



The Master's Christmas Message



As an eventful year draws to a close, I hope you can look back with some fond memories of 2022 and look forward with hope and optimism to the New Year, whatever it may bring. Despite the gloomy news and difficult times, Sue and I have enjoyed some great fellowship in good company at our own Plumbers' events and functions, and more widely throughout the Livery as a whole, and I hope you have too. I trust my regular blogs have shown you what happens across the City of London and elsewhere. It is heartening to be part of such a warm and generous fellowship; it certainly gives a chance to take a break from a somewhat gloomy outlook and to be able to help others less fortunate than us with our ongoing charitable work. On that note, the chairman of our Plumbers' Charity has asked me to thank all of you who have donated to and supported our charity throughout 2022 and especially those who have increased their regular support, despite the challenges.

For me the Christmas season always starts in the first week of December with our own Christmas Carol Service at St Magnus and it was good to see so many of you there. It is very much a homely Plumbers' family event. This fellowship continued with a marvelous Christmas concert with the Brigantes in Bradford Cathedral where a full brass band and choir filled the cathedral church with music. It certainly brought a smile to our faces and a glow to our hearts. Sue and I are looking forward to Christmas itself at home with our own family who are all coming to join us, and which we will be sharing with our Ukrainian evacuee family living with us. It is lovely to be able to give them a safe and peaceful festive break, and we can enjoy some Eastern European style celebrations too!

Where-ever you are Sue and I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year, which we look forward to sharing with you at our events and functions throughout 2023.

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