

DECEMBER QUIZ ANSWERS

1. b. two hymns:

Charles Wesley (1707-88) wrote some 6,000 hymns. He wrote two in our list: *Lo! He comes with clouds descending* that we sing in Advent and *Hark! The herald-angels sing* that we sing at Christmas.

2. a. John Freeman Young (1820-85):

Young translated the lower Austrian *Silent Night* from German into English in 1859 while assistant rector at Trinity Church, Wall Street. Earlier in his ministry he served at St John's, Tallahassee and was Bishop of Florida from 1867.

3. c. Phillips Brooks (1835-93):

Brooks was consecrated Bishop of Massachusetts in 1891 after a wonderful ministry at Trinity Church, Boston where he was renowned for his preaching. In 1866, while at Holy Trinity Church, Philadelphia, he wrote *O little town of Bethlehem* after a recent pilgrimage to the Holy Land and attending midnight mass in the Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem. He wrote it for the children of his Sunday School.

4. *O come, O come, Emmanuel.*

The hymn as we now know it was translated in the 19th century by J.M. Neale (1818-66) from a 13th century Latin original hymn. It is based on the great 'O' antiphons sung at Vespers during Advent near Christmas. Each verse began with a long drawn-out 'O' expressing a deep yearning and desire for the coming of Christ. Each of them is addressed by a different title for Christ garnered from the Old Testament.

5. b. William Shakespeare (1564-1616): see Act I Scene I of *Hamlet*.

6. c. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807-1882).

Longfellow is well known for his "Paul Revere's Ride", "The Song of Hiawatha", and "Evangeline". He is also distinguished as the first American to translate Dante Alighieri's *Divine Comedy*

