



Come to the stable

With all the uncertainties of a very young cast there was one thing for sure and that was that a large congregation was charmed both by the play and its performers in the St Jude's nativity play.

The story begins as Elizabeth (Claire Hines) tells Mary (Megan Price) how her aged husband, Zacharias (Luke Gregson) would not believe the angel who told him he was to father a son. Mary tells Elizabeth that she, too, has been promised a son by the Angel Gabriel (Lucy Roberts).

The scene moves to Bethlehem where the story is taken up by the Chorus (Olivia Walker and Emma Gregson) and the Census Officials (Naomi Maxwell and Charlotte Brookhouse). They tell how no place can be found for Mary and her husband, Joseph (Luke Gregson). Eventually an Innkeeper (Joshua Yap) and his wife, Miriam (Molly Price) find room for them in their stable.

After a flurry of activity with water jug and lanterns the Innkeeper with his wife and daughter, Martha (Amelia Brookhouse) come forward to announce the birth of Jesus.

Next, to the simple shepherds on their hillside. Gabriel tells them of the birth of Jesus and they hurry off to Bethlehem.

The spotlight now turns on the villain of the piece, Herod (David Gregson) who fails to be amused by his dancing Slave Girl (Molly Price) or the attentions of his Slave (Jack Price) as he gives audience to the Three Wise Men, Caspar (Andrew Roberts), Balthazar (Jonathan McKinley) and Melchior (Alexandra Levin).

We now see the Star (Naomi Maxwell) leading the Wise Men to the stable where they offer their symbolic gifts. Each in turn, and accompanied by the Chorus, the animals then pay homage. First the Donkey (Alexander Yap), then the Doves (Charlotte and Amelia Brookhouse) followed by the Sheep (Jack Price).

The young actors remained in the tableau for a camera-popping curtain call. But this was not quite the end as the Vicar (Father Alan Walker) stepped up to make a presentation to the producers who are retiring after over 20 years of producing the play. They feel that the time has come to hand over to a younger team anxious to keep up this much-loved St Jude's tradition.

Having, I hope, given credit to all the young performers, I should turn to those who worked so hard behind the scenes. To our organist, Oliver

Rundell, who not only provided the music but worked many hours with his brother, Ben, and Alan Rafferty on the lighting. To Stephen Brookhouse who, with no time to rehearse, took over the control of the lighting. Finally, to the choir who provided the musical interludes and the mothers (Mandy el Balawi, Yvonne Maxwell, Janice Levin, Karen Price and Pamela Yap) who helped with costumes and rehearsals; and to Sandy Ippolito who, as an aeronautical engineer, fittingly constructed the angels' wings.

PETER AYERS



Alan Walker, Anastasia Walker, Emma Gregson, Anthea Davidson, Linda Ayers and Jill Ambrose



Wordsearch winner

The winner of the last wordsearch is Paul Cohn. He has lived on the Suburb for nearly forty years. His wife was born here and went to Henrietta Barnett School, as did their two daughters. One married daughter has three

children and still lives on the Suburb.

Paul has retired but is still active as Emeritus Professor of Mathematics in University College, London. He will spend the token on books for his grandchildren.

WORDSEARCH

BOOKS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

In the box below are concealed twenty names, of three or more letters, of Books of the Old Testament. The names may be read forwards, backwards, upwards, downwards or diagonally. HABAUKUK has been ringed to start you off. Can you find 19 more? Entries should be listed on a post card or a sheet of paper. They should be sent to 'Wordsearch', 117 Hampstead Way, London, NW11 7JN, and should give the name, address and telephone number of the sender. The closing date for entries is.....

The sender of the first correct (or nearest correct) entry drawn after the closing date will receive a book token for £20.

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ROSALEEN COX

WORDSEARCH ANSWERS

The Outdoor Sports and Pastimes in the box of the last wordsearch were: Archery, Bowls, Cricket, Croquet, Curling, Cycling, Equestrianism, Football, Fives, Golf, Hockey, Lacrosse, Netball, Polo, Rounders, Rowing, Rugby, Sailing, Skiing, Tennis.

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