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Dear Readers

There is something wonderfully comforting about Christmas. Perhaps it is the familiar songs, the smell of something delicious baking, or the way we seem to make a little more time for the people who matter most.

Christmas also has a way of reminding us what really matters.

As we look back on the year, we remember that our favourite moments are not always the perfectly decorated ones or the years when everything went according to plan. Often, they are the wonderfully ordinary moments made special simply because of who was there.

That sentiment runs through this festive edition of Senior Living. Our Christmas story, The Christmas of the Wonky Angel, is a gentle reminder that the memories we treasure most are made through laughter, family, tradition and togetherness.

You'll also find festive recipes, Christmas trivia, puzzles and a little humour to carry you through the holidays and into January!

Most importantly, may we remember the true reason for our celebration. The birth of Jesus reminds us of God's love, faithfulness and the hope we have through Christ.

As a new year begins, may we look ahead with grateful hearts, renewed hope and excitement for the new beginnings God has in store.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed Christmas and a happy, healthy and hope-filled New Year!

- Alli and the Senior Living Team

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Traditinal Eggnog

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- 2 whole cloves
- Pinch of cinnamon
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1 tsp freshly grated nutmeg
- 1 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 tbsp bourbon, or to taste
- 2 tbsp rum, or to taste

Method

1. **Beat yolks and sugar:** Whisk yolks until lighter. Gradually add sugar and beat until fluffy.
2. **Heat milk:** Heat milk, cloves and cinnamon over medium heat until steaming, not boiling.
3. **Temper eggs:** Slowly whisk half the hot milk into the eggs. Return to the saucepan.
4. **Thicken:** Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until slightly thickened and coating the spoon. Do not boil.
5. **Add cream:** Remove from heat and stir in cream.
   Strain and chill: Strain out cloves and any curdled bits. Chill for 1 hour.
6. **Finish:** Stir in vanilla, nutmeg, bourbon and rum. Chill until ready to serve.

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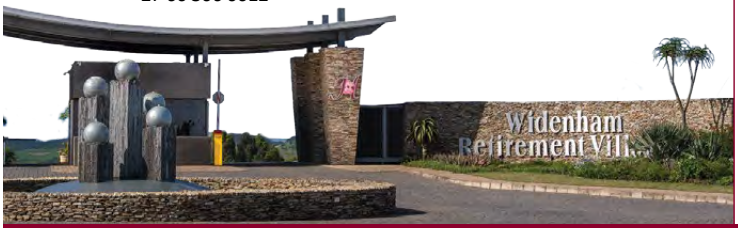

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South African Birds

Grey Heron Bloureier

The Grey Heron is a bird that has mastered the art of patience. Often seen standing perfectly still in shallow water, it can look as though it has forgotten what it was doing! But don't be fooled. The moment a fish comes within reach, the heron strikes with lightning speed, extending its long neck and grabbing its meal with its impressive bill.



Grey Herons are found around rivers, lakes, estuaries and marshes, and they can be active day and night. Fish make up much of their diet, but they are not particularly fussy eaters. They will also tuck into worms, insects, molluscs, small rodents and even the occasional bird.

And then there's the voice. For such a graceful-looking bird, the Grey Heron has a surprisingly rough "kraank!" call. Think less "elegant songbird", and more "someone loudly clearing their throat from across the wetland". Perhaps patience really does pay off!

Green Wood Hoopoe Rooibekkakelaar



If you hear what sounds like a group of birds having a really good laugh, look up. You have found the Green Wood-hoopoe, known in isiXhosa as Intlekibafazi, meaning " women who laugh a lot". It is a wonderfully fitting name for a bird with such a noisy personality! These glossy, colourful birds are highly sociable and travel in pairs or groups. And they don't simply sit around chatting. Groups sway backwards and forwards together while cackling loudly, looking like they are sharing an extremely funny joke. Green Wood-hoopoes spend their days searching along tree trunks and branches, using their long, curved red bills to find insects and larvae hiding in the bark. Spiders, centipedes, geckos and frogs are also on the menu, along with the occasional fruit or nectar. So, if you hear a chorus of infectious laughter coming from the trees, keep your eyes open. It may be the Intlekibafazi having another good giggle!



The Christmas of the Wonky Angel

How one imperfect Christmas day became the one I remember most!

If you asked me which Christmas I remember most fondly, I could tell you about the Christmas when I received my first proper bicycle, or the one when my grandfather surprised me with a beautiful silver bracelet. But those aren't the Christmases that stayed with me.

My favourite Christmas was the one when we had almost nothing fancy at all...
I was a young mother then, and Christmas morning began long before the sun came up. I remember lying in bed, listening to the sounds of my children whispering down the passage.

"Is it time yet?"
"No, you must wait!"
"I think it's time!"

It was definitely not time.

Whispers became giggles, giggles became footsteps!

Eventually, the whispers became giggles, and the giggles became footsteps running towards our bedroom.

Before long, all three children were standing beside the bed, declaring that Christmas had officially begun!

We gathered around the Christmas tree in our pyjamas, with sleepy eyes and very excited hearts. The tree was nothing like the magnificent ones you see in shops today.

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Some of the decorations had been made by little hands, and every year we used the same ones. There were macaroni chains, slightly crooked stars and an angel at the top whose dress had seen better days.
But to us, she was beautiful!

Christmas lunch was always a family affair. Everyone brought something. My mother made her famous trifle, my sister brought a pavlova, and I was responsible for the roast potatoes, which somehow managed to be either slightly undercooked or slightly burnt

every single year.
Nobody ever complained.

The kitchen was full of people, laughter and the wonderful smell of Christmas food.

There were cousins squeezing around the table, children disappearing outside and returning with grass stains on their knees, and grown-ups talking over one another because everyone had a story to tell.

After lunch, when everyone was far too full to move...

We had traditions, too.

Every Christmas Eve, we would drive around looking at the lights in the neighbourhood. On Christmas morning, we would listen to Christmas carols while opening presents. And after lunch, when everyone was far too full to move, we would sit under the shade of the trees and tell stories about Christmases gone by.

Some stories were told every single year. We knew the punchlines, but we laughed anyway!

Looking back now, I realise that those little traditions were never really about the traditions themselves. They were about belonging. They told our children, "This is who we are. This is what we do. This is home."

But there was one thing we never forgot. Before the presents were opened and before we sat down to our Christmas meal, we would gather together and read the story of Jesus' birth.

The children would wriggle and giggle, and someone would inevitably be told to sit still. But when we reached the words about the baby lying in the manger, the room always seemed to grow a little quieter.

Because that was the heart of Christmas...
Not the presents.
Not the food.
Not the decorations.
Jesus.

We would say a prayer together, thanking God for His greatest gift and for the people sitting around the room. Some years our table was overflowing. Other years, there were empty chairs where loved ones had once sat.

As the years passed, our family changed. Children grew up. They married. Babies arrived.



Some people moved away. And, sadly, some never came home again.

That is the bittersweet thing about Christmas. It reminds us of what we have, but it also reminds us of those we miss.

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And yet, every year, we continued.
The same songs.
The same recipes.
The same stories.

New faces around the table, and old memories woven into everything we did.

Now, when I sit beneath the Christmas tree and hear my grandchildren laughing, I sometimes close my eyes and remember that Christmas long ago. I can almost smell the roast potatoes. I can hear those excited little footsteps running down the passage. I can see that slightly wonky angel sitting proudly on top of the tree.

And I am grateful.
Grateful for the years. Grateful for the laughter. Grateful for the memories. Grateful for family,





even when family is imperfect and life doesn't always look the way we imagined it would. Most of all, I am grateful for the tiny baby in Bethlehem who changed everything.

I am so grateful!

So, if I could give my family one Christmas gift, it wouldn't come wrapped in paper.

I would give them the reminder that Christmas is not about having the perfect table, the biggest presents or the most beautiful decorations.
It is about love.
It is about giving.
It is about gathering close.
It is about remembering.

And above all, it is about celebrating the greatest gift of all: Jesus Christ.

That, my darlings, is the Christmas I remember most.
And perhaps, all these years later, it is still my favourite because it taught me something I never forgot:
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Puzzle Corner

Sudoku

Fill the grid so that each row, column, and 3×3 box contains the numbers 1 to 9, without repeating any. No maths, just logic and a bit of patience. Give it a try! **Solutions on page 38!**

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Wordsearch

Find all the hidden words in the grid - they can go forwards, backwards, up, down or diagonally! No tricky clues, just a fun challenge for your brain.
Answers on page 38!

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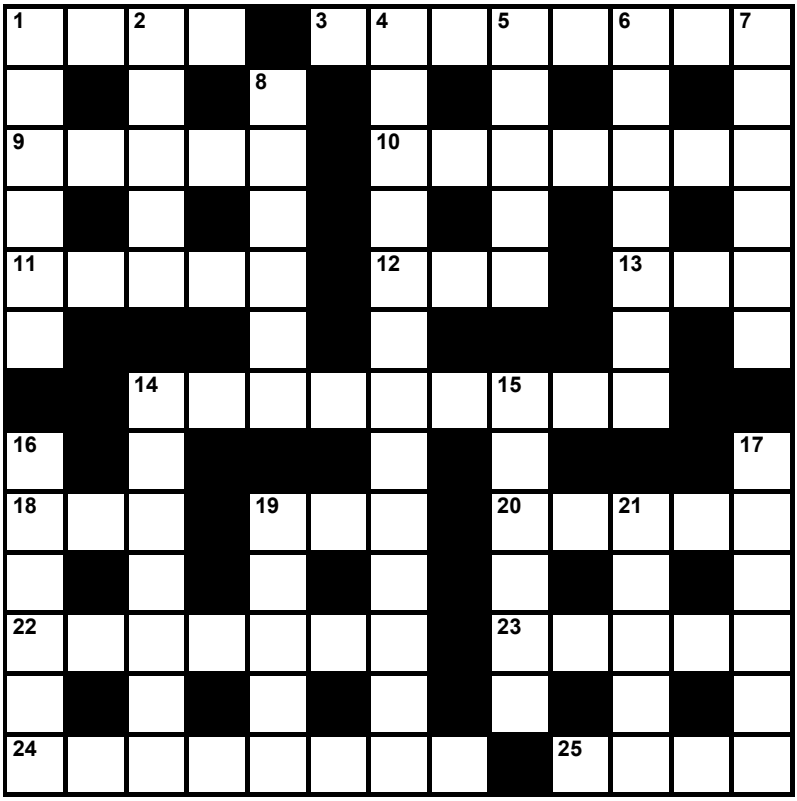

Across

1 Dismiss from employment (4)
3 Having become rich by one's own efforts (4-4)
9 Nice smell (5)
10 Movie theatres (7)
11 Mistake, blunder or slip-up (5)
12 Website address (3)
13 Snakelike fish (3)
14 Skilled workers who repair cars (9)
18 Local area network (abbr) (3)
19 Golf peg (3)
20 Dried out and no longer fresh (5)
22 Instrument blown by a referee (7)
23 Strong, very dark ale (5)
24 Explosive used in mines (8)
25 Polar, panda or grizzly (4)

Down

1 Cleans a fish (6)
2 Church singing group (5)
4 Act of giving support to someone (13)
5 Deciding contest of a tournament (5)
6 Without direction (7)
7 Comfortably or without difficulty (6)
8 Textile or cloth (6)
14 Large, impressive house (7)
15 Demand to have something (6)
16 Lost speed or decelerated (6)
17 Device that supplies warmth to a room (6)
19 Carved figure used as a family or tribe emblem (5)
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Navigating Christmas after Losing Someone You Love

A reminder that it's okay to grieve, to remember and to find joy again.

Christmas has a way of making us notice who is missing.

Perhaps it is the empty chair at the table, a familiar recipe nobody makes quite the same way, or the moment you instinctively reach for your phone to share some good news with someone who is no longer there. When the world seems to be celebrating, grief can feel particularly heavy.

If you are facing your first Christmas after losing a husband, wife, parent or dear friend, the festive season may look very different from the Christmases you remember. Traditions that once brought joy can suddenly feel painful.

You can enjoy a special moment and still wish that things were different.



Even decorating the tree or hearing a favourite Christmas carol can bring tears when you least expect them.

You may be surrounded by people you love and still feel the absence of the person you wish could be sitting beside you. You can enjoy a special moment with your grandchildren and still wish, with all your heart, that things were different.

And that is okay.

Grief does not follow a calendar, and there is no right way to spend Christmas when your heart is hurting. You might laugh at a family gathering and feel guilty for enjoying yourself, or feel exhausted by festive preparations. These feelings are all part of learning to live with a loss.

If this is your first Christmas without someone you love, give yourself permission to do things differently. You do not have to recreate Christmases of the past.

Perhaps you will cook a smaller meal, accept help

with preparations or change a tradition that feels too painful this year. Take the pressure off yourself. You are allowed to have difficult days, even when lovely things are happening around you.

It can also help to make space for the person you miss. Light a candle in their memory, prepare their favourite dish or share a treasured story around the table. Remembering someone can bring tears, but it can also bring smiles and laughter as you recall the life you shared.

Remembering someone can bring tears, but it can also bring smiles...

Most importantly, let the people who care about you know how they can help. You do not have to pretend to be cheerful to protect others from your sadness.
Sometimes you may want to talk about your loved one. At other times, you may simply want company and a chance to talk about something else. Both are perfectly okay.

At Oakleigh Funeral Home, we understand that caring for families means more than walking alongside you when someone dies. It means recognising the lives left behind, the love that remains and the difficult days that follow. Our commitment to Walking Alongside You extends beyond the funeral, because we know that grief does not end when the service is over.

This Christmas, there may be tears alongside the laughter and moments when you feel the absence more keenly than ever. But there can also be warmth, shared memories and new moments to treasure.

Healing does not mean forgetting, and finding joy does not mean you love them any less. You can miss someone terribly and still enjoy a meal with family or smile at a grandchild's excitement.

You do not have to leave your loved one behind to move forward. You carry their love with you as you slowly find your way through a Christmas that looks a little different.

Be patient with yourself this festive season. Take the days as they come, and remember that you do not have to walk that road alone.



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Recipe Corner

Chocolate Shortbread Biscuits

A real "melt-in-your-mouth" festive treat!

Makes: Approximately 30 biscuits

Ingredients

Shortbread:

- 200g unsalted butter, softened
- 110g icing sugar
- 3g salt
- 1 tablespoon vanilla essence
- 290g cake flour
- 40g cocoa powder, sifted

Chocolate Coating:

- 300g cooking chocolate
- 20g vegetable oil

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 150°C (fan off) or 130°C (fan on).
2. Beat the butter, icing sugar, salt and vanilla until pale and fluffy.
3. Add the flour and cocoa powder in two batches, mixing until a soft dough forms. If the dough is too soft, chill in the fridge for 30 minutes.
4. Divide the dough in two. Roll each portion between sheets of baking paper until approximately ½cm thick. Chill for 1 hour.
5. Cut into your favourite shapes and place on a lined baking tray, leaving about 2cm between each biscuit.
6. Bake for 20 minutes. Allow to cool and firm up.
7. For the chocolate coating: Melt the chocolate and oil together in the microwave in 15-second intervals, stirring between each, or melt gently over simmering water.
8. Dip the cooled biscuits into the chocolate and place on baking paper to set.

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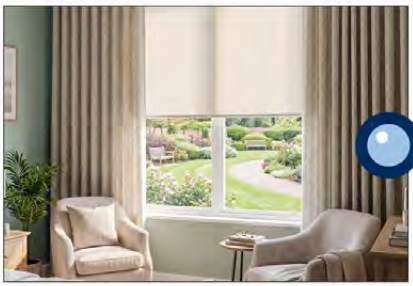

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Poetry Corner

'Twas the Month After Christmas

'Twas the month after Christmas and all through the house
Nothing would fit me, not even a blouse.
The cookies I'd nibbled, the eggnog I'd taste.
All the holiday parties had gone to my waist!

When I got on the scales there arose such a number!
When I walked to the store (less a walk than a lumber).

I'd remember the marvellous meals I'd prepared;
The gravies and sauces and beef nicely rared,
The wine and the rum balls, the bread and the cheese
And the way I'd never said, "No thank you, please."

As I dressed myself in my husband's old shirt
And prepared once again to do battle with dirt.
I said to myself, as I only can
"You can't spend a winter disguised as a man!"



So away with the last of the sour cream dip,
Get rid of the fruit cake, every cracker and chip.
Every last bit of food that I like must be banished
Till all the additional ounces have vanished.

I won't have a cookie - not even a lick.
I'll want only to chew on a long celery stick.
I won't have hot biscuits, or corn bread, or pie.
I'll munch on a carrot and quietly cry.



I'm hungry, I'm lonesome, and life is a bore,
But isn't that what January is for?
Unable to giggle, no longer a riot.
Happy New Year to all and to all a good diet!

- Author Unknown



Collector's Corner

With Daryl Kriel from Kensington Bond

"Hi Daryl, I found an old glass vase that glows bright green under a UV torch! What is it, why does it glow, and could it be valuable?"



Uranium Glass,
The Antique That Really Glows!

Uranium glass, often affectionately known as Vaseline glass, has a rather radioactive-sounding reputation, but its history is every bit as fascinating as its appearance!

It first appeared in the late 18th century, becoming particularly fashionable during the Victorian era. Glassmakers discovered that adding small quantities of uranium oxide to molten glass produced beautiful shades of yellow, green and even amber. Best of all, shine an ultraviolet (UV) torch on it and it bursts into a spectacular fluorescent green glow!

During the late 19th and early 20th centuries, uranium glass was used to make everything from elegant drinking glasses, bowls and vases to jewellery, candlesticks and decorative ornaments.

It became especially popular in Britain, Europe and America.

Production declined during the Second World War when uranium supplies were restricted for military purposes.
Today, uranium glass is enjoying something of a collecting renaissance. Ordinary pieces might sell for R300 to R500, while rare Victorian examples, unusual patterns and larger decorative pieces can fetch R2300 to R5000.

Despite its name, most uranium glass poses very little risk when handled normally, although it is best admired rather than used for storing your morning cereal!

It is certainly one of the few antiques that can genuinely be described as *glowing with enthusiasm*. Just don't leave your UV torch at home when viewing a collection!



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Living in close quarters means our container gardens are essentially community theatre. We've all witnessed (or participated in) the strategic repositioning of a leggy tomato plant to hide a yellowing leaf from the social committee. And let's talk about plant pride: nothing unites a courtyard community quite like the silent rivalry over whose clivia blooms first, or who can grow the plumpest strawberries before the local neighbourhood birds stage a midday heist.



Of course, the best part of patio politics isn't the competition - it's the camaraderie. Our gardens may be smaller, but our shared love for a good plant-based boast over a cup of coffee remains larger than life. So go ahead and pamper those pots.

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Dyslipidaemia, the abnormal amount of fats or lipids in the blood stream, is often misnamed high cholesterol. Although technically not quite accurate, it draws attention to the impact that poorly controlled fat or lipids in the blood stream can have on the body's overall wellness.

Good cholesterol, bad cholesterol, and triglycerides all arrive in our body through our diet and influenced by genetic and lifestyle factors. Blood levels outside the normal can present with invisible and visible signs.

Invisible: The bad cholesterol attaches to the inner walls of blood vessels throughout the body, narrowing, and causing inflammation, in the smaller vessels in eyes, heart and kidneys first, and reducing blood flow to the organs. In the eyes, the fine retinal blood vessels at the back of the eye can narrow and occlude over time or suddenly and unexpectedly when a deposit moves.

Visible: The fats and lipids can also be deposited in the soft tissue around the eye as yellow raised areas near the inner corner of the eyelids, and even as a circle around the edge of the iris (the coloured part of the eye that you can see) like a halo.

Irrespective of whether you have any of these signs, the important message is:

Know your system - A baseline evaluation by your GP or specialist if you have a family history of dyslipidaemia or a diagnosis of cholesterol or triglyceride variances. And keep up the monitoring.

Ophthalmic monitoring - A dilated fundus exam by an ophthalmologist helps track microvascular health and manage complications quickly if you have dyslipidaemia of any sort.

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Puzzle Answers

Crossword Solution

Across: 1 sack, 3 self-made, 9 aroma, 10 cinemas, 11 error, 12 URL, 13 eel, 14 mechanics, 18 LAN, 19 tee, 20 stale, 22 whistle, 23 stout, 24 dynamite, 25 bear.
Down: 1 scales, 2 choir, 4 encouragement, 5 final, 6 aimless, 7 easily, 8 fabric, 14 mansion, 15 insist, 16 slowed, 17 heater, 19 totem, 21 alone.

Sudoku Solution

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Word Search Solution

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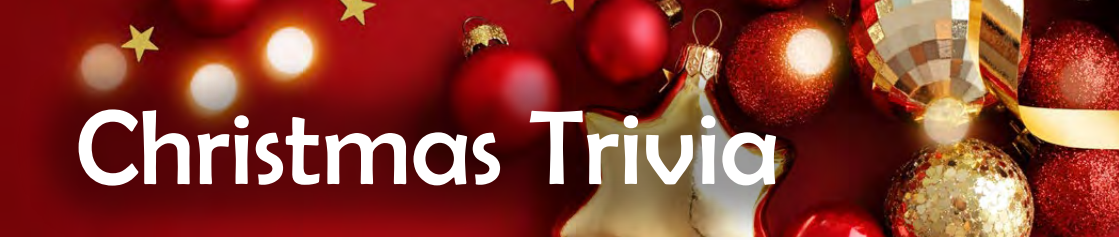

Christmas Trivia

Put your Christmas knowledge to the test!

1	What beverage is left out for Santa Claus on Christmas Eve?	
2	In the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas," what is given on the fifth day?	
3	Which reindeer's name begins with a "B"?	
4	What popular Christmas plant is known for its red and green foliage?	
5	What's the name of the Grinch's dog in "How the Grinch Stole Christmas"?	
6	Which Christmas song contains the lyric "All is calm, all is bright"?	
7	Which country is known for hiding a pickle ornament in the Christmas tree?	
8	What animated Christmas movie features a train ride to the North Pole?	
9	What Christmas dessert is traditionally made with apricot jam?	
10	What is Frosty the Snowman's nose made of?	
11	Which famous Christmas ballet features the Sugar Plum Fairy?	
12	What traditional Christmas decoration is actually a parasitic plant?	
13	Which Christmas song was the first to be broadcast from space?	
14	Which saint is Santa Claus based on?	
15	What do people traditionally do under the mistletoe?	

ANSWERS 1: Milk, 2: Golden rings, 3: Blitzen, 4: Poinsettia, 5: Max, 6: Silent Night, 7: Germany, 8: The Polar Express, 9: Malva pudding, 10: A button, 11: The Nutcracker, 12: Mistletoe, 13: Jingle Bells, 14: Saint Nicholas, 15: Kiss

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Comic Corner

God's Not Deaf
Two young boys were spending the night at their grandparents' house the week before Christmas. At bedtime, the two boys knelt beside their beds to say their prayers. The younger one began praying at the top of his lungs:

"I PRAY FOR A NEW BICYCLE..."
"I PRAY FOR A NEW NINTENDO..."

His older brother leaned over, nudged him and said, "Why are you shouting? God isn't deaf." to which the little brother replied, "No, but Grandma is!"

Q: Why don't Christmas stockings ever win races?
A: They always get hung up at the start!

New Generation!
As a little girl climbed onto Santa's lap, Santa asked the usual, "And what would you like for Christmas?"

The child stared at him open mouthed and horrified for a minute, then gasped: "Didn't you get my E-mail?"

Q: Why was the snowman rummaging through a bag of carrots?
A: He was picking his nose!

Q: Why are Christmas trees bad at sewing?
A: They always drop their needles.

Christmas Shopping
A couple were Christmas shopping at the mall on Christmas Eve and the mall was packed-full of shoppers buying their loved-ones gifts.

Walking through the mall, the surprised Wife looked up and noticed that her Husband was nowhere around, and she was very upset because it was meant to be a special time shopping together. She took her Phone out of her handbag, and called her Husband, "Where are you, honey?" She enquired.

The Husband, in a calm voice, said, "Babygirl, remember the Jewellery store we went into 5 years ago? Where you fell in love with that diamond necklace that we couldn't afford, and I told you that I would get it for you one day?"

His Wife started to cry with joy, and said, "Yes, I remember that necklace and store".

He said, "Well, I'm in the Bar right next to it!"

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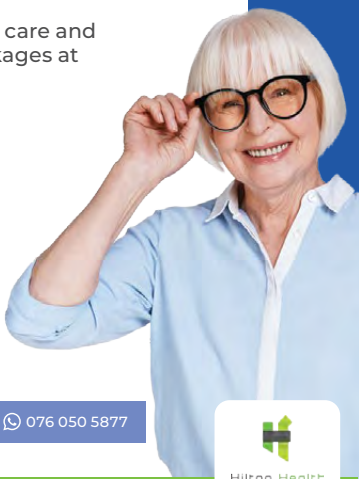

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