

What do you do in December? Oh Yes! There is getting ready for Christmas!

The word Advent means coming. The focus being on Jesus coming into the world which we find in the narrative in the Bible.

Our thoughts have much to do with the changeable pattern of the seasons. Nature shows us how everything in the countryside moves on, each season is a preparation for the next.

*So what of December ... a varied and diverse company of birds, which include buntings, bramblings, chaffinches, greenfinches, and a detachment of sparrows. Along Blackberry Lane the dense mess of the bushes make a safe and warm harbourage for the birds.*

*The ploughman moves up and down the tawny acres with a plodding gait, which he occasionally breaks for a short rest at the corners. Holly is cheerful with red berries, bramble shows traces of green the trees are full of colour when caught in a loop of the sunlight ... remember the amazing full moon a few days ago.*

*At nightfall winter moths will flock around the shepherds' lantern...*

*The old year closes...*

I have often quoted from the book of 1945, nature does not change, it is all as it was in the days when my wife was given the book for a treasured birthday present...

... Just as is looking to a new year

*The observance of the Christmas season*

*The twelve days of Christmas – Epiphany January 6th.*

*40 Days to Candlemas if you go that far.*

*The wonder of the Birth of Jesus.*