be visiting several homes and rest-homes to share Carol singing—something which is especially appreciated by those who are unable to physically attend a church service.

If you are able to join us for this, we shall assemble at church at 6pm, travel together, and conclude with cake and a cuppa at Anne Shave's home, around 8:30pm.



### Christmas Communion

We extend an invitation to all to the **Christmas Communion Service** at 10am on Sunday 4th December.

Communion Services are held quarterly, usually on the first Sunday of that month.



### *Dates for your Diary*

#### *Saturday 27th January: Parish Retreat*

To be held at ACTS School (Greenpark, near Lincoln), 9am-3pm. Our Parish Retreat Days are a great opportunity for contemplation, reflection and renewal, and the facilities at ACTS School are very welcoming. Mark your diaries now, and keep an eye for more details after Christmas.

### *Keep up-to-date with us*

The Cashmere Connection only comes out four times a year, but you can keep up-to-date with what is happening in our parish via the wonders of the internet!

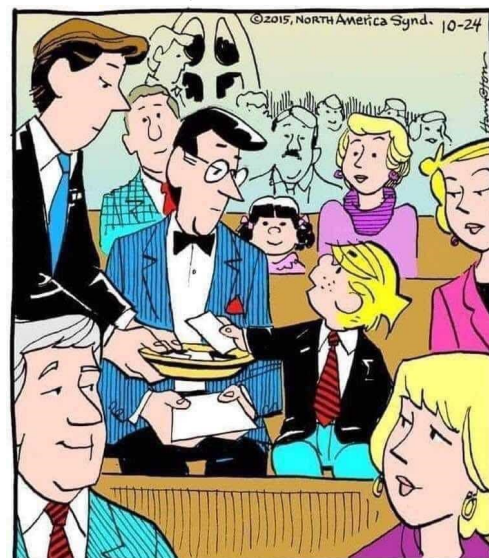
Our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/cashmerepresby](http://www.facebook.com/cashmerepresby)) has regular posts and updates—especially popular are Janice's posts about what the Sunday School have been doing.

The website ([www.cashmerechurch.org.nz](http://www.cashmerechurch.org.nz)) gives general information about what's on, but you can also check our News page and Online Worship Resources page for links to weekly bulletins and other printed resources, as well as the recorded sermons.

Speaking of which, most weeks there is an advance recording made of the sermon, which goes live at 9am each Sunday. Visit our YouTube channel

([@cashmerepresby-terianchurch](http://www.youtube.com/@cashmerepresbyterianchurch))

to watch current and past recordings.



"CAN WE GET A REFUND IF THE SERMON ISN'T THAT GOOD?"

(of course, the sermons our Ministers preach are always excellent!)



## *Parish picnic celebrating the covenanting of Te Pōhue Kawenata*

On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023 we were blessed with plenty of spring sunshine as we gathered with our parish, representatives of Te Rūnanga o Koukourarata, the QEII National Trust, members of the Mount Herbert Anglican parish and Banks Peninsula conversationists as well as friends and families of everyone involved in this project.

After four years we were able to finally admire the completed fencing that allowed this 47ha piece of land to be protected with the QEII covenant. The mixture of established bush beside the streams and in the valleys is framed by young trees and lower vegetation. Former pastures are starting to renature as the ecosystem strives to reestablish this very special piece of land. We felt an inherent peace that hopefully foretells how this covenant will serve our communities and the following generations.

Te Pōhue Kawenata reserve provides a glimpse into the miracles of nature, and God's presence can be felt by experiencing his creation here. This got very real for those who wandered into the wilderness, discovering the little waterfall, climbing steep erosion banks and reflecting on the beauty of the lush forest. The sense of companionship with each other was delightful.

A special thanks to everyone who made the trip out to Te Pōhue Kawenata above Port Levy, and for all the contributions to the speeches and picnic. We will long remember the spirit of love and fun evident throughout this wonderful day!

I am looking forward to seeing more visitors to Te Pōhue Kawenata experience God's peace in this unique place.

*Ngā mihi shalom, Ira*

## *Te Maungarongo marae at Ohope*

Earlier in the year the national church launched a Moderator's appeal to raise funds for an urgently needed retaining wall at Te Maungarongo marae at Ohope.

The marae is a taonga—a treasure—of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand, and we at Cashmere were pleased to be able to support the appeal

The work has now all been completed, as can be seen from this photo.



*Ira gratefully acknowledges the support of Te Rūnanga o Koukourarata, represented by the Rūnanga Representative Elizabeth Hera Cunningham and her son Manaia. Minister Hamish Galloway is on Ira's left with Alice Shanks, QEII Regional Representative, and the director on the QEII board Donna Field*



*Outlook from the covenant to Port Levy.*



## People Events

### Weddings

We congratulate and extend best wishes to:  
**Rebecca Glithero & Ian Chamberlain** (30 June)  
**Mutjalin Limlamthong & Bradley White** (21 October)

### Deaths

We extend our sympathy to the family of  
**Graham McCormick** (25 September)  
**Rev. Martin Cleland** (8 November)



*Chef Robert is often asked whether he has more than bakery items in his database of over 12,000 recipes. The answer, of course, is yes, so here is something savoury for you to try.*

### To Stew Beef (1804)

Take a piece of brisket of beef, four large onions, four carrots, four quarts of water, a bunch of sweet herbs, a little whole pepper; let it stand five hours covered down over a slow fire; take some of the liquor, let it be cleansed from the fat and thickened with flour and butter; add to this boiled carrots cut in slices, pickled cucumbers, and French beans; you may add walnut pickle, put your gravy that has been thickened, and your carrots, over the meat.

### Forthcoming Services

Sunday 26 November	10.00am	Morning Worship
Sunday 3 December	10.00am	Communion Service
Sunday 10 December	10.00am	Family Service
Sunday 17 December	10.00am 11.30am	Morning Worship Healing Service
Sunday 24 December	10.00am 11.30pm	Morning Worship Midnight Watch service
Monday 25 December	9.30am	Christmas Day service
Sunday 31 December	10.00am	Morning Worship
Sunday 7 January	10.00am	Morning Worship
Sunday 14 January	10.00am	Morning Worship
Sunday 21 January	10.00am 11.30am	Morning Worship Healing Service
Sunday 28 January	10.00am	Morning Worship

### Healing Services

Healing Services, including Communion, are held each month, usually on the 3rd Sunday, at 11.30am. All are welcome to attend this service, to pray for your own needs, or those of others.

## Visiting Fiji

*"Travel to Fiji heartland and experience the warmth and friendship of indigenous Fijians. We take our groups to places that no other groups or tourists have ever been to. Exiting the tourist circuit to experience life as it really is in villages, schools, health centres, squatter settlements, observe subsistence farming, crafts and reside within an orphanage campus.....It's not just the tour, but the opportunity to support projects that can grow Church ministries and develop communities in an on-going way that makes each tour have a real purpose, creating legacies"*

Helen Wells recently participated in one of these tours and here tells us about it.

One of the attractions in my choice to move to an Archer Retirement Village was their regular tour to Fiji described above. But you do not have to be an oldie to go on a Golden Oldies' Mission Tour. In August this year I joined 20 South Islanders (some of whom had been several times before) to see the dedication of local leaders making a difference in very challenging places, mostly around Suva where the infrastructure is not like the tourist world of the western side of the island. Regular trips over the past decade had meant good relationships had been built and we were able to take 300 kilos of the kinds of donations that we knew would be appreciated.

During our visit to the prison, we were encouraged to discover that, by applying Christian principles and ideas from Singapore, there has been a marked reduction in recidivism.

- \* Along the way more discussions brought out the practical ways that project teams could be used. Already (!) there has been follow up to;
- \* make coffins for the need and sales value of the squatter villages,
- \* build fish farms,
- \* a better kitchen for a church which hosts retreats, school sports teams coming to compete at the neighbouring arena, and which has been identified as an important evacuation centre, and,
- \* after 5 years research, the production of mud bricks from local sources for cyclone-sturdy buildings and
- \* re-builds in the face of sea rise.

My time in Vanuatu had already shown me the impact of enthusiastic work parties on short term trips, and I saw this in Fiji too. Knowing the responsibility that the Presbyterian Church has in Vanuatu and our special Cashmere connections, I hope a few of those interested can gather together to discover what we could do in our parish's GLOBAL mission. More information at [www.globalmission.org.nz](http://www.globalmission.org.nz)



## CWS Christmas Appeal

*The climate crisis is robbing people of water, food and hope*

Small farmers can no longer grow enough food. Fish workers cannot harvest enough fish. Workers cannot earn enough income. Floods and droughts can force people from their homes.

No one should be hungry at Christmas. Your gift of love could provide families with the seeds, plants and the new knowledge they need to grow climate-resilient food. Or help families who have fled conflict and violence find new livelihoods in a new community. Or support communities working together to face big challenges—like elephants ruining their gardens.

**Please support the CWS Christmas Appeal to Share Food this Christmas.**

Your donation could help fund:

- small farmers to learn agro-ecological methods in Sri Lanka
- new chicken coops and fencing in Tonga
- the research and support for a community-led campaign to protect natural resources and rights.
- training and support for women to set up new businesses

Share a gift of aroha love so people have food and hope. Leaflets, with an envelope for donations, are included with this Cashmere Connection. You can send them direct to CWS, or leave them in our offerings plates on any Sunday in December. Or visit [cws.org.nz/christmas-appeal/](https://cws.org.nz/christmas-appeal/) to donate online.

**Share  
food this  
Christmas**

## New CWS National Director



Rev Dr Tim Pratt has recently been appointed National Director for Christian World Service in New Zealand.

He is an accredited Baptist minister who most recently served as the Maclaurin Lead Chaplain within the University of Auckland.

## Gifts of Love

For gifts with the power to change lives, please consider making a difference to those whose lives are less privileged than ours. There are several organisations that run schemes where you can make a donation for life changing supplies & equipment for overseas communities. Why not send such a gift as one of your Christmas presents? You choose a meaningful gift, and they send you a card detailing the gift and its impact which you can personalise and give to your intended recipient. Gift prices range from \$10 upwards, so something for every budget.

To find out more, go to the websites for the various organisations:

**Christian World Service Gifted scheme:** [gift.org.nz](https://gift.org.nz)

**World Vision Smiles gifts:** [www.worldvision.org.nz/give-now/smiles-gift/#/](https://www.worldvision.org.nz/give-now/smiles-gift/#/)

**Tear Fund Gift for Life:** [www.tearfund.org.nz/Donate/Gift-for-Life](https://www.tearfund.org.nz/Donate/Gift-for-Life)



Sadly it is food that gets the lowest priority when families have serious money troubles. Rent, power, school costs, health costs all come first. Families and individuals struggling to feed themselves contact the City Mission who interview them about their circumstances, then help them with emergency food.

Our parish collects food donations for the City Mission every week. You are welcome to leave your food gifts in the food trolley here on a Sunday, or take them yourself to the City Mission reception at 276 Hereford Street, Monday—Friday, 9am to 4.30pm.

**As well as some luxury foods for Christmas, the City Mission General Food Wishlist includes:** Breakfast Cereals; Tinned Veges; Tinned Tomatoes; Rice; Pasta; Tinned Tuna; Spaghetti; Baked Beans; Biscuits; Crackers; Muesli Bars; Instant Noodles; Oil; Tomato Sauce; Pasta Meal Packs; Creamed Rice; Risotto.

## ***Scripture Union NZ (SUNZ): The Great Invitation***

Janice Lee, Joyce Lockhart and Anne Shave attended an inspiring training day led by SUNZ on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August, “considering afresh our call to make GOD’S GOOD NEWS known to children and their families”. The day was interactive and included several workshops designed to help us to reflect on how we can help children and their families to “hook into the book” (the Bible) at different stages of development. We also thought about BELONGING, BELIEVING and BECOMING as steps in the journey of faith. It was a fun day, and it was encouraging to learn alongside others from different churches. We would like to thank the congregation for the financial support which enabled us to attend.

SUNZ has been around a long time and, in addition to equipping churches, it offers wonderful programmes throughout the country for children, youth and young adults, including school holiday camps, 11-day wilderness adventure camps for Year 12 and Year 13 students, and a leadership development programme for young adults called “Exodus Prime”. Perhaps you have children or grandchildren who might love to be part of one of these experiences? You can find out more, including how to donate to support their work, at [www.sunz.org.nz](http://www.sunz.org.nz).



*Top: Janice & Joyce learning about  
“Hook into the Book”;  
Bottom: with Anne Shave*

### ***Exploring the Bible with David Suchet***



In August and September members of the congregation joined to watch and discuss two two-part documentaries from the BBC. These documentaries, narrated by David Suchet, explored the lives of two people who had great significance on the life of the early church and the spread of Christianity, St Peter and St Paul.

Both of the documentaries are available from YouTube:

- In the Footsteps of St Peter - [www.youtube.com/watch?v=1N5pjzL8ik](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1N5pjzL8ik)
- The History of St Paul, the Apostle - [www.youtube.com/watch?v=hmewUegQiN4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hmewUegQiN4)

Some comments from group members about the second series:

*“I found Paul’s conversion amazing. Thinking about all that he went through, and how he remained faithful as he went out and taught others about Jesus, was inspiring.”*

*“Through our fellowship I learned how a ‘man on a mission’ could purposefully lead through the grace of Jesus and now I believe that Saint Paul’s conversion was vital to the spread of Christianity worldwide.”*

*“I think seeing and hearing about the actual places where they lived and travelled adds another layer of authenticity and certainty to the Scriptural accounts.”*

*“This was a wonderful way to find the man behind the wonderful letters which have had such a powerful influence on the church.”*

*“After watching these documentaries I wanted to read some of Paul’s letters again.”*

Small group Bible studies are offered periodically at Cashmere Presbyterian. Do keep an eye on the church website, or contact the church office, if you would like to find out more.

*Anne Shave*

We need to give our children an internalised moral satellite navigation system so that they can find their way across the undiscovered country called the future. We need to give them the strongest possible sense of collective responsibility for the common good, because **we don’t** know who will be the winners and losers in the lottery of the global economy and we need to ensure its blessings are shared. There is too much ‘I’ and too little ‘We’ in our culture and we need to teach our children to care for others, especially those not like us.

*The Power of Ideas: Words of Faith and Wisdom by Jonathan Sacks*



## The Back Page—for the young & young at heart

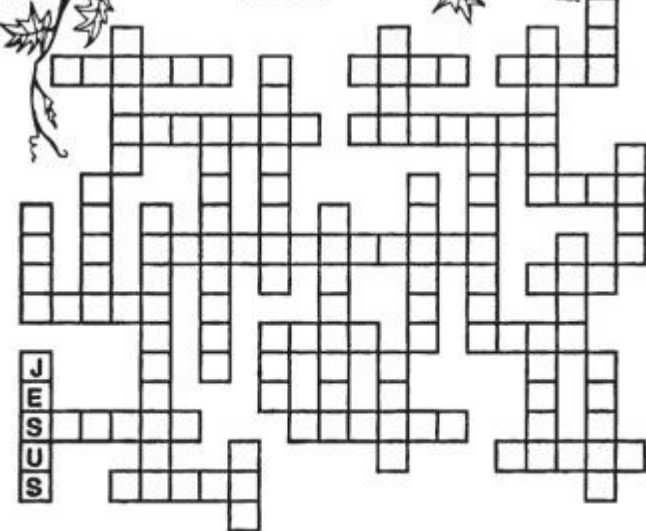
### And His Name Shall Be Called . . .

Jesus had many names. All the words below were used to refer to Jesus in the Bible. Fit the names into the puzzle. (Hint: Start with the longest names.)

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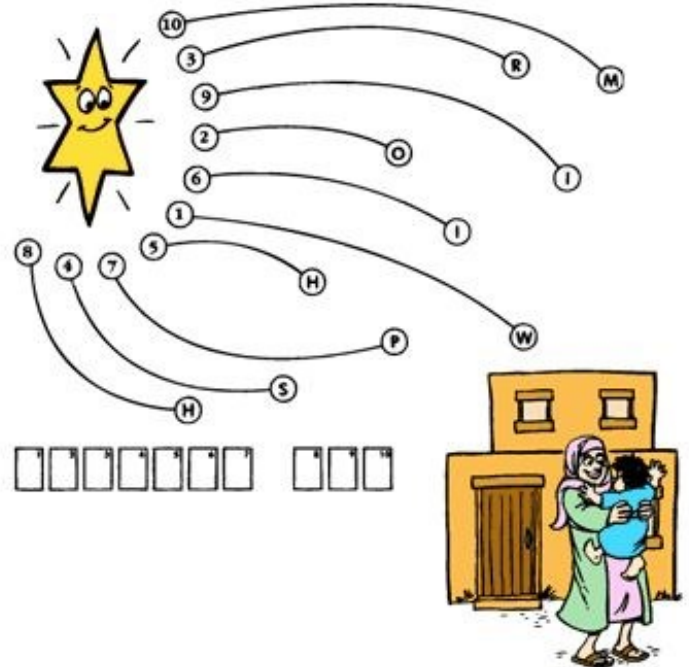
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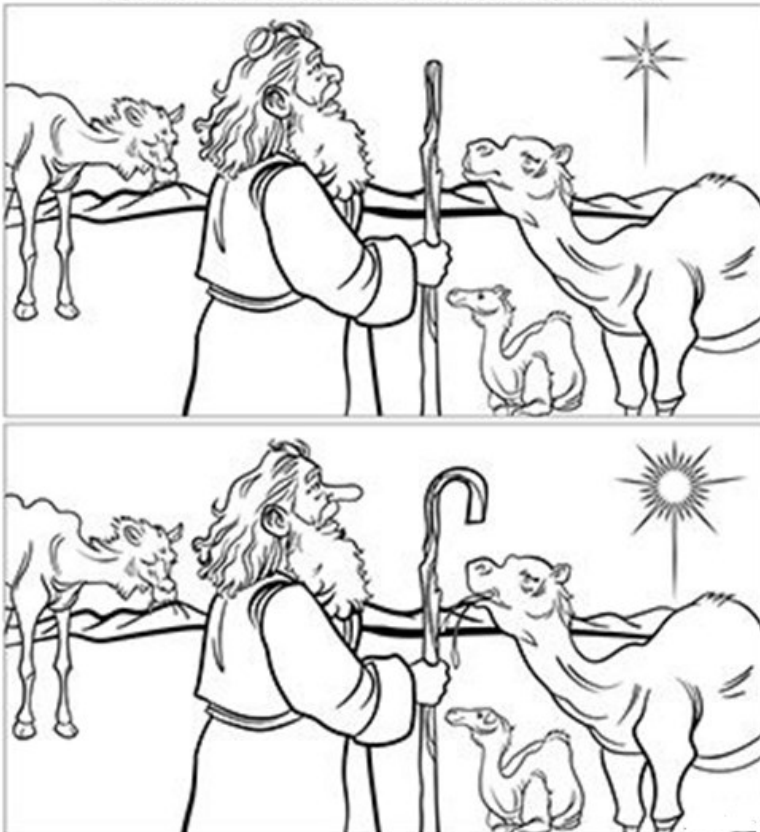


### Follow the Star

Follow each numbered ray of light from the star to find the letters you need to put in each numbered box. Then you will know what the wise men planned to do when they found Jesus.



Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.



An interesting project that one of our parishioners has mentioned to us is the relocation of an organ from Norwich Cathedral to a former 18th century convent in France. There is a video available of the organ being moved into the convent at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=4oYkQ8Si9v0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4oYkQ8Si9v0).

There is also a link for those wishing to contribute to the fund for Norwich Roman Catholic Cathedral's New Organ.

### Generous Giving

Cashmere Presbyterian Church depends on the generous giving of members and friends. If you would like to make a donation or support our work through planned giving, please contact the Parish Office. Our Bank Account for donations is: BNZ 020800-0181604-01

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