

## Trinity Christmas Quiz



The answers will appear in February's *Trinity News*.  
If you wish, please send your **answers to arrive by 11 January 2021** to

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Alternatively, pop them – not forgetting your name and telephone number - into the church forecourt mailbox, or post them to the Church Office - in an envelope marked 'Quiz'.

All entries received - one only per household - will be checked on 12 January. The winning entry - for which there be a prize - will be drawn at random from all entries with all questions correct, or will be the entry with most answers correct.

Happy quizzing, and a blessed Christmas!

1. In the much-loved old carol '*Good King Wenceslas*', where did the poor man live, and what non-food item was the page asked to bring for him?
2. What did 'Noel' mean originally, in Latin?
3. What author said this about Christmas? "*This is quite the season for friendly meetings. At Christmas, everybody invites their friends about them, and people think little of the worst weather..... Nothing could be pleasanter.*"
4. From the song '*The 12 Days of Christmas*', add together all the numbers of birds, subtract all the numbers of musicians, and add the number of dairy workers. What number is left?
5. A drinking fountain in Finsbury Square, London, commemorates Tom Smith – what commodity did he invent in 1847?
6. From which town did Dr Seuss's *The Grinch* steal Christmas? - *Whoville? Wellville? or Whereville?*
7. In which book by Harper Lee is there this account of a Christmas proposal? "*Every Christmas, Uncle Jack yelled across the street for Miss Maudie to come marry him. She would yell back "Call a little louder, Jack Finch, and they'll hear you at the post office. I haven't heard you yet!" Jem and I thought this a strange way to ask for a lady's hand in marriage...*"

8. *'Twas the Night Before Christmas'* – is a poem read traditionally on Christmas Eve, and refers to eight tiny reindeer, one only of whom is named like a Solar System body. What is that reindeer's name?

9. How many Kings/Magi does the Bible say visited the infant Jesus? What are their popular names?

10. In *'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'* what presents does Father Christmas give to Lucy? A bow and arrows? or a shield and sword? or a healing cordial and a dagger?

11. Solve these Christmas anagrams: - *drastic charms; tense aggressions; deplored, he is the odder runner.*

12. The words of the popular carol *'Joy to the World'* are by which English writer, based on Psalm 98 and its original melody *'Antioch'* is attributed to a famous composer. Who were the writer and composer?

13. In what northern European country, might you receive gifts from a different Yule Lad each night, if you leave your shoes on the windowsill on each of the 12 nights before Christmas?

14. Why did robins start to appear on Christmas cards?

15. In *'A Christmas Carol'* by Charles Dickens, which character says "I will keep Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year"?

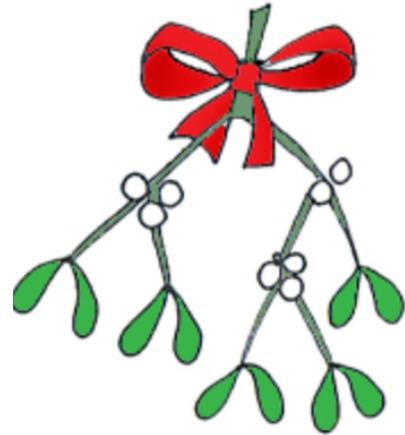
16. To what country is the Poinsettia, with its red and green foliage, native?

17. *'Love Came Down at Christmas'* is a poem, the words of which are used also in a beautiful carol. Who wrote them and for what other popular Christmas carol did she provide the words?

18. Shakespeare wrote a play for Elizabeth I as a Christmas present. Which play?

19. Who wrote the book *'The Snowman'* and what is the song made famous by the film of the book?

20. When is Saint Stephen's Day in the UK?



21. From which Christmas carol do these words of its second verse begin? – *"Still through its cloven skies they come..."*
22. In Italian tradition, what is the name of the old woman who fills the Christmas stockings of children with gifts on the eve of Epiphany?
23. How many sides or tips do snowflakes have?
24. With what English city is the carol with this first line associated? *"Lully, lulla, thou little tiny child...."*
25. A Christingle is a symbolic object used in the Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany services of many churches. What does the word mean, and what do the various elements of the traditional Christingle orange and its decorations mean?

