

Something for the first Sunday in Advent

Back in March when I started doing these occasional posts of “Something cheery” during the pandemic the first lockdown had just started. I decided not to number the days from that nerve-racking evening of Monday 23rd when Boris Johnson announced that all institutions except the most vital were to close at 8.30pm. I’m glad I didn’t; we all thought it would be over by August Bank holiday. We were wrong. And if needed the Daily Mail keeps a tally, today is Day 251 in England, longer in other parts of the world.

In previous years, but not every year, during December I have posted a daily advent calendar. I’m going to try that again this year, and it will absorb “something Christmas”. As there are not the events happening this year you must forgive me if some of these items are old photographs of Christmas recently past, or something you have read before.

The cardboard and/or chocolate calendars start on 1st December, but I’ll start today, the first Sunday of Advent with this ancient Advent hymn, “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” sung by The Choir of King’s College, Cambridge