

U3A Geography Group December meeting report

We enjoyed a “Christmas special” on December 19th with mulled wine and mince pies which was perhaps why 40 members and a number of prospective members attended. Gerald Blake spoke about “The Geography of the Nativity,” a revised version of his Zoom in 2020 which had been well received. Gerald looked at the 95 mile journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, the geography of the town Bethlehem and the surrounding farmland, and the 1,000 mile journey of the Magi from Babylon to Bethlehem. Much fascinating detail about the life of Judean shepherds was included, but not so much about angels. The afternoon marked a most agreeable end to a busy and enjoyable year for the Geography Group which ended the year with 75 members. It is hoped to harness the potential of this large Group in 2025 with some research studies.

Gerald Blake