

THE BRADFIELD GRAPEVINE



December 2023/January 2024 No:220



Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Firstly, in this final edition of the year, we would like to thank our regular contributors, Alice for the weather reports, Tom and Glyn for our agricultural/horticultural (miscellaneous!) articles, Val for the Kit Cafe and Whist Drive updates, and Isobel for the Church reports. As always, indebted to Gerry and Dianne for delivering the Grapevine. Also thank you to those that send in occasional reports, it's always refreshing to read a new perspective, share a special thought or poem, life experience, recipes or whatever takes your fancy! We'd love more of them to come in next year. This is, after all, your magazine! We like to think that there is a balance of an enjoyable read and relevant information. If there is something you would like to see then please let us know. Keep safe - next edition February 2024.

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Let's Come Together and Decorate our Church.



We are always so proud of how beautiful our Church looks at Christmas. If you would like to be part of this we would welcome your support.

We are gathering in Church on Friday 15 December at 10.30 am to decorate ready for the Carol Service.

If you are unable to join us and would still like to contribute please leave any donations of flowers or greenery in the Church porch.

If you have never been inside St Clare Church why don't you join us on Sunday 17 December at 4.30pm to enjoy the uplifting community carol singing and delicious mince pies and mulled wine - it would be lovely to see you all. ML

Have you noticed that our Church is illuminated throughout these dark evenings?

We would like to give special thanks to Clive and Sue Leal who sponsor this. What a welcoming sight when looking across the fields.

News from the Rectory

Dear Friend,

If you are reading this before 25th December, then we are in Advent!

For Christians, Advent, which starts on Sunday 3rd December and covers the four Sundays before Christmas Day, is a season of expectation and preparation as we prepare to celebrate the coming of Christ. Church decorations throughout these four weeks are simple and sparse, and the colour purple is used for vestments and altar coverings. During this season it is traditional not to have flowers in Church.

Darkness and light are the themes throughout Advent as we wait for Jesus the Light of the World to be born. We often use an Advent Wreath, which has four candles in a circle with a fifth candle in the centre. Each candle is lit across the four Sundays in Advent, and the fifth candle is lit on Christmas Day.

There are several traditions about the meaning or theme of each candle, but most of us in the Church of England use the first one to represent the Patriarchs (Abraham and David from the Old Testament); the second one represents the Prophets, those who we read about again in our Old Testament who foretold the birth of Jesus such as Isaiah; the third one represents John the Baptist who proclaimed that Jesus was the Messiah and baptised him in the River Jordan and the fourth one represents the Virgin Mary who gave birth to Jesus. Each Sunday our prayers reflect these four themes, and finally on Christmas Day we light the fifth and final candle, to represent Jesus himself.

Of course, today we are very much affected by the commercial nature of Christmas, and shops seem to stack Christmas goodies way before we even dust off the Advent Wreath frame! However, I hope that you will have a blessed Christmas and be able to spend quality time with your friends and family. And may peace reign in our communities, our country, and our world.

And if you are planning on making New Year's Resolutions - good luck! with every blessing

Sharon

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Cockfield Benefice Services and Events December 2023/January 2024

Sunday 3 December Advent Sunday	10.30am Holy Communion - Bradfield St Clare 4pm Advent Carol Service - Gt Whelnetham
Thursday 7 December	5.30pm Open Air Community Carols - The Red House, Stanningfield
Sunday 10 December Advent 2	10.30am Holy Communion - Bradfield St George 4.30pm Carol Service - Gedding
Wednesday 13 December	6.30pm Community Carol Singing - Cockfield (meet at Village Hall Car Park)
Thursday 14 December	6pm Community Carol Singing in Gt Whelnetham (meet at Community Centre)
Sunday 17 December Advent 3	10am All-age Christingle - Felsham 10.30am Holy Communion - Cockfield 4.30pm Carol Service - Bradfield St Clare
Monday 18 December	7pm Carols by Candlelight - Lt Whelnetham
Tuesday 19 December	7pm Carol Service + Oil Lamp display - Felsham
Wednesday 20 December	7pm Carol Service - Bradfield St George
Thursday 21 December	7pm Carol Service - Cockfield
Sunday 24 December Christmas Eve	3pm Crib Service - Bradfield St Clare 9pm Holy Communion - Stanningfield 9pm Holy Communion - Felsham 11.30pm Holy Communion - Cockfield
Sunday 31 December Holy Innocents	10.30am Carol Communion - Bradfield St Clare

<p>Sunday 6 January Epiphany</p>	<p>9.30am Communion CW - Stanningfield 11am Communion CW - Bradfield St Clare 6pm Six2Seven - Felsham Village Hall</p>
<p>Sunday 13 January Epiphany 2</p>	<p>10am Morning Prayer CW - Cockfield 10.30am Communion CW - Bradfield St George 6pm Praise & Worship - Gt Whelnetham</p>
<p>Sunday 20 January Epiphany 3</p>	<p>9.30am Morning Prayer CW - Stanningfield 10am Morning Worship - Felsham 10.30am Communion CW - Cockfield 4pm Evening Prayer CW - Bradfield St Clare</p>
<p>Saturday 27 January</p>	<p> Crafts - Fun - Food - Story - for all children (must be accompanied by an adult) 3-5pm. Venue TBC. Contact Canon Sharon for more details.</p>
<p>Sunday 28 January Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)</p>	<p>9.30am Communion CW - Gt Whelnetham 10am Worshipping Together - Bradfield St George 10am Communion BCP - Gedding</p>

Please note these may be subject to change - visit www.cockfieldbenefice.com for more details or contact Canon Sharon at revsharon2@gmail.com or tel:01284 828599

*On Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9am we meet to say Morning Prayer (Celtic-style)
Every Wednesday an online prayer group meets - all welcome. For the zoom link contact Canon Sharon.*

CHURCH REPORT DECEMBER 2023

October and November seem to have passed us by in a series of floods and gales and suddenly it's December, one of the happiest months in the Church year.

By the time you read this we will have held the Village quiz, with the proceeds divided between Church and Village Hall. We decided to divide the proceeds because we see the quiz as very much a village, community event. Thank you to everybody who helped with the quiz, setting up and making refreshments, with particular thanks to Clive Leal, who set the questions – with a bit of input from me.

Our next major church fundraising event is the return of The Shantynfolk on March 8th 2024, in Bradfield St George Village Hall. Those of you who went last year will know what a fantastic evening it was. The Shantynfolk themselves say that we were the best audience they have ever had! It was a sell-out last time, so don't leave it too late to get your tickets. You will find a full-page advert elsewhere in the Grapevine, with all the details. I know we always seem to talk about fundraising, but keeping a Mediaeval church safe, secure, watertight and warm is an expensive business.

And now some dates for your December Diary. Our Carol Service will be held on **Sunday December 17th at 4.30pm**, with refreshments to follow. This is very much a village event as well as a church event, so please come. You will all be very welcome.

On Christmas Eve at 3pm we are once again hosting the Crib Service for the whole Benefice. Helen will take the service and those of you who have been to Helen's Crib Service before will know it is a lively occasion. Practise your animal noises! Once again the service will be followed by refreshments, designed to please adults and children.

UPDATE: The Quiz raised £350 to be divided between the Church and the Village Hall.

Last but not least, a very happy Christmas to everyone.

ISOBEL PAYNE

A very dear friend of mine who recently passed away sent me this poem in her Christmas card last year. I kept it with my Christmas card list to remind me not to grumble about how much it costs and how long it takes to write Christmas cards each year. There will sadly be one less card for me to write this year but I will always think of Rhoda when I read this poem at Christmas time. **Val Nunn**

My Christmas List

There are a lot of folk I know
All written in a book
And every year at Christmas time
I go and take a look.

For each name stands for someone
Who has touched my life sometime
And in that meeting they've become
The rhythm of the rhyme.

For once we have known someone
The years cannot erase
The memory of a pleasant word
Or of a friendly face.

So never think my Christmas card
Is just a mere routine
Of names upon a list
Or forgotten in between.

For when I send a Christmas card
That is addressed to you
It is because you're on that list
Of folks I am indebted to.

And whether I have known you
For many years or few
In some way you have had a part
In shaping things I do.

So every year when Christmas comes
I just realise anew
The greatest gift that God can give
Is knowing folks like YOU!



Our Christmas opening will be: Saturday, 16th December, 11 am – 1 pm
HAPPY NEW YEAR! First Kit Café Opening: Saturday, 20st January, 11 am – 1 pm

This café is FREE and OPEN TO EVERYONE (Donations Welcome)
Why not make a date in your diary?

For our December (Christmas Celebration) opening on **16th December** there will be plenty of mince pies, sausage rolls and cakes (including gluten free). This promises to be a very happy occasion so do join us if you can.

Then on **20th January 2024** will be our first opening of 2024. Something to cheer us all up in those cold, dark days.

Please come and join our friends and neighbours (past and present) for coffee, tea, cakes and savouries. Pop in for five minutes or stay for the whole two hours. We have lots of books and a few jigsaws in the hall so feel free to take some home to borrow/swap. To keep our younger visitors amused while the grown-ups chat we have colouring books, games and pencils. This is YOUR café and was set up by our community in Bradfield St Clare. We named it KIT café to stand for Keep In Touch so that neighbours and friends can come together and share news, meet those new to the village and enjoy a cup of tea, coffee and slice of cake in the relaxed and friendly atmosphere of our village hall.

Any offers of help or donations of cakes, biscuits or savouries would be most welcome.



Surviving Winter APPEAL 2023/24

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Please visit suffolkcf.org.uk or to pay by card please call Suffolk Community Foundation on **01473 602602**.

Alternatively, do visit any branch of **Suffolk Building Society**, who are accepting donations over the counter.



A timely reminder to be wary at this time of year.....

Sadly scams, fraud etc are on the increase - Here are some additional numbers to keep handy for reporting these events.

Report non-emergencies online

www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/report-something or 101.

Report suspicious activity to 101 or Crimestoppers - 0800 555 111.

Report cold callers to Suffolk Trading Standards - 0808 223 1133.

Report fraud attempts to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040.

Domestic Abuse Helplines - 0808 2000 247 or 0800 977 5690.

Stop hurting the one you love & call The Respect Phoneline - 0808 802 4040.

Forward SCAM/suspicious emails to report@phishing.gov.uk

Forward SCAM texts to 7726.

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Bradfield Weather

October 2019	October 2020	October 2021	October 2022	October 2023
111.5 mm	99.5mm	95.5 mm	38 mm	168 mm
Nov 2019	Nov 2020	Nov 2021	Nov 2022	Nov 2023
81.5 mm	42 mm	34 mm	109.5 mm	[82 – 21 st Nov]

Oh look, it's raining – anyone else uttered that refrain this month? last month? next month? – Is it all my fault for complaining about lack of rain generally in East Anglia (answers to Editor please, not me!). Our 30 yr average for October is 59.83 mm - we've had more than double and we're already past our average of 62.02mm for November. Anyone want to take a Christmas punt on what December will bring? It's a little early to be working out the annual rainfall for 2023 but looking at Keith's 30 yr chart (thank you Keith) our average is 607 mm – and if you're into stats we've had 27.6% of that in October!

A lot of the gardening boffins I follow on Instagram have been saying this isn't a good year for autumn colour – generally too wet, too mild. But although it's been slow and, with the four named storms we've had already, very fleeting at times, when the sun has deigned to appear there have been some glorious scenes. At the time of writing the oaks have coloured and still have their leaves. It always interests me how much the colour varies from tree to tree – what makes one oak glorious burned orange but its neighbour best described as beige?

Here's hoping and wishing that everyone has a lovely Christmas. Will it be white? (I bet you 50p it won't but let's hope it's bright, still and cold!)

Alice Ward-Thomas 21st November 2023

“He’s behind you!”

Oh no he isn’t, oh yes he is!

After the favourable reception of my scribble in last month’s Grapevine (if you don’t like it - whisper it - you don’t have to read it!) I’m emboldened to write about “My First Pantomime”.

Until Christmas 1943 I don’t think I had ever been to the theatre. I don’t think the screening of the Ghost Train in a corrugated iron village hall in Port Eynon counted as a theatre. By 1943 we were living in a small market town in Wiltshire - Highworth, like a number of small counties it was doing everything to keep morale up so what could be better than to stage a local panto! Robin Hood spliced with Babes in the Wood. Of course everyone had to be in it - more cast than audience - all local organisations - ARP, WVS, Women's Land Army, Red Cross, Girl Guides, Boy Scouts - but the most dominant one was the Home Guard, Dad’s Army- very similar - Captain Mainwaring, our Major Jennings, the same puffed up little man full of his own self importance, wore his uniform at every possible occasion so everyone would have to salute him! Sergeant Wilson, a rather effete son of the local squire - not really landed gentry, he owned the linoleum factory, but he lived in a very big house. How did his son avoid conscription - probably had flat feet. Corporal Jones, the builder - I kid you not. So this thespian offering was a large part Dad’s Army, portion of the Vicar of Dibley, dollop of Some Mothers do have ‘em and a sprinkling of Morcombe and Wise- ‘The Play Wot I Wrote’

The cast, a shoe in for Major Jennings - Baron Hardup, female glamour? Robin Hood (Principal Boy etc look no further than the Women’s Land Army - a vital element of rural life - but the clue is in the word Army, their uniform was modelled on an army one, enormous hideous corduroy jodhpurs, khaki or dark green sweater over a shirt and tie, felt hat and leather belt - feminine it was not! However, one of the Land Army Girls had been a biology student at Kew and sang in the Bach choir so made a brilliant Robin Hood. Maid Marian, Mrs Ashworth who ran the sweetie shop (tragically she married a Polish fighter pilot, who was shot down in the Battle of Britain, so after 10 months of marriage she was a widow at age 22), the Home Guard played Friar Tuck, Little John etc. The local ballet school provided the babes and assorted fairies and elves. (My sister

and I were members but much to our chagrin were not allowed to perform. Sally Webb, my best friend and the vicar's daughter was allowed and look where that got her! Principal dancer with Ballet Flambert! The most incongruous casting was the Minister's wife as the Fairy Queen (is there one in Robin Hood?) She was an extraordinary lady, wrong side of 40 or even 50, short and thin with an enormous halo of blonde (going grey at the roots) hair BUT she was a professional, she had been on the London stage, as what or in what no one ever managed to discover, but she was the minister's wife and was performing in his congregational Church Hall - so no argument. To complete the ensemble we had a choir of Italian prisoners of war, we know that the Welsh burst into song at the drop of a hat - but give them a middle C and the Italians were off, no holds barred. Their addition to Noel Coward's and Ivor Novello's rather sugary romantic songs was spot on. The music was in great part based on a very popular musical of the time 'Merrie England'. All the right sentiments also lots of Gracie Fields, Vera Lynn and Army choruses. Band? Orchestra? You must be joking - a couple of old battered out of tune pianos 'playing the right notes but not necessarily in the right order' - interesting. Costumes were very difficult as all material was on coupons, strangely army blankets were in plentiful supply - but you can only do so much with these. However, everyone raided dressing up boxes, wardrobes were searched for little worn clothes and donated to the cause, and sometimes parachute silk. I remembered my mama donating a lovely dove grey chiffon evening dress to be worn by Maid Marian (there was not much call for evening dresses!). A great deal of costumes were made of crepe paper but it did tend to split in all the wrong places under tension.

And so the stage is set.....

The family (my father was home on leave) sallied forth, through the snow, I remember it so well, so once inside the hall steam rising from the tweed jackets and woollen overcoats, hats and gloves etc..the delightful smell of damp wool. CURTAIN UP! I'm sure what they lacked in finesse they made up for with enthusiasm - I LOVED IT.

The first half had to be brought to an abrupt halt as the floor of the stage started to collapse. Never fear - a couple of planks, a few nails and a hammer and it would have supported a herd of wildebeest (John Cleese) Major Jennings's coup de gras - he managed to insert Winston Churchills 'We shall fight them on the beaches' speech , with his Union Jack waistcoat stretched to bursting point with the effort. It ended with the

National Anthem. The whole thing passed in a blur of magic for me - I was entranced - transported to a land of make believe - so much so that I insisted on blowing all my Christmas money - which should have gone to my bike fund on taking the family again the very next night. Not with the greatest enthusiasm Ma and Pa being more used to Opera at Covent Garden, I think Granny opted out - she was a Quaker and had not before or since seen anything like it.

Did it live up to expectations the second time round? Of course it did.

My Aunt living in Oxford very kindly sent us tickets for a professional panto at the New Theatre, Oxford - Mother Goose. Do I remember anything about it? No, not a thing - I rest my case.

So, if you or your children or grandchildren are transported to the fantasy world of make believe that is panto this Christmas spare a thought for that 11 year old girl who had the same magical experience exactly 80 years ago.

Wishing you all a very joyful Merry Christmas and Happy and peaceful New Year.....and don't forget'Look behind you!

Pat Hipwell

By way of expressing my thanks to all the village for their help and support throughout what has been a difficult year, we shall be putting up the 'Thank You' Christmas Tree (with help from Gerry and John) at the beginning of December.

Merry Christmas to you All - Pat Hipwell

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Christmas is coming ...the goose is getting fat...sadly this may not be true for every one at the moment.

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13 December 2023	26 June
10 January 2024	24 July
7 February	21 August
6 March	28 September
3 April	16 October
1 May	13 November
29 May	11 December

BIN COLLECTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 2023

Tuesday 5 December Wednesday 6 December Wednesday 13 December Tuesday 19 December Wednesday 20 December <i>See next page for Christmas and New Year Collections</i>	Brown Bin Black Bin Blue Bin Brown Bin Black Bin
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www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/bindays

Christmas and New Year bin collection days

Collections will take place as normal up to, and including, Friday 22 December 2023

Usual collection	Revised collection	Change
Mon 25 Dec	Sat 23 Dec	2 days early
Tue 26 Dec	Wed 27 Dec	1 day late
Wed 27 Dec	Thu 28 Dec	1 day late
Thu 28 Dec	Fri 29 Dec	1 day late
Fri 29 Dec	Sat 30 Dec	1 day late
Mon 1 Jan	Tue 2 Jan	1 day late
Tue 2 Jan	Wed 3 Jan	1 day late
Wed 3 Jan	Thu 4 Jan	1 day late
Thu 4 Jan	Fri 5 Jan	1 day late
Fri 5 Jan	Sat 6 Jan	1 day late

Collections as normal from Monday 8 January 2024



Village Hall Whist Drive



Only twelve players took part in our November whist drive as it clashed with various firework celebrations. Despite this we had a very enjoyable evening and some interesting hands of cards.

The winning players were:

Ladies: Siobhan took first prize with a very impressive 171 points, second was Val on 164 closely followed by Jackie with 163. Shirley took this month's wooden spoon on 139.

Gentlemen: Highest scorers were John and Ian who both shared the proceeds of first and second prizes on 167. Jim took third prize on 157 and the wooden spoon went to Mike on 145.

Whist Drives are held in the village hall on the first Friday of every month, the next one being **Friday, 1st December at 7.30 pm**. Then the first whist drive of 2024 will be **Friday, 5th January at 7.30 pm**.

Entry is £2 per player with all proceeds handed out in prize money. Tea, coffee and biscuits are served at the halfway stage, giving everyone a chance for a quick chat. There is also a prize draw, the proceeds of which go towards village hall funds for the upkeep of the hall. **Donations of draw prizes would be much appreciated.**

If you enjoy playing cards and would like to join us new players are always welcome. For further information ring Val Nunn on 07483245825.

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News from Bishops Farm - A very wet Autumn!



Bishops Farm Visiting Ewe Flock grazing cover crops.

For the first time since writing in the Grapevine, I'm stuck for words to write about farm activities! We successfully planted the wheat and barley crops in early October; I sprayed the autumn herbicides on the 6th and 9th October and then I've been pretty much stood down since then as the crops have been battered with wind and rain ever since!

We've received around a third of our annual rainfall in the last 7 weeks making the land far too wet to travel with the sprayer. I have 3 outstanding jobs to do to cover for autumn nutrition and BYDV (barley yellow dwarf Virus) suppression; so hopefully a window will open this side of Christmas to complete the Autumn spraying.

In light of me downing tools on the farm I thought I'd write this month about my day job. I work full time for Corteva Agriscience, having moved on last year from being an Agronomist for 10 years, servicing farms in Suffolk and South Norfolk. My new role with Corteva as Area Sales Manager – East, sees me out and about for around 3 days a week and working from my home office for 2 days a week. I look after all the Agronomists in Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex and Kent providing them with commercial and technical support for

Corteva's range of crop protection products. Corteva is a relatively new company having been formed after the merge of Dow Agrisciences, Dupont and Pioneer seeds 5 years ago. 'Corteva' is derived from a combination of words meaning 'heart' and 'nature' and is bringing together three businesses with deep connections and dedication to generations of farmers globally.

Corteva heritage companies have strong knowledge and expertise in the herbicide sector and maize breeding sector; but as the company expands, we are moving into new sectors of agricultural solutions to provide novel and sustainable products to assist farmers with crop health and yield enhancements.

As part of my work in the East, I have spent a large amount of time this year developing trials for 2 of Corteva's new biostimulant products. The first is a nitrogen fixing bacteria applied to crops that draws Nitrogen gas from the atmosphere directly into the plant to help the plant build proteins; and the second is a soil applied bacteria that helps metabolise Phosphate in the soil that would be otherwise unavailable to the plant's roots.

Both these novel biostimulant products will drastically reduce farmers reliance on expensive mined fertiliser, not only saving them money but also improving their carbon footprint and all that goes with the unsustainability surrounding movement of bulky fertiliser product across our planet.

At Corteva we have a strong pipeline of products and solutions coming to the UK market that will help shape the future of crops we grow here as the climate changes. Globally, Corteva invests \$4 million dollars per day in research and development which just highlights their commitment to working within global Agriculture. It's been an eye opening first year in my new role having moved from a UK business to a Global scale business. It's a great opportunity for me to help steer the future of a global company but its great I can keep slightly grounded with my involvement on the farm here in Bradfield St Clare.... When the weather allows me too of course!

Turkey Surprise

This recipe was submitted for our original Cookbook in 2008.

1tbsp olive oil
1 large onion
2 large sweet peppers
2 large courgettes
2 large carrots
2 tbsp tomato puree
225g button mushrooms
1 ½ tins of chopped tomatoes
2 Large glasses of red wine
1 tsp marmite
1 tsp mixed herbs
250g fresh spaghetti
1 medium sized turkey.

Heat the oil in a large saucepan and then add the onion. Half cover the pan and then gently saute the onion for 10 minutes. Add the peppers, courgettes, carrots and tomato puree and mix well, Gently sweat for a further 10 minutes. Add the mushrooms and the tins of chopped tomatoes. Use one of the glasses of wine to rinse out the tins and add to the pan. Slowly drink the second glass as you cook. Add the marmite and herbs and cook on a medium heat for approximately 20 minutes.

Five minutes from the end, bring a large pan of water to the boils and add your spaghetti - cook for 3-5 minutes. Serve the sauce on the spaghetti with some parmesan and torn basil leaves.

This is so delicious that you won't want the turkey, so give it to someone who would appreciate it. That'll surprise them!!

Christmas Quiz 2023 (answers in February edition!)

1. Which country first started the tradition of putting up a Christmas tree?
2. Which popular Christmas beverage is also called 'milk punch'?
3. How many ghosts show up in *A Christmas Carol*?
4. What do people traditionally put on top of their Christmas tree?
5. Where was baby Jesus born?
6. What Hollywood actor played six different roles in *The Polar Express*?
7. What colour are mistletoe berries?
8. Which fairytale was the first gingerbread house inspired by?
9. Who invented the Christmas wreath?
10. Where did the tradition of Christmas stockings come from?
11. What are the traditional 12 days of Christmas?
12. How do you say Merry Christmas in Spanish?

For those of you who attended the Village Quiz - here are the answers (hope you kept your sheet!) 1 admiral, 2 adopt, 3 advantage, 4 adhesive, 5 letterhead, 6 launchpad, 7 adjudicator, 8 admire, 9 abroad, 10 ahead, 11 admission, 12 advocaat, 13 adrenaline, 14 adhere, 15 advice, 16 advertise 17 Galahad, 18 address, 19 adagio, 20 adventure, 21 Advent, 22 bedspread, 23 admit, 24 nomad, 25 grandad, 26 broad, 27 adolescent, 28 addition, 29 advance, 30 adder, 31 addicted, 32 adult, 33 adenoid, 34 adjourn, 35 adequate, 36 adapt, 37 adamant, 38 bread, 39 overhead, 40 adversary.

❄️ CHRISTMAS ❄️ countdown calendar



An advent countdown for you to colour.

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