

REFLECTIONS

On Epiphany, 6 January, I took down and put away my Christmas tree and Sparkling lights. Also my seven candles which shone out each night during the twelve days of Christmas. I did not have balloons and coloured streamers this time, but how dull everything looked after the removal of the tree and candles. It was dark and wet outside so I pulled on the curtains, switched on the light and it seemed brighter.

Our church has been so bright and cheerful during the festive season, now it is back to normal but of course our church is always bright and buzzing with conversation and laughter. It is my custom to take down my Christmas cards at Epiphany too. I had received ninety! I send over one hundred but some were not well enough to send me a card in 2015 and others I found had passed away. Two of my Grandsons and their families had decided not to send Christmas cards but gave the equivalent cost to a charity. I understand that this is becoming more popular. But I marvel that I had one hundred friends, how wonderful to have so many.

“Friendship is the inexpressible comfort of feeling safe with a person having neither to weigh nor measure words” *by George Elliot*
So what is the best way to make friends? Jesus said “You are my friends if you do what I command you” *St John*

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